



Second Sunday of Lent

25 February 2024

To all who are tired and need rest;
to all who mourn and need comfort;
to all who are friendless and need friendship;
to all who are discouraged and need hope;
to all who sin and need a Savior; and to whomsoever will,
**THIS PARISH OPENS WIDE HER DOORS
IN THE NAME OF JESUS THE LORD!**

Church of the Assumption

a Roman Catholic Parish

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SACRAMENTS

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday (anticipated): 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM; 10:30 AM; 12:00PM
Monday-Saturday: 8:00 AM
Holy Days of Obligation: see inside

Penance & Reconciliation:

Monday-Thursday; Saturday: 7:30-7:50 AM
Saturday afternoon: 4:00-4:30 PM

A Catholic is obliged to confess serious sins in kind and number to a priest. If one is conscious of having committed serious sin, Confession ought to be made before receiving the Eucharist.

Baptism: Please call to arrange for your child's baptism before or soon after birth. A Godparent must be a Catholic in good standing.

Anointing of the Sick:

Please call for a priest to celebrate this Sacrament of Healing and Forgiveness for someone who is seriously ill or in danger of death. Do not wait until the sick person is unconscious.

Matrimony:

All Catholics ought to seek to have their marriage blessed by the Church so as to live in God's good graces & receive the Eucharist. Marriage cannot validly exist between baptized persons unless it is also a sacrament (Canon 1055.2). Contact a priest about a year prior to the intended date of marriage to ensure proper preparation.

Confirmation: Need to complete your Sacraments of Initiation? Call Mrs. Kachnowski at 908-245-6572. She will help you prepare for confirmation. If they can do so without serious inconvenience, Catholics ought to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation before being admitted to marriage (Canon 1065).

RCIA: Desire baptism? Called to be a Catholic Christian? Contact Deacon David at 908-245-6572 and he will help you discern God's call to holiness.

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8:00 AM till 4:00 PM

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This QR Code will bring you to the **Breviary**, the Official Daily Prayer of the Church which priests and religious have vowed to pray. Laity are invited and encouraged to pray these prayers daily also.



Focus your camera on the QR Code to the left and you will have the readings for the day.

MASS INTENTIONS

ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY
 5:00 PM **Michael Pinto, Celestine Pinto, Mark Pinto & Marceline Rego:** by The Pinto Family
SUNDAY February 25 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
 8:00 AM **People of the Parish**
 10:30 AM **Fernando & Pasquale Mazzeo**
 Sister & Family
 12:00 PM **Roseanne Santanna, 1st Anniversary†**
 Nancy Santanna
MONDAY February 26
 8:00 AM **Donato Melchionna**
 Hugh Blair
TUESDAY February 27 Gregory of Narek, abbot
 8:00 AM **Matthew Conroy**
 Love, Mom & Dad
WEDNESDAY February 28
 8:00 AM **Grace Lamonaco**
 Brooke & Ed Paskewich
THURSDAY February 29
 8:00 AM **Donato Melchionna**
 Love, Wife & family
FRIDAY March 1
 8:00 AM **Anthony & Rena Conti**
 Sons and daughter
SATURDAY March 2
 8:00 AM **Souls of the Faithful Departed**
 Leonor Sanchez
ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY
 5:00 PM Corporate Mass: **Jean Barbara, Ronald Wright, The Martino Family.**
SUNDAY March 3 THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT
 8:00 AM **People of the Parish**
 10:30 AM **Donato Melchionna**
 Mr. & Mrs. Daleston
 12:00 PM **Rosanne Santanna**
 "Dee" Dolores Ranieri




Prayer List: To have someone placed on or removed from the sick list please call the Rectory. We invite you to clip out this section each Sunday. Perhaps you could put it near a prayer book, in your Bible, or in your pocket or purse. It is a good thing when we pray with and for one another. Thank you and God bless you!

