



XXV Sunday in Ordinary Time 24 September 2023

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
ERECTED A.D. MCMVII

SACRAMENTS

Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Saturday (anticipated): 5:30 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: 4:00-4:50 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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OFFICE HOURS

Monday through Friday:
8:00 AM till 4:00 PM

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL OF RELIGION OFFICE

908-245-6572
Email: assumptionschool110@outlook.com

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

5:30 PM **Walter O'Connell**
The O'Connell Family

SUNDAY Sept 24 XXV SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM **People of the Parish**

10:30 AM **Carmella Tortorelli**
Daughter, Sr. Mary Catherine

12:00 PM **Luane Cindea**
Josie & Nick Florio

MONDAY September 25

8:00 AM **Vincenza Salvatore**
Love, Sister Carmela

TUESDAY September 26 *Cosmas & Damian, martyrs*

8:00 AM **Dorothy Kachnowski**
Debbie & Joe Kachnowski

WED September 27 Vincent de Paul, Priest

8:00 AM **Katie Guercio**
Mary Journe

THURSDAY September 28 *Wenceslaus, martyr*

8:00 AM **Jimmy Goss**
Love, Barbara

FRIDAY September 29 *Michael, Gabriel, & Raphael*

8:00 AM **Ann & William Boffa**
The Scapicchio Family

SATURDAY September 30 Jerome, priest

8:00 AM **Carmella Tortorelli**
Daughter, Sr. Mary Catherine

ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30 PM **Frank P. & Ida M. Wood**
Frank & Ronald Wood

SUNDAY Oct 1 XXVI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM **People of the Parish**

10:30 AM **Alexander Bober**
Stephen & Barbara Ruszala

12:00 PM **John Skubon**
John Skubon, Jr.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5;
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2-4, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a;
Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-13;
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11;
Mt 21:28-32

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



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, Kay Downey, Ronald Fellner, Carol Fellner Nasta, Dorothy Ford, Charles Frank, Nicholas Fusco, John Garofalo, Lynn Gehrman, Fran Getchies, Harold Gibson, Bonnie Greer, Cynthia Ingman, Thomas Ingman, A.M.J., Michael Lacey, Nancy Lanfrank, Chris Lettieri, Stella LoPiccolo, Christine Marino, Janet Marino, Christine Mattingly, Chantell McDonald, 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



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.

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.

MEETINGS

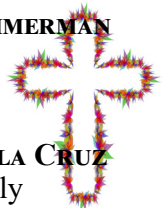
Finance Council	Sep 25	7:00	UPH
Pastoral Council	Nov 13	7:00	UPH
St. Vincent de Paul	Oct 10	8:00	Chapel
Rosary Society	Oct 02	7:00	LPH
Knights of Columbus	Sep 27	8:00	Loreti Hall

Special Memorial Donations

Sanctuary Candle & Flowers for the Mass is given
IN LOVING MEMORY OF MICHAEL SPANO—
20TH ANNIVERSARY†
req. by Rosa & Antonio Spano & family,
We love you.

Candles for the Altar given
IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHARLES ZIMMERMAN
req. by Sue & Kevin Smith

Sanctuary Candle given
IN LOVING MEMORY OF DOMINGO DELA CRUZ
req. by Jessie dela Cruz & Family



Our Father – Pater Noster - ΠΑΤΕΡ 'ΗΜΩΝ – Abba nan (Mt 6:9)

When the disciples asked Jesus how to pray, he said to pray like this, “Our Father...” With these words Jesus altered history. Not only did man see God as a father-creator, but now we became like Jesus in the sense that Jesus did not use “My Father” or “The Father” but rather he made us his brothers and sisters when he said, “Our Father.” Now, we know that Jesus spoke the Aramaic term, *Abba*, to refer to his heavenly Father. Though strictly speaking father is *Ab* in Hebrew, *Abba* had that more familiar more connotation: Dad.

