

Church of the Assumption

a Roman Catholic Parish

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First Sunday of Advent 3 December 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): 5:00 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.

PASTORAL STAFF

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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

5:00 PM Corporate Mass: Marion Mitros, John F. Mitros, Souls of the Faithful Departed
Here ends The Year of Our Lord 2023

SUNDAY December 3 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM Maria Tripicchio
 Love, Sal
10:30 AM Elizabeth Oliveri
 Son, Ralph
12:00 PM People of the Parish

MONDAY December 4

8:00 AM Joseph Vaccarino
 Happy Birthday in Heaven. Love, The Family

TUESDAY December 5

8:00 AM Emilia Liskowicz
 Fr. Paul

WEDNESDAY December 6 *Nicholas, bishop*

8:00 AM Souls of the Faithful Departed
 Gilma Alvarez

THURSDAY December 7 *Ambrose, bishop*

8:00 AM Francesco Picarelli
 Beloved wife, Iole & Family

FRI Dec 8 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BVM

8:00 AM People of the Parish
7:00 PM Edmund Cicocelli
 Janet Pennisi

SATURDAY December 9 *Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin*

8:00 AM Diego Bolaños
 Gilma Alvarez
5:00 PM Elizabeth Oliveri
 Son, Ralph

ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY

SUNDAY December 10 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 AM People of the Parish
10:30 AM Elaine Ventura
 Fr. Paul Prevosto
12:00 PM James T Motley, Jr.
 Assumption KofC #3240

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9
 Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17
 Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6
 Mt 15:29-37
Thursday: Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-27a
 Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14
 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

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
Donato Melchionna



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	Jan 08	7:00	UPH
Rosary Society	Dec 04	7:00	LPH
Knights of Columbus	Dec 20	8:00	Loreti Hall

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

Marian Mitros req. by Cecilia Wisniewski

Souls of the Faithful Departed
 req. by Helena DiEgidio

John F. Mitros
 req. by Cecilia Wisniewski

Special Memorial Donations

Wine for Mass & Altar Candles given
IN LOVING MEMORY OF LORRAINE RUIVO
 req. by Marilyn S. Crocco

Altar Candles given
IN LOVING MEMORY OF PAPANG & MAMANG
 req. by Saldana Family

Bread & Wine for Mass, Altar Candles & Sanctuary Light given
IN LOVING MEMORY OF ELIZABETH OLIVERI
Happy 111th Birthday, December 2nd
 req. by Son, Ralph

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

As we begin this Advent we call to mind the coming of Christ. For three weeks we look to the Second Coming or Parousia and then in the final Sunday we reflect on the First Coming, on that cold winter night in Bethlehem. As Christians we are not to fear the Second Coming, in fact we should await it in great anticipation and **hope**. The word Parousia is a Greek word signifying arrival, coming or personal presence as when a foreign dignitary arrives and makes himself present to another nation. On our part we prepare ourselves to receive the king by confessing our sins, attending Mass more attentively, frequently and sharing what we have with the less fortunate. Parousia is translated into Latin as Adventus or Advent. And so it is during this season that we say maran'atha, Lord come quickly. We welcome him into our hearts, into our homes, into our lives. The Dies Irae (Day of Wrath) we pondered in November recalling the suffering of the living and the dead, gives way to the light and joy of the Parousia of the Lord who brings with him gifts of life and light. The little lights we burn on the trees and houses in the dark of winter is a sign to us that Christ is the Light in our darkness who brings us hope, peace, and joy. Our King has come, is coming and will come again. Maran'atha Jesus, and bring with you the gifts we so greatly desire.

Pax Christi, Fr. Paul

St. John Paul II on our Advent journey.

St. John Paul II urges us to devote ourselves to prayer. "Preparing ourselves to receive him requires first and foremost an attitude of intense and trusting prayer. Making room for him in our hearts demands a serious commitment to convert to his love."

Secondly, we need to sow peace with our neighbor.

"We should be converted to peace; we should be converted to Christ, our peace, certain that his disarming love in the crib overcomes every dire threat and plan for violence. With confidence we need to continue to ask the Child, born of the Virgin Mary for us, that the enormous energy of his peace might drive out the hatred and revenge that lurk in the human soul. Let us ask God that the good and our love might overcome evil."