Our Parish Community prays for the sick:

Patrick Ahern Jr., Sophia Alfano, Altagracia Alvarez, Kathy Barz, Fred Boyne, Brendan, Joe Caponegro, Ken Castenon, Aaron Carr, Christine Conrad, Kay Downey, Ronald Fellner, Carol Fellner Nasta, Dorothy Ford, Charles Frank, John Garofalo, Lynn Gehrmann, Linda Geiger, Fran Getchies, Harold Gibson, Bonnie Greer, Cynthia Ingman, Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Brianna Klinger, Michael Lacey, Nancy Lanfrank, Chris Lettieri, Stella LoPiccolo, Christine Marino, Janet Marino, Christine Mattingly, Chantell McDonald, Viola Meehan, Eleanor Morehouse, Artie Muller, Tanina Naccarato, Monica Quigley O'Brien, Margie Ortizio, Lily Rita Procopio, Sabrina Romani, Antonio Spano, Gabrielle Spano, Debra Szajko, Tony Wargacki

Please pray for our Faithful departed & their loved ones
Margaret Ortizio



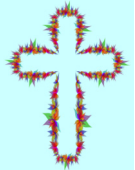
Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Special Memorial Donations

Bread & Wine for Mass, Altar Candles and Sanctuary Candle given
IN LOVING MEMORY OF JERRY BAVARO
 req. by Lucia & Toni DiVito

Bread for Mass given
IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE HELP OF ST. ANTHONY
 req. by Theresa & Joe Cicalese



READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28
Thursday Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31
Friday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

For readings go to: www.usccb.org/bible/readings/ or scan this >>>>



MEETINGS

Finance Council	TBA	7:00	UPH
Pastoral Council	Mar 18	7:00	UPH
Rosary Society	Mar 04	7:00	LPH
Knights of Columbus	Feb 28	8:00	Loreti Hall

IT'S MERCY I DESIRE NOT SACRIFICE. (Hosea 6:6, Matthew 9:13)

This quote from Scripture has always confounded me. We speak so much about the importance of sacrifice. Abraham's faith was tested in his willingness to obey God and sacrifice his beloved son Isaac. God in turn offered his beloved Son on the cross as a sacrifice to wipe away man's sin. So why would he say, "It's mercy I desire not sacrifice?"

First, to practice sacrifice without mercy is empty. How many bulls and lambs did the Jews need to sacrifice in order to slake God's thirst? He already owned all that is, so why did He need any blood? It was ancient practice that to appease the gods, people would offer sacrifices, even human sacrifices including their own children! But our God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is not a vengeful god like the gods of the pagans. He is the God of love and mercy. Unlike the gods who would seek revenge on their human subjects like tyrants, the LORD God like a Father would guide and protect his children though he was known to chastise them when they forgot who loved them. God was always showing his mercy. The story of Hosea teaches us this unconditional love. In the story, God orders Hosea to marry himself a harlot. Her name was Gomer. She had a few children with him, but soon she was running off with other men. But each time she returned to Hosea, he forgave her and received her back. Through the centuries this had been the love story between the LORD God and the People Israel. They would go off worshipping other gods, be destroyed, realize their waywardness and God would take them back. So while God would suffer their fickleness, He always showed mercy recognizing that his sacrificial love was practiced with mercy.

Which brings us to the second point: Mercy is itself a sacrifice. When God showed mercy to the Israelites, he was giving of himself. He would put aside his omnipotence, allowing his own to humiliate Him in their unfaithfulness. He would lower himself to their whims in order to win them back. He would chastise the ones He loved in order to form them in their faith and obedience as they moved towards salvation.

At the cross we see the greatest of all sacrifices: God offering on the cross his Son. Christ's blood would pour out like the blood of bulls and rams, but this time it would not only atone for sin, but would become the means of salvation. The Cross is a sacrifice of mercy. That Friday afternoon, Mercy itself was crucified and from that cross flowed water and blood, the water that cleanses us and the blood that nourishes us. It is from the cross that our Sacraments receive their power. From the cross all graces flow. Mercy has come to us not through the empty sacrifices of animals (animals do not willingly offer themselves), but by the full and complete sacrifice of the God-man: full of mercy, full of love, full of grace.