Often when I pray the Lord’s Prayer, I use the term “My Father”. I am not being contrary or revolutionary when I do it. I simply need to emphasize to myself that God is MY Father. I would never insist on MY in public prayer nor do I use it regularly because I need more importantly to know that God is OUR Father. That we are brothers and sisters with Christ. In baptism we are begotten from above. In the flesh we are begotten by our fathers and born of our mothers, but in faith (in the spirit) we are begotten from above and born of our mother, the Church. Our holy Mother the Church gives birth to us, nurtures us, feeds us, teaches us and guides us for we are her children, the fruit of her womb and the seed of our Heavenly Father. As the Virgin Mary gave birth to the Son, the virgin Church gives birth to the sons and daughters of God. When the Spirit descended upon the Church (the Apostles at Pentecost) the seed of unending life was given to all those who would receive the Light of Christ. As Jesus is the Son of Mary we are the sons and daughters of the Church. And as Jesus is the Son of God we now are co-heirs with Him. We have become the Children of the Father, the brothers/sisters of the Son and have been wedded to the Spirit of God to be his instruments of exclusive and eternal love and life.

God is not my Father or Jesus’ Father alone, he is OUR Father. To forget this revelation of truth would distort any relationship we have with God and of course with our neighbors. The one who forgets God is OUR Father forgets that our neighbors are our brothers and sisters. He forgets to love them, to forgive them, and to be exclusively united to them in the one holy catholic and apostolic Church, that Mother of Ours who has given birth to our Christian identity as the brothers and sisters of Jesus, our Lord and God.

So in the words given to us by Jesus himself, we say, “Our Father...”

Pax Christi, Fr. Paul

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.

Qualified Charitable Distributions

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.

Save your Children from “adult” websites. Protect your chastity, now!

Go to Freefiltering.org and learn how to block those unwanted sites from your eyes. Protect your virtue, guard your children’s innocence.

It really works by blocking sites in your Wi-Fi server. Act now before your children see one more pornographic site or one more “social media” site promoting the LGBTQ+ propaganda.



One Day Only

October 18, 2023
8 AM—11 PM

By buying a **discount pass for \$5** to the Event you will receive **25% off** lowest sale prices on October 18. Exclusions apply. On sale after Masses or at rectory.

**The Parish keeps 100%
of the \$5 shopping pass donations!**

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Stronger Together

Community Support Group

Join us to discuss
MENTAL
WELLNESS for ourselves
and the community through
HOPE, GUIDANCE, ADVOCACY,
and CAMARADERIE.

Mondays | 7:00-8:15 pm
Starting September 25

Learn more about weekly themes
and register here by September 20:
<https://ff-sta.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/1893452>

Church of the Assumption

Rosary Society

INVITES ALL WOMEN

of the PARISH

Please come and join us at our
Annual Mass and Communion
Breakfast

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Breakfast in Lower Parish Hall

immediately following 10:30 AM
Mass

*Catered by Dowlings
of Roselle Park*

Guest Speaker:

Fr. Paul Prevosto

Cost: \$25.00

Reservations: Contact

Rosemarie Olden (908) 472-1232

PRIESTLY VOCATIONS

Call 973-313-6190 or
speak to one of the Priests.
or contact Fr. Gino dela Rama at
eugenio.delarama@rcan.org

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

STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Collection: **\$5308.00**

Mary's Grotto

We are open from 8:30 - 1:15
on Sundays.

Please stop by and say hello and
browse our gift selections.

Center for Hope Hospice

Center for Hope is
dropping by the
weekend of October
7 & 8, to offer
raffle tickets in support of the Center for Hope.



If you would like to support this great work of
mercy, by all means buy yourself a raffle ticket
or two.