A way to a fruitful Advent is through our faithful obedience to God's will in our lives.

"Mary, who in this novena of preparation for Christmas, guides us towards Bethlehem. Mary is the Woman of the "yes" who, contrary to Eve, makes the plan of God her own without reservation. Thus she becomes a clear light for our steps and the highest model for our inspiration."

Finally, we ought to use Advent to prepare for Christ's birth in our hearts, AND also for his Second Coming.

"The exhortation to be watchful resounds many times in the liturgy, especially in Advent, a season of preparation not only for Christmas, but also for Christ's definitive and glorious coming at the end of time. It therefore has a distinctly eschatological meaning and invites the believer to spend every day and every moment in the presence of the One "who is and who was and who is come" (Rv 1:4), to whom the future of the world and of man belongs. This is Christian hope! Without this prospect, our existence would be reduced to living for death."

—St. John Paul II

MEET and GREET WEEKEND

Thank you to all of our Ministries and to everyone who helped to make our INVITE A FRIEND TO MASS WEEKEND a HUGE success!

Blessings,
Evangelization Committee

CHRISTMAS FOOD BAGS

It's the Advent-Christmas season!

We are now preparing Christmas Bags and need your help!

We are in need of the following items:

Canned Potatoes (Sweet and White), Vegetables, Turkey Stuffing & Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Pineapple, 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 **HAMS** or **TURKEYS!**

They can be dropped off at the Annex on Thursdays night between 6:30 - 7:00pm.

Bags will be distributed Tuesday, December 19th.

Thank you in advance and happy Christmas!!

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



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

Go to [Freefiltering.org](https://www.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: **\$6002.00**
Thanksgiving Day Collection: **\$256.00**
Collection 11/19/23: **\$6313.00**

SIX WAYS to make our parish even better.

1. Think of yourself as part of a parish family.

A parish family is grounded in the same beliefs, values, and traditions. They embrace new members with a spirit of love and acceptance.

2. Be welcoming.

When you come together for Mass, think of it as a family reunion. Remember to smile and be welcoming.

3. Use your gifts and talents for the good of the parish.

God has given each person unique gifts and talents that are intended to be shared. So get involved using your gifts as best as possible.

4. Attend parish events.

Although Mass is our central focus, other parish ministries, activities, and events help to increase spirituality and build community as well. Whether it's a mission, a lecture, a feast or a holy hour, take advantage to invite family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to join you.

5. Support your parish financially.

You know how expensive it is to run your own home. Parishes face even higher costs — and depend on parishioners alone to help meet them. Take a serious look at the money you give to your parish each week. Do you increase contributions each year as the cost of living rises? Giving to the Church is more than just a financial obligation. Once you recognize that everything you have is a gift from God, you see that giving generously to continue God's work in the parish is an essential part of your spirituality.

6. Pray for your parish.

Keep your pastor and fellow parishioners in your daily prayers. Praying a rosary, Eucharistic adoration, fasting or offering up any suffering or inconvenience for the well-being of the parish will bring rewards for the parish and yourself personally. You'll begin to see yourself as spiritual support for all the good work being done in the parish. Pray for the return of Catholics who have fallen away, those with no faith, and people searching for meaning and purpose in life.

No parish is perfect, and even the best parishes can improve. Imagine what would happen if every person in our parish did one little thing to make the parish even better!

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.

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,
December 13, from 1-3pm.

Mary's Grotto

As fellow parishioners were searching for places to purchase religious items many years ago, members of the Rosary Society decided to set up shop and use the basement of the School of Religion building to set up a store allowing parishioners to purchase these items. Mary's Grotto — as they named it — is a place where you can purchase bibles, rosary beads, statues of saints and numerous other religious items. They also offer items for holidays, such as Easter and Christmas and sacraments, as well — baptism, first holy communion, confirmation and marriage. The ladies are always willing to order an item for you if it is not available in the store. **Mary's Grotto is open from 8:15 to 1:15 every Sunday — hours are 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

December 2023

5:00 PM	Nancy Malta	John Mattingly
8:00 AM	Marge Denci	Maryann Mansueto
10:30 AM	Lisa Crosta Bella Degbe	James Kompany Joan Trapp
12:00 PM	Maureen Rebimbas	Brenda A Prescott

