

Church of the Assumption

a Roman Catholic Parish

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XXXI Sunday in Ordinary Time 5 November 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 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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Monday through Friday:

8:00 AM till 4:00 PM

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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 **Corporate Mass:** Michael Spano,
Ferdinando Mazzeo, Rufino Fallor,
Souls of the Faithful Departed

SUNDAY Nov 5 XXXI SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM **Mary Kudlach, 43rd Anniversary †**
Love, Virginia, Jenny & Jackie

10:30 AM **Terasena Lioi**
The Family

12:00 PM **Michael LeFano**
Mom & sister

MONDAY November 6

8:00 AM **Souls of the Faithful Departed**

TUESDAY November 7

8:00 AM **Souls of the Faithful Departed**

WEDNESDAY November 8

8:00 AM **Souls of the Faithful Departed**

THURS Nov 9 Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

8:00 AM **Souls of the Faithful Departed**

FRIDAY November 10 Leo the Great, pope

8:00 AM **Souls of the Faithful Departed**

SATURDAY November 11 Martin of Tours, bishop

8:00 AM **Souls of the Faithful Departed Catholic
War Veterans**

ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY

5:30 PM **Bill DeNike—31st Anniversary †**
Love, Nora

SUNDAY Nov 12 XXXII SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 AM **Souls of the Faithful Departed**

10:30 AM **Maria Guercio**
Mary Journe

12:00 PM **Antonio Auletta**
Antoinette Auletta

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Rom 11:29-36; Ps 69:30-31, 33-34, 36;
Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday: Rom 12:5-16b; Ps 131:1bcde-3; Lk 14:15-24

Wednesday: Rom 13:8-10; Ps 112:1b-2, 4-5, 9;
Lk 14:25-33

Thursday: Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9;
1 Cor 3:9c-11, 16-17; Jn 2:13-22

Friday: Rom 15:14-21; Ps 98:1-4; Lk 16:1-8

Saturday: Rom 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Ps 145:2-5, 10-11;
Lk 16:9-15

Sunday: Wis 6:12-16; Ps 63:2-8; 1 Thes 4:13-18;
Mt 25:1-13

For readings go to: [www.usccb.org/
bible/readings/](http://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



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.

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	Nov 15	8:00	Loreti Hall

Special Memorial Donations

Bread & Wine for Mass given
IN LOVING MEMORY OF MICHAEL LEFANO
req. by Grandma, love you.

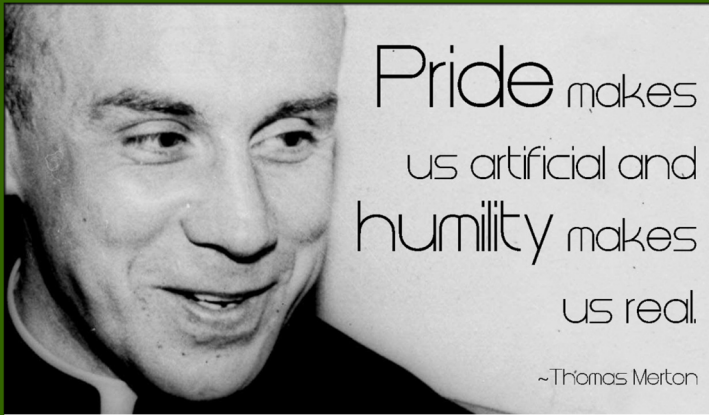
Bread and Wine for Mass given
IN LOVING MEMORY OF EDWARD TOBE
req. by his family

Bread and Wine for Mass given
IN LOVING MEMORY OF DOMENICO MICHAEL PETRACCO
req. by Donna Campesi

Bread for Mass given
IN LOVING MEORY OF LOUIS MOLINARI (HAPPY BIRTHDAY!)
Req. by Helen and Maria

Altar Candles given
IN LOVING MEMORY OF GINA MOLINARI (HAPPY BIRTHDAY!)
req. by Helen and Maria

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



Pride makes
us artificial and
humility makes
us real.

~Thomas Merton

HUMILITY: sounds like a derogatory word doesn't it? Who wants to be humbled? Who says, growing up, "I want to be a humble?" or "I like humble pie." Who asks, "Will you please humiliate me?" But to go to heaven, to be saved, to be a disciple of Christ, it is necessary that we be humble. Jesus uses the behavior of the scribes, i.e. ancient lawyers, and the Pharisees who were rigid in their religious practices, as examples of what not to be. They were full of pride in themselves, not the type of pride that makes one joyful over accomplishments, but the type of pride in which one feels or acts superior to others. These types of folks, as leaders of the community, would impose burdensome religious practices but wouldn't dare help them and in fact they couldn't even do well, what they expected others to do well. And what little they did do was to impress others. They were full of pride and empty of humility.