COMMUNION MINISTERS

September 2023

5:30 PM	Rita Kushner Richard Powers	Loretta Raczynski Alex Wisniewski
8:00 AM	John Ballantyne	Maryanne Mansueto Barbara Sokol
10:30 AM	Joan Trapp	Noelle Degbe
12:00 PM	Maureen Rebimbas	

Sept 23/24

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LECTORS

5:30 PM	Cindy Campbell	Leona Suefert
8:00 AM	John Ballantyne	Anthony Cordero
10:30 AM	Diane Burgos	Diane Burgos
12:00 PM	Debbie Kachnowski	Patty Muccia

ALTAR SERVERS

5:30 PM	Joe Schmatz	
8:00 AM	Ethan Pama	Loretta Raczynski
10:30 AM	Giovanni Scipioni Alaina Quintela	Nicholas Motley Adrianna Motley
12:00 PM	Nicholas Motley Adrianna Motley	William Casaine Emily Casaine

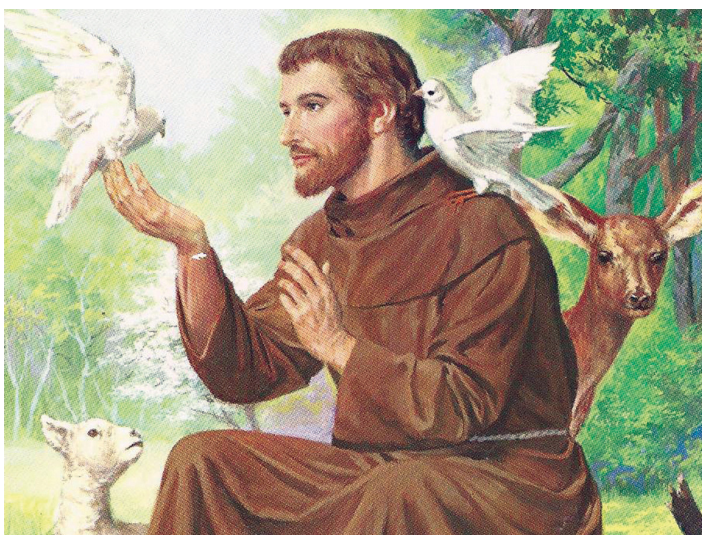
COME, PRAY WITH US

Adoration and St. Anthony Novena - Tuesday Evenings at
7:00 PM (Sept-June)

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

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

Blessing of Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi Saturday, October 7 at 3:30 PM At Statue of Sacred Heart



Open House at Saint Peter's Prep

Saint Peter's Preparatory School hold its **Fall Open House** on Sunday, October 15, from 1:00 – 4:00 at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information, please call 201-547-6389 or visit www.spprep.org.

~ Coming Soon ~
Book Donation Bin



Give your
unwanted books and a donation will be
earned for the parish.

New Time for Saturday Evening Anticipated Mass

A few months back I asked the 5:30 PM Mass congregation if they would like to celebrate Mass to 5:00 PM. I invited comments via email. Of the 13 emails I received, two were concerned about the proposed change; the others favored it highly.

As St. Thomas More quoted, "Silence is consent." Therefore, beginning with the **First Sunday of Advent**, the anticipated Mass on December 2, 2023 will begin at 5:00 PM.

Union Catholic High School

1600 Martine Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076

FALL OPEN HOUSES

OCTOBER 11TH AT 7:00 PM and
NOVEMBER 4TH AT 12:00 NOON

Ready, Set, Soar!

Big Dreams, Endless Opportunities

In our co-educational, faith-based environment you will reach your greatest potential.

Join us and discover for yourself why Union Catholic High School is so special!

For more information, contact the Admissions Office, or register to attend by visiting the Admissions Page of our Website
908-889-1600, ext. 302 or 328
www.unioncatholic.org

BETHLEHEM HANDICRAFTS

From the birthplace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Christian community is seeking your love and support through obtaining their handmade olive wood religious articles. These items will be displayed at the church after all masses next weekend **September 30th and October 1st**. Your help can and will make a difference in the lives of your brothers and sisters in Bethlehem.

**PLEASE REGISTER AS
A PARISHIONER**

Advantages of Registration

1. Eligibility to be a godparent. [Properly married in the church, at least 16, received Confirmation and practicing the faith dutifully without impediment.]
2. The parishioner rates for weddings and Catholic schools
3. Proof of residency for immigrants and a positive recommendation from the pastor that you contribute to the parish and society.
4. Receiving envelopes shows that you contribute to the welfare of the parish.

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 Denci at 908-507-6306 to find out how you too can serve Christ.

