



XXVII Sunday in Ordinary Time 8 October 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!

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 <u>serious sins</u> 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.

<u>Baptism:</u> 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. <u>Do not</u> 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.

<u>Confirmation</u>: 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).

<u>RCIA</u>: 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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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.



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MASS INTENTIONS ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY 5:30 PM **Corporate Mass** SUNDAY Oct 8 XXVII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Julia, John & John M. Jediny 8:00 AM Love, Virginia, Jenny & Jackie For all the Members of the Rosary Society 10:30 AM Of the Church of the Assumption Ida Papa 12:00 PM The Family MONDAY October 9 Denis, martyr; Columbus Day Anna and Michael Della Poruta 8:00 AM Love, the Family **TUESDAY October 10** 8:00 AM Francesco Picarelli Beloved wife, Iole WEDNESDAY October 11 John XXIII, pope Elizabeth (Betty) Wojcik 8:00 AM Husband, Bob THURSDAY October 12 8:00 AM Nicholas Muso Love, Angela FRIDAY October 13 John Mucksavage 8:00 AM Annette Conway **SATURDAY October 14** Callistus I, pope-martyr; BVM 8:00 AM Ana Baricevic Josette Peros ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY 5:30 PM Elizabeth & Ralph Oliveri Son, Ralph SUNDAY Oct 15 XXVIII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME **People of the Parish** 8:00 AM 10:30 AM Al Bonaria Judy Rorro 12:00 PM Domenico Manginelli

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jon 1:1 — 2:2, 11; Jon 2:3-5, 8;

Judy & Mike Casey

Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 130:1b-4ab, 7-8;

Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday: Jon 4:1-11; Ps 86:3-6, 9-10; Lk 11:1-4 **Thursday**: Mal 3:13-20b; Ps 1:1-4, 6: Lk 11:5-13

Friday: Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Ps 9:2-3, 6, 16, 8-9;

Lk 11:15-26

Saturday: Jl 4:12-21; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12;

Lk 11:27-28

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6;

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20; Mt 22:1-14 [1-10]

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, John Garofalo, Lynn Gehrmann, 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 Domenico Petracca



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	Dec 11	7:00	UPH				
Pastoral Council	Nov 13	7:00	UPH				
Rosary Society	Nov 06	7:00	LPH				
Knights of Columbus	Oct 25	8:00	Loreti Hall				

Qualified Charitable Distributions

If you are retired and are taking distributions from your traditional IRA, these distributions are considered to be <u>taxable income</u> according to the IRS and you will owe taxes on the total amount you withdraw. <u>However</u>, 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.

Special Memorial Donations

Bread for Mass given
In THANKSGIVING FOR
THE HELP OF ST. ANTHONY
req. by Theresa & Joe Cicalese (49)



It seems to me that the church pews are relatively empty. Many can remember that 40 or 50 years ago the place was packed at every Mass. They needed two collection baskets! So why have the pews emptied? The answers are multifaceted and often speculative. May I offer some food for thought?

1. Before the changes of the Second Vatican Council, the Mass was in Latin, unknown to most congregants, the music was chant and polyphony which few new how to sing along, there were no communion ministers or readers, communion was received at the rail on the tongue, and the priest faced east (ad orientem) and everyone was emphatically taught that this is the only way. Then in the late 60's it changed suddenly: English was used, sacred music was more akin to popular music, the minor orders (acolyte, sub-deacon, porter, etc.) were opened to the laity, male and female alike, and the priest went to the other side of the altar as if to be more inclusive of the congregation in the celebration of the Eucharist. It should have worked. Protestants would see a less austere liturgy and unite with Catholics, the young would be drawn in by the more hip and friendly style, and little old ladies who prayed the Rosary during Mass would now fully participate in the Mass with responses and song. To some degree this did happen, but the other day at a funeral, the people did not know the responses and at Mass on Sundays, very few sing along. The church is only a quarter full and the baskets are way too big for the collection. My mother reminisces that the old Mass was mysterious and uplifting but the new Mass seemed to be too common; it lacked the mysteri-

2. Now it would be very naïve to say that the changes emptied the pews. It is much more complex. These changes were made around the world, but many of those Churches are flourishing. Western society as a whole has drifted away from family and community. Some say we have a crisis in faith, I say we have a crisis in family. St. John Paul II was fond of saying that the home is the domestic church. It is in this church that the children learn to pray, participate in the sacramental life of the Church, and learn right from wrong. The family has suffered an enormous onslaught over the last 50 or so years. A high rate of divorce and adultery, homosexuality, abortion, same-sex marriage, deferral of marriage, governmental intrusion on child rearing, "spare the rod and spoil the child*" mentality, etc. all have contributed to the destruction or weakening of the family. Perhaps you can think of others. Where the Church is flourishing family and community are still strong.