To be prideful means to be someone other than who we are; that is, to seek out positions, status, and honors that are not our own. That is why Jesus warns us not to seek titles like rabbi, father, or master. These titles of honor are given, earned or thrust upon us. But to assume them is calling oneself God. And when we receive such honors which might swell our heads, we must receive them in humility realizing that what we have been given is a gift to be used for the sake of others, to build up the Church, and to bring many to salvation.

And with this gift of humility, *we need to realize the dignity of man and the fact that by grace we are made children of God. It is not our own efforts that save us, give us life, and make us great in the eyes of God; it is the grace of God working in us using our natural gifts and building within us the image of the person of Christ who came to not to be served but to serve.*

St. Paul in his letter to the Philippians quotes an ancient hymn: *Though he was in the form of God he humbled himself and became obedient.*

So we too must imitate our Lord and humble ourselves, being his obedient servants even unto death so as to live forever. For *whoever humbles himself will be exalted.*

Pax Christi, Fr. Paul

**HOLD STRONG TO
YOUR CONVICTIONS.
REMAIN HUMBLE IN
YOUR SPEECH.
LET YOUR ACTIONS
TELL YOUR STORY.**

Meet & Greet Bring a friend to Mass

Since the outbreak of Covid-19 and the temporary closing of the churches, many have chosen to stay at home on Sundays, rather than join the community in prayer at Holy Mass. Fear, extreme caution, health issues—no one knows the reason. However, Christ said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you. Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink."

So many of our neighbors, friends, and family have opted to stay home. Our Mass attendance has dropped about 40%. So everyone, on the weekend of Nov 18 & 19, bring someone (or 2) you know to Mass. With love, encourage them to come, for without Christ's Body and Blood we do not have life within us.

November 18 or 19

Coffee & Donuts to follow
at the Lower Parish Hall



Lord, if your people need me, I will
not refuse the work. Your will be done.
— St. Martin of Tours

Thanksgiving Food Bags

Families are starting to sign up for
Thanksgiving Turkeys and food bags.
Soon our volunteers will be preparing these bags for
distribution.
We need your help!!

We are in need of the following items:
Canned Potatoes (Sweet and White), Vegetables (Peas,
Corn, String Beans), Turkey Stuffing & Gravy, Cranberry
Sauce, Canned Fruit, Corn Muffin Mix, and Cake Mix
& Icing
Donated items can be placed in the food bin
in the front vestibule of the church.

We also need **TURKEYS!**
Turkeys can be dropped off at the Annex on
Thursdays night between 6:30 - 7:00pm.

Thank you in advance!

Questions can be addressed to Annette Venturo,
(908)-298-1262.

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 stumble upon one more pornographic site or one more "social media" site promoting the LGBTQ+ propaganda.

STEWARDSHIP

Last Sunday's Collection: **\$6086.00**

"Everyone who was willing and whose heart moved him, came and brought an offering to the Lord for the work." - Exodus 25:21

Parish Support

What we have done so far? A few weeks ago, we announced that our parish is embarking on an **Increased Offertory Program**. Then, you received a mailing, explaining the reason, purpose, and goals of this important endeavor. Then we had our **Lay Witness Weekend** where we listened to our fellow parishioners share the importance of the Sunday collection and how you can participate in this effort. Our **In Pew Commitment Weekend** was a few weeks ago where everyone had an opportunity to make their commitment at Mass.

AN INCREDIBLE RESPONSE! WITH A FEW WEEKS REMAINING!!!

There have been over **56** responses to this effort, with an average offertory increase of **32%**. Thank you to all those who have participated thus far.

With a few weeks remaining a **Second Follow Up Mailing** was sent to parishioners who have not yet responded.

We invite you and every registered household to consider taking a step, or two, in your contribution to the parish by increasing your Sunday offering by 25-100%.

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.

Mary's Grotto

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

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

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**.

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.lynych@rcan.org.