2024 Mass Book Opened September 11

You are welcome to book Masses for the Calendar year 2024. In order for all the members of our Parish to have a chance to have Masses offered for their loved ones, each person will be able to book only three (3) Masses until October 7.

Beginning Tuesday, October 10, the Mass Book will be open for additional requests. As permitted by the Code of Canon Law, there will be a "Corporate Mass" offered on the first Saturday of each month at 5:30 pm. There will be multiple intentions for that Mass during which each name will be read. The priest who offers the Mass may receive only one stipend. The other stipends will be used for support of missionary and visiting clergy. Masses may be offered for the living or the deceased.



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**



STITCHES

Our Stitches Group is planning its first meeting for the Fall on Wednesdays, from 1-3 pm in the lower parish hall.

If you knit or crochet or would like to learn, please consider joining us as we work on projects for those in need.

**CLASE GRATUITA DE INGLÉS
COMO SEGUNDA LENGUA
Lunes, 25 de septiembre**

desde las 7 PM hasta las 8 PM

**SALA DEL PATRIMONIO (HERITAGE ROOM)
(Sótano de la iglesia: use la puerta más cercana
a la rectoría)**

**Para más información,
llame a Anthony al 908-313-0520
Aquí, a la Iglesia de la Asunción
113 Coolidge Place, Roselle Park**

Church of the Assumption

Roselle Park, New Jersey

Dear Parish Family,

This weekend we are introducing our Increased Offertory Program at all of the Masses. We will outline what **Church of the Assumption** is embarking on over the course of the next 2 months as well as the reasons we need to address our Sunday offertory collection. By now you should have received the mailing or will be receiving it within the next few days, which further explains the importance and urgency of this program. After prayerful reflection (and discussion), we ask you to complete the confidential reply card enclosed in the mailing. Please bring to the Lord in prayer your commitment of treasure to Assumption Church. You are invited to return it using the envelope provided via USPS, merely drop it into the Sunday collection basket, or you may bring it directly to the parish office by October 15.

Below is a summary of what we will be embarking on, why we are addressing these needs, and how you can be a part of it. In the upcoming weeks you will be provided with more information and updates about our progress. You will also be hearing from your fellow parishioners when they share their experiences through lay witness talks.

Thank you in advance for your prayers, your faith and your consideration of this important endeavor. Please do not hesitate to contact me or our parish office with any questions or concerns.

May God continue to bless you and all of us who are the parish community of Assumption Church.

Pax Christi,

Fr. Paul Prevosto

Ministry Growth and Outreach!

Our parish has many ministries and active groups catering to all ages. We are blessed to have a blessed Religious Education Program, a Rosary Society, a very active Knights of Columbus Council, ministry to the bereaved, and Ministries of Worship to name a few. These are among the many examples of how together we live our lives in a Christ-like way.

Our community outreach, like the food pantry and feeding the poor at St. Joseph's in Elizabeth, continue to provide services responsive to the needs of the larger community and our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. And we are especially conscious of the needs of the Mission Church throughout the world.

Why must we address our offertory?

In order to serve the needs of our parish community, our expenses have necessarily increased. With the participation of our Finance Committee, the expanded ministries and parish expenses are closely monitored to ensure that our finances remain fiscally strong.

Our Sunday collections continue to trend downward and do not meet our financial obligations. Therefore, it is extremely important that we remain prudent in addressing the operations of our parish to ensure fiscal integrity. With inflation and post covid economy of increased expenses from supplies to services and even insurance rates, we need to reconsider our weekly giving.

We invite you to consider.....

We invite each registered household to reflect on their current financial support and prayerfully consider increasing that commitment to the parish. A consistent and generous increase from all our parishioners will help us to better address our existing financial needs, as well as plan for our future. In 1975 I recall my mother scrimping together 5 bucks for the Sunday envelope. That was tough considering the great recession 50 years ago. Today in our parish, the mode of giving is still \$5-10. \$5 in 1975 is equivalent to \$28.53 today. Please consider this when you reflect on the support you contribute to your parish. Your parish is not a charity, it is your spiritual home in which you encounter Christ most especially in the sacraments and the loving community we share.

Fr. Paul

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