This Lent as we make our "sacrifices" let's be sure these sacrifices are not empty, meaningless. Show Mercy. What good would it be to forego chocolate but hold a grudge against your next-door neighbor, not visit your father at the home, or ignore those in need?

Pax Christi, Fr. Paul

PS Thank you for the prayers of my recovery.

The Corporate Mass Offerings
March 2 at 5:00 P.M. Mass

Jean Barbara req. by The Peterson Family

Ronald Wright req. by Kimberly Scott & daughters

The Martino Family, love, Gilda.

Sanctity of Life

2024 RACHEL'S VINEYARD DATES

April 5-7, 2024

September 20-22, 2024

For more details, please call Cheryl Riley,
Director of the Respect Life Office

Contact the Respect Life Office for retreats by calling
973-497-4350, or e-mail:
Cheryl.riley@rcan.org

"He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds." (Psalm 147:3)

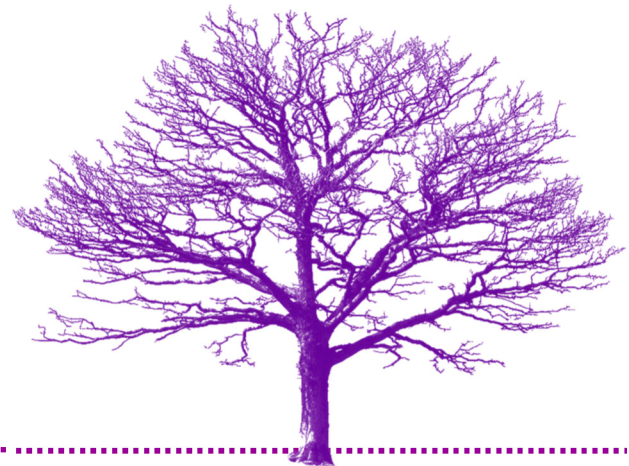
EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TREE OF CHALLENGE

Lent brings with it many challenges. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the cornerstone of the 40 days of Lent. As a challenge

to all of our parishioners, we have again prepared a Tree of Challenge with specific suggestions in preparing for Easter Sunday. These suggestions follow the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy critical to our Catholic faith. The tree is decorated with two colors of tags...brown for adults and purple for children.

Please take a tag and accept the challenge to follow in the footsteps of the Lord. Remember....Jesus came, not to be served, but to serve!

Please return the white portion of your tag and hang it on the tree by Holy Saturday. On Easter Sunday we will see the beauty of Easter in all our good works.



10th Eucharistic Congress

July 17-12, 2024 in Indianapolis, Indiana

COME IN FAITH. LEAVE WITH HOPE.

God hears our prayers for the renewal of our Church. He will answer them through a life-changing transformation of our own hearts. The National Eucharistic Congress is an invitation to experience profound personal revival so we can be sent out to share Christ's love with a world that so desperately needs it.

[Register for the National Eucharistic Congress](https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/register)

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STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Collections: \$5735.00
 Central & Easter Europe Collection: \$962.00
 Ash Wednesday Collection: \$345.00

Charitable Gift Annuities

Making a significant gift to your parish can increase your bottom line! By making a gift for a charitable gift annuity, you receive an income tax deduction and annuity payments for life. Plus, part of each payment is tax-free. Learn more about this wonderful opportunity by contacting Theresa Lynch, Planned Giving Manager, Archdiocese of Newark at (973) 497-4042 or by email at Theresa.lynch@rcan.org.

Qualified Charitable Distributions Save on Taxes!