Dec 2/3

Dec 9/10

LECTORS

5:00 PM	Cindy Campbell	Leona Seufert
8:00 AM	Tom DiMaio	John Ballantyne
10:30 AM	Diane Burgos	Sebastian Saavedra
12:00 PM	Debbie Kachnowski	Patty Muccia

ALTAR SERVERS

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

**ASSUMPTION
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2023
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Assumption Church
113 Coolidge (formerly Chiego) Place
Roselle Park, NJ

featuring
**CHRIS PINNELLA
& HIS QUARTET**
performing Christmas & Holiday Classics!

Chris Pinnella has been compared to superstars Josh Groban and Michael Bublé. His strikingly rich baritone and stage charisma are unmatched!

All proceeds will benefit Assumption Church and Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark

Please join us to usher in the Christmas Season with an inspirational evening of music for two great causes!

Tickets:
In advance: \$20 At door: \$25

Sponsorships are available, with a variety of amenities, for \$1,000, \$500, \$250, & \$100

To purchase tickets or sponsorships, scan the QR code or visit assumption23.givesmart.com

For more information, please contact PETER RUCCIONE:
pruccione@ccannj.org or 973-818-4060



An Advent Carol
Presented by *the Xavier Company*

A musical drama celebrating the Advent Journey



DIRECTOR AND CHOREOGRAPHER: CAROL FERRONE
MUSICAL DIRECTOR: GERARD DEMAN, JR.
PLAYWRIGHT: J.S. Pecorella

FEATURING: Pasqualino Beltempo, Nikki Casseri*, Annie Lewis, Leo Grinberg,*
Rebekah Rawhouser,* Brandon Schraml* Tony Bartoli, Percussionist
*Courtesy of Actors' Equity Association

FREE ADMISSION:
FAMILIES WELCOME!!

LET US KNOW YOU ARE COMING: 

Donations Welcome

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 10th
4:00 PM**
CATHEDRAL BASILICA
89 RIDGE STREET
NEWARK, NJ 07104
973-484-4600

My Dear Parishioners,

It gives me great joy to share with you that our parish now has a subscription to **FORMED**, an online platform faith over 4,000 Catholic studies, movies, audio dramas, talks, e-books, and even cartoons for our children. **FORMED** has content from over 60 apostolates, including Augustine Institute, Ignatius Press, and the Knights of Columbus. **Best of all, this material is free to you.** Our parish will be using the material on **FORMED** to support our ministries and provide continuing education for staff members and parishioners, as well as outreach for our sick and homebound members. Much of FORMED's content is available in both English and Spanish.

You have easy access to all of the material on **FORMED** to support your own faith journey and that of your family members.

Are you hesitant to return to the Sacrament of Reconciliation after a long absence? Watch *Forgiven: The Transforming Power of Confession*.

Would you like to be more confident in answering your teenagers' questions about the validity of the Gospels? Watch *Lectio: The Case for Jesus*.

Do you search for a reliable source of Catholic teaching on current issues? Tune in each week to *The Augustine Institute Show with Dr. Tim Gray*.

Have you despaired of finding good movies that your family can enjoy together on a Friday night? Start with *Mother Teresa*, the story of the selfless saint who brought hope and love to the poorest of the poor.

You can enjoy **FORMED** on your computer or on your television with an inexpensive Roku device or Apple TV. You can even listen on your phone as you commute to work or do chores.

My hope and prayer is that the content on **FORMED** will enrich, deepen, and inspire your faith. Please pray for our benefactors who have made a **FORMED** subscription a reality for our parish. Please pray for the people at the Augustine Institute who create this wonderful and much-needed Catholic content for our people.

May the good Lord bless you and all of your loved ones!
Fr. Paul

To gain access to all of FORMED's content, follow these simple steps:

1. Go to <https://signup.formed.org/>
2. Enter our parish's zip code
3. Enter your name and your email address

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That's it! You're in. Now you can get the free **FORMED** app for your phone by searching *FORMED Catholic* in your app store.



The Knights of Columbus will be selling decorated **Christmas wreaths** after all weekend masses starting December 2nd. Cost is \$20 each. Sales will continue until they are sold out. Proceeds will support our scholarship fund.