3. Since we have a generation or two now growing up with little or no faith we have less hope and less love in the world. From faith we have hope and from hope we know love. Faith is believing in what we cannot see. Science and Catholicism have never been opposed to one another regardless of what you may have heard about Galileo; that's another story. The Church, the Catholic Church, desires the Truth and as long as a believer or non-believer seeks the truth, the Church has no disconnect. I was a teacher and one of my colleagues refused to begin class with a prayer because she said religion and science don't mix. I beg your pardon. Fr. Lemaitre formulated the Big Bang Theory, Fr. Mendl worked with genetics, and a number of the craters and seas of the moon are named after priests. The Church does not deny evolution but she does insist that God created it all. Yet there is an attitude amongst many, believers and not, that the Church rejects science. This can entice many young people to forget faith and totally rely on reason, we call this rationalism. Other attacks against faith are relativism, secularism, and above all the loss of the sense of sin.

4. Jesus said: "Those who are healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do. I have not come to call the righteous to repentance but sinners." Yes, Jesus has come to save us from the very sins that condemn us, that make it difficult to love, that para-

lyze us. Today, there are very few sins left: child abuse, murder, rape, political incorrectness, otherwise most everything else is at least permissible or not the person's fault. We hear terms like, misspoken, he had a difficult childhood, it's an addiction, and many other euphemisms. With these attitudes, why does anyone need to go to Jesus? Now, going to Mass is a time to give thanks to God for the many blessings received, even the trials that force us to grow, but it is also a time to receive forgiveness. We begin Mass with a penitential rite and the words of consecration say, "for the forgiveness of sin". So effectually, if we do not believe we have sinned, if we have made excuses for our missteps, then we don't need forgiveness, we don't need Jesus and we certainly don't need Church. Until we regain a proper sense of sin, the demonic, and right from wrong, the pews will continue to empty while other forms of "religion" fulfill our needs.

Pax Christi, Fr. Paul

*This is a direct affront to biblical teaching: He who spares his rod hates his son, but he who loves him takes care to chastise him (Proverbs 13:24).

Ethics Point

To help ensure that we provide an environment that strengthens our Church, safeguards vital resources entrusted to us, and upholds the highest standards, the Archdiocese has implementing **EthicsPoint**, an independent reporting system that allows anyone to report concerns regarding financial misconduct or violations of conduct*.

A person reporting concerns can identify himself or remain anonymous.

To make a report: call (844) 675-7687 to speak with an EthicsPoint-trained specialist or go to:

EthicsPoint - Archdiocese of Newark

https://secure.ethicspoint.com/domain/media/en/gui/58668/index.html

* It is important to note that any person who wishes to report an incident of sexual abuse should contact the Office of the Protection of the Faithful immediately by calling 973-497-4254.



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!

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: \$5330.00 Maintenance & Repair Collection: \$3627.00

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

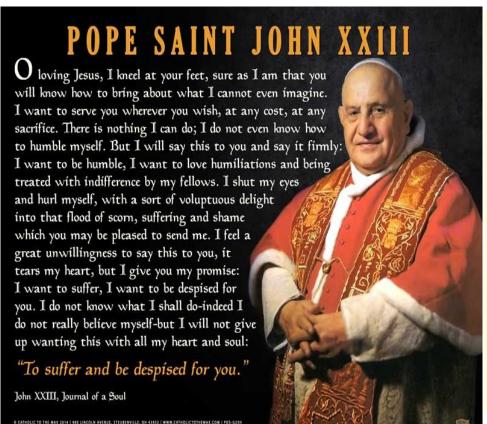
Center for Hope is dropping by this weekend October 7 & 8, to offer



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				
	October 2023				
5:30 PM	Cindy Campbell Nancy Malta	John Mattingly			
8:00 AM	Marge Denci	Maryann Mansueto			
10:30 AM	Steve Petruzelli	Barbara Goss			
12:00 PM	Debbie Kachnowski				
	Oct 7/8	Oct 14/15			
	Lectors				
5:30 PM	Gerard Taveras	Cindy Campbell			
8:00 AM	Tom DiMaio	John Ballantyne			
10:30 AM	Diane Burgos	Sebastian Saavedra			
12:00 PM	Patty Muccia	Debbie Kachnowski			
	ALTAR SERVERS				
5:30 PM	Joe Schmatz				
8:00 AM	Angelo Geronimo Anthony Geronimo	Carol Ballantyne			
10:30 AM	Giovanni Scipioni Alaina Quintela Nicholas Motley Adrianna Motley				
12:00 PM	William Casaine Emily Casaine	William Casaine Emily Casaine			



The Corporate Mass Offerings

October 7 at 5:30 P.M. Mass

Mae A. Colucci req. by Knights of Columbus, #3240

Souls of the Faithful Departed req. by Leonor Sanchez

The Martino Family req. by Gilda

Salvatore, Carmel & Mark Tucci req. by Chris Tucci

Domenico Petracca

req. by Giacomo e Caterina Pontosiero

Journey Through Grief Church of the Little Flower Bereavement Support Group

Wednesdays, October 11 - December 6 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Meetings are held in the Bernauer Parish Center Upper Level Multi-Purpose Room 290 Plainfield Avenue, Berkeley Heights, NJ Registration Required

For more information or to register, contact Dan Grossano at at 908.464.1585
pastoral110.LF@gmail.com

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.