If you are retired and are taking distributions from your traditional IRA, these distributions are considered to be taxable income according to the IRS and you will owe taxes on the total amount you withdraw. However, you can reduce your taxable income by making a charitable distribution directly from your IRA to our parish. For example, if you are taking a \$1,000 distribution and you wish to make a \$500 donation, and you are in the 20% tax bracket, your tax liability will be reduced by \$100. To learn more about this tax saving opportunity contact your financial adviser / institution.



The 2024 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese.

Please make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing, or scanning the QR code..



STITCHES

If you like to crochet or knit, consider joining our Stitches group. We meet the second Wednesday of each month in the Lower Parish Hall and work on projects for those in need.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday,
 March 13, from 1-3pm.

Mary's Grotto

from 8:15 to 1:15 every Sunday
 Religious Items Gift Shoppe

Location: Basement of the School of Religion
Items: Bibles, Rosaries, Statues of saints, sacramentals and Much more
Holiday Gifts and Items: Easter and Christmas, Sacraments – baptism, first holy communion, confirmation and marriage.
Help with ordering an item for you if it is not available in the store.

Hours may be limited during the winter months after Christmas and during the summer, but you can always make an appointment to visit and make a purchase.

COMMUNION MINISTERS

February 2024

5:00 PM	Nancy Malta	John Mattingly
8:00 AM	Jophn Ballantyne	Maryann Mansueto Barbara Sokol
10:30 AM	Rick Crosta	James Kompany Carmen Valdez
12:00 PM	Sue Carlstrom	Maureen McNulty

Feb 24.25

March 2/3

LECTORS

5:00 PM	Gerard Tevares	Leona Seufert
8:00 AM	Tom DiMaio	John Ballantyne
10:30 AM	Sebastian Saavedras	Diane Burgos
12:00 PM	Debbie Kachnowski	Patty Muccia

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 PM	John Schmatz	
8:00 AM	Angelo Geronimo Anthony Geronimo	Ethan Pama
10:30 AM	Alaina Quintela	Giovanni Scipioni
12:00 PM	William Casaine Emily Casaine	William Casaine Emily Casaine

APOSTOLATO ITALIANO DELL' ARCIDIOCESI DI NEWARK
PRESENTS:

CABRINI

MOVIE PREMIERE + Q&A FEAT. SPECIAL GUEST

FRIDAY, MARCH 8TH, 2024 AT 7PM
HAWTHORNE THEATERS
300 LAFAYETTE AVENUE, HAWTHORNE, NJ 07506
ADMISSION: \$20

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or at the QR code below
(tickets available at door if available, limited seating)



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COME, PRAY WITH US

Adoration and St. Anthony Novena -
Tuesday Evenings at 7:00 PM

Holy Rosary - First Sundays at 10:00 AM in the church

Perpetual Novena of St. Jude - after the Saturday 8 AM Mass

LENT & HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE A.D. 2024



Stations of the Cross:

Fridays of Lent at 7:00 PM

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 23 at 5:00 PM

Sunday, March 24

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:30 PM*

HOLY WEEK

Monday -Wednesday, March 25-27

Masses: 8:00 AM

The Chrism Mass

Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart

Monday, March 25 at 8:00 PM

Holy Thursday, March 28

Lauds (Morning Prayer): 8:00 AM

MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER 7:00 PM

Church will remain open for Adoration til 11:00 PM

Good Friday, March 29

Lauds (Morning Prayer): 8:00 AM

THE PASSION OF THE LORD: 3:00 PM

Church open for the afternoon

Stations of the Cross: 7:00 PM

Holy Saturday, March 30

Lauds (Morning Prayer): 8:00 AM

Church open until 1:00 PM

Blessing of Paschal Foods: 12 noon

EASTER VIGIL MASS OF THE RESURRECTION

Saturday, March 30 at 8:00 PM

Easter Sunday Mass of the Resurrection, March 31, 2024

8:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 noon

WANTED: COMMUNION MINISTERS & READERS

Readers for Mass: please consider this ministry. As a reader you proclaim the word of God during the celebration of Holy Mass.