COMMUNION MINISTERS

November 2023

5:30 PM	Rita Kushner Richard Powers	Loretta Raczynski Alex Wisniewski
8:00 AM	John Ballantyne	Maryann Mansueto Barbara Sokol
10:30 AM	Rick Crosta	Barbara Goss Carmen Valdez
12:00 PM	Maureen McNulty	Sue Carlstrom

Nov 4/5

Nov 11/12

LECTORS

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

ALTAR SERVERS

5:30 PM		Joe Schmatz
8:00 AM	Carol Ballantyne	Angelo Geronimo Anthony Geronimo
10:30 AM	Giovanni Scipioni	Alaina Quintela
12:00 PM	William Casaine Emily Casaine	William Casaine Emily Casaine



K of C Council #3240 Annual Thanksgiving Pie Sale

NEW – Now Featuring **FRESH** Baked **10[”]** Pies (Serves 8-10 Generously)



All Orders must be Received & Paid in FULL by Sun. 11/12/23

Please Make Checks Payable & Send to:
Knights of Columbus Council #3240
Church of the Assumption
113 Coolidge Place
Roselle Park, NJ 07204
Attn: Pie Sale

Pick-Up: Wed. 11/22/23 from 1:00pm-5:00pm (Church Annex)

Thanksgiving Pie Order Form

Name: _____ Contact #: _____

	<u>Quantity</u>	x	<u>Price Each</u>	<u>Total</u>
NY Apple	_____	x	\$22.00	\$ _____
Apple Crumb Pie	_____	x	\$22.00	\$ _____
Blueberry Pie	_____	x	\$22.00	\$ _____
Blueberry Crumb Pie	_____	x	\$22.00	\$ _____
Cherry Pie	_____	x	\$22.00	\$ _____
Pumpkin Pie	_____	x	\$22.00	\$ _____
Pecan Pie	_____	x	\$25.00	\$ _____
 Please DONATE				\$ _____ <i>(Specify Donation Amt.)</i>
 TOTAL # ITEMS	_____		TOTAL	\$ _____

Give a Gift of Life—Donate Blood

On Tuesday, November 28, 2023, the Knights of Columbus Council #3240 will be hosting a blood drive from 3pm to 8pm in the Lower Parish Hall at the Church of the Assumption. Please consider donating blood! Appointments are highly recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. To schedule an appointment, please visit:

https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/56579

Assumption Christmas Concert with Chris Pinnella & His Quartet

December 6 at 7:00 PM
Church of the Assumption

Tickets: \$25 at the door; \$20 for early purchase

To purchase tickets or make a sponsorship go to
www.assumption23.givesmart.com

For more info: pruccione@ccannj.org or 973-818-4060

Confirmations: November 8 at 7:00 PM

Please keep in your prayers, our confirmandi who will sacramentally receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit.



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.

Retreats at St. Walburga Monastery

The Spirituality Center at St. Walburga Monastery in Elizabeth, offers affordable weekend, Saturday, virtual and "mini" retreats. To learn more about upcoming programs, visit www.bensisnj.org or email center@bensisnj.org.

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, November 8, from 1-3pm.

The Corporate Mass Offerings
November 4 at 5:30 P.M. Mass

Ferdinando Mazzeo req. by Antonia Mazzeo

Souls of the Faithful Departed
req. by Leonor Sanchez

Rufino Faller req. by Stacey Bersani

Souls of the Faithful Departed
req. by Helena DiEgidia

Michael Spano
req. by Antonia Mazzeo

Nocturnal Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Feast of Christ the King November 25-26 6:30 PM till 7:45 AM

Please **signup** for an hour or
certainly drop by at any time.

Benediction at 7:45 AM

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



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.

An Evening with the
FRANCISCAN FRIARS of the **REWEWAL**
Presented by The Friends of the Newark Monastery
Eucharistic Adoration, Music & Reflection by the CFRs

"Let us love, not with words but with deeds."
- Pope Francis, First World Day of the Poor



Thursday, November 16th @ 7PM
Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Mountainside, NJ



Wine & Cheese Social Immediately Following
Come Meet the CFRs and the Friends of the Newark Monastery
www.friendsofthenewarkmonastery.org, contact@friendsofthenewarkmonastery.org

**Festa di Santa Francesca
Saverio Cabrini
Patroness of Immigrants**

**Sunday, November 12 at
11:00 AM**

Bp. Gerald Walsh, celebrant

**St. Frances Saverio
Cabrini Shrine
710 Fort Washington Ave.,
New York, NY 10040
212-923-3536**

CabriniShrineNYC.org

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