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

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.



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.

Knight's 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

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, October 11, from 1-3pm.

REKINDLING EUCHARISTIC AMAZEMENT

A PARISH MISSION WITH THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS OF THE RENEWAL

MONDAY - WEDNESDAY | NOV 27 - 29, 2023 | 7 PM



SACRED HEART CHURCH

324 RIDGE ROAD | LYNDHURST, NJ 07071 | 201-438-1147 | sacredheartlynd.org

1000 Strong Rosary for Life

Live via conference call

Friday, October 13, 2023* at 7pm Eastern Time

* October 13 is the 106th anniversary of the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima

Our goal is 1,000+ people praying in Reparation for the Sin of Abortion and for Equal Rights for Babies in the Womb



Please register at:

lifeneteducation.org/1000strong

Call-in Number: 1-401-252-0031 Access Code: 759297#

Alternate Call-in Number: 1-425-436-6277 Access Code: 652492#

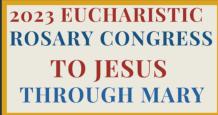




Knights of Columbus Council 3240

Car Wash Sunday October 15th Church of The Assumption **Annex Building**

8:00am till 1:00pm Donations accepted



October 7 - 13

Participating Parishes as of 9/26/2023

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6 ST. MICHAEL, UNION - 8:30AM TO 10/7 - 9AM ST. JAMES, SPRINGFIELD - 7PM TO 9PM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7 ST. JAMES, SPRINGFIELD -9AM TO 4:30PM ST. PETER, BELLEVILLE - 8:30AM MASS TO SUNDAY 10 OUR LADY QUEEN OF PEAGE, MAYWOOD - 8:30AM TO

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL, MONTCLAIR - 1PM TO 3PM

MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 OUR LADY OF LOURDES, MOUNTAINSIDE – 12NOON TO 9PM

OUR LADY OF SORROWS, SOUTH ORANGE - 7PM TO WEDNESDAY 10/11-7PM

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11 ASSUMPTION CHURCH, ROSELLE PARK - 8AM MASS TO 4PM

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12 ASSUMPTION CHURCH, EMERSON – 6PM TO FRIDAY 10/13 – 6PM

DOMINICAN MONASTERY OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY - 9AM TO 4PM

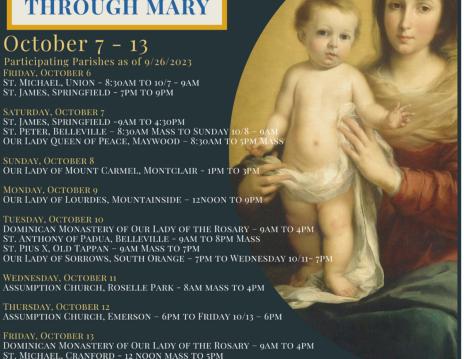
ST. MICHAEL, CRANFORD - 12 NOON MASS TO 5PM ST. PAUL, RAMSEY - 12 NOON TO SATURDAY 10/14 - 9AM OUR LADY OF FATIMA, NORTH BERGEN - THRU SUNDAY OCTOBER 15

Learn more at: <u>www.rcan.org/rosarycongress</u>

If you have any questions, please call us today at 973-497-4137 or email: evangelization @rcan.org

we are prepared to support your parish.

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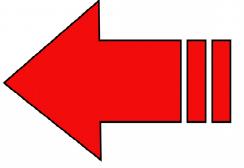
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Parish TODAY!

he Blessed Mother has consistently told visionaries that the key to peace in the world is to pray the rosary every day. Countless saints and popes down the centuries have attested to the power of both Eucharistic Adoration and the Rosary. This is a powerful and effective spiritual approach to the world's prob-

This Rosary Congress is for reparation, life and peace, healing, renewal, families, our country, evangelization and vocations. Through the heart and the school of Mary, the Rosary Congress throughout the Archdiocese will provide an invitation for many to experience the power of encountering Jesus in Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, some for the very first time.

ad Jesum per Mariam



We will follow many of the guidelines offered at www.rosarycongressusa.org which shares the history of this "movement of prayer" in Eastern Europe, its spread to the United States and its fruitfulness in combating many evils of the day.

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