Communion Ministers: please consider the awesome ministry of assisting Father in the distribution of Holy Communion at Mass and perhaps to the home bound.

Please call Father at 908-245-1107 and let him know you would like to be considered for either of these ministries.

Lazarus Ministry Comfort the Sorrowing

Assist grieving families as they prepare their loved one's funeral.

All you need is a kind disposition and attentive heart.

Call Marge Denzi at 908-507-6306 to find out how you too can serve Christ thru others.



Knights' Corner

The Knights of Columbus (Council #3240) of the Church of the Assumption would like to invite any interested men, that wish to learn more about the Knights of Columbus to fill out one of the cards located in the front of the Church and place it in the collection basket. Or go to <https://www.kofc.org/secure/en/join/join-kofc.html> to apply. Please be sure to "like" our Facebook page: Knights of Columbus - Msgr. Loreti Council #3240

Answer the call.

Become a
Knight of Columbus

Proposer # 3240
[kofc.org/join](https://www.kofc.org/join)



Societa S.S.M. Cosma e Damiano Dinner & Dance

Friday, March 1, 2024

Macaluso's

55 4th Ave, Hawthorne, NJ 07506

Price per ticket: \$150

If you are interested in attending please email or call the following contacts to RSVP as soon as possible as we are limited to the number of guests and tables we can accommodate.

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973-525-6063

Michael Priore mpriore1@gmail.com
973-851-6486

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Call 973-313-6190 or
speak to one of the Priests.
or contact Fr. Gino dela Rama at
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Religious Life for Women and Men

Contact Sr. Patricia M. Wormann, O.P at
Sr.Patricia.WormannO.P@rcan.org
or call 973-497-4368



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IN THE WORD**

LENT

Join us on Monday evenings during Lent for a deep dive into the weekly Sunday Mass readings for the season of Lent. Dr. James Prothro and Dr. Israel McGrew, biblical scholars from the Augustine Institute will review the upcoming Sunday Mass readings, situate them in their historical and literary context, and illuminate the connection and continuity between the readings.

MEETING DATES: Monday, Feb 12th, Feb 19th, Feb 26th, March 4th, March 11th, March 18th.

TIME: 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

LOCATION: Upper Parish Hall

COST: Gratis

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Catechetical Office of the Archdiocese of Newark offers Adult Faith Formation courses for a nominal fee. Listed below are the course offerings available for February 2024.

Spotlight Adult Faith Formation / Catechist Certification Courses

Morality Online Course – February 27 and 28

[http://learning.rcan.org/home.aspx?
pagename=extproduct_newark&PID=107955](http://learning.rcan.org/home.aspx?pagename=extproduct_newark&PID=107955)

You can either go to the Assumption web-site at www.assumptionrp.com and click on the links in this week's Bulletin, or if you prefer, go directly to the Archdiocese website at RCAN.org, under Pastoral Offices, then Pastoral and Ministry, Catechetical Office, Adult Faith Formation, then click on Spotlight Adult Faith Formation Courses.

ADDICTION TREATMENT REFERRAL PROGRAM for persons suffering from acute addiction

Within 48 hours of receipt of referral, NJRC will provide linkage to and commencement of addiction treatment services to referred persons. These services will include but are not limited to linkages for intake, the creation of a personalized long-term treatment plan, detoxification, ambulatory withdrawal management, induction on Suboxone or buprenorphine or the initiation of Vivitrol, residential treatment, intensive outpatient treatment, and/or induction of Medication Assisted Treatment, as needed and appropriate. Where appropriate, court-involved persons and justice-involved veterans will also be enrolled and referred to NJRC's Orientation and additional wrap-around services, including job training and employment, mental health and medical care, transportation, and license restoration services.

To connect yourself or a loved one to addiction treatment or for any questions, please contact NJRC Chief Operating Officer Robert Carter at **732-948-5880** or rcarter@njreentry.org.

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