ADVENT SANDWICH MAKING

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO DO DURING ADVENT?

WHY NOT TRY MAKING SANDWICHES FOR THOSE IN NEED AT ST. JOSEPH'S SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER IN ELIZABETH

HERE IS HOW IT WORKS:

EVERY THURSDAY EVENING BETWEEN 6:30 AND 7:00 PM THERE IS A VOLUNTEER AT THE ANNEX (THE TWO GARAGES FACING COOLIDGE PLACE) COLLECTING SANDWICHES THAT WILL BE DELIVERED TO ST. JOSEPH'S.

GUIDELINES FOR SANDWICHES:

SANDWICHES CAN BE MADE WITH MEAT (2 SLICES) AND CHEESE (1 SLICE) OR PEANUT BUTTER AND JELLY. NOTHING WITH MAYO, CONDIMENTS, LETTUCE, OR TOMATO. SANDWICHES MUST BE INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED IN PLASTIC SANDWICH BAGS (NO ALUMINUM FOIL) AND INSERTED BACK IN THE BREAD BAG. ONE LOAF OF BREAD TYPICALLY IS ENOUGH FOR 10 SANDWICHES

YOU MUST MARK THE OUTSIDE OF THE BREAD BAG WITH THE TYPE OF SANDWICH AND THE DATE THAT IT WAS MADE. (EXAMPLE: PBJ 2/15 OR HAM & CHEESE 2/22)

GOD BLESS, DEACON DAVE

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.



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

Come Join Our Children's Choir!

We will be singing at the 4 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve (Sunday, December 24).

We will rehearse in the Choir Loft of the Church on Tuesday evenings from 6:15-6:45 p.m. .

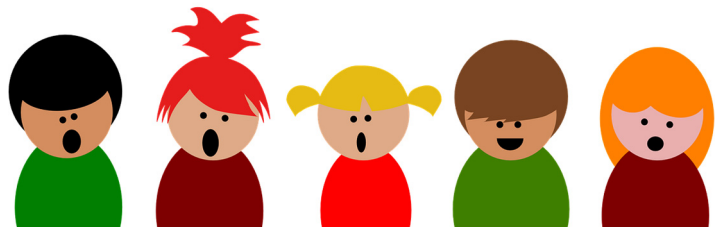
Following is the schedule:

December 5, December 12 & December 19

Please come and join us and help us celebrate with your wonderful voices!!

PARENTS: Please sign the permission slip available at the church entrances and return it to Donna Schmatz in the Choir Loft after mass OR bring it to the rehearsal.

If you have any questions, please see Donna after Mass or call 908-510-1964.



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

From a letter by Saint Ambrose, bishop
(Epist. 2, 1-2. 4-5. 7: PL [edit. 1845,] 879, 881)

By the grace of your words win over your people

You have entered upon the office of bishop. Sitting at the helm of the Church, you pilot the ship against the waves. Take firm hold of the rudder of faith so that the severe storms of this world cannot disturb you. The sea is mighty and vast, but do not be afraid, for as Scripture says: *he has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the waters.*

The Church of the Lord is built upon the rock of the apostles among so many dangers in the world; it therefore remains unmoved. The Church's foundation is unshakeable and firm against the assaults of the raging sea. Waves lash at the Church but do not shatter it. Although the elements of this world constantly beat upon the Church with crashing sounds, the Church possesses the safest harbor of salvation for all in distress. Although the Church is tossed about on the sea, it rides easily on rivers, especially those rivers that Scripture speaks of: *The rivers have lifted up their voice.* These are the rivers flowing from the heart of the man who is given drink by Christ and who receives from the Spirit of God. When these rivers overflow with the grace of the Spirit, they lift up their voice.

There is also a stream which flows down on God's saints like a torrent. There is also a rushing river giving joy to the heart that is at peace and makes for peace. Whoever has received from the fullness of this river, like John the Evangelist, like Peter and Paul, lifts up his voice. Just as the apostles lifted up their voices and preached the Gospel throughout the world, so those who drink these waters begin to preach the good news of the Lord Jesus.

Drink, then, from Christ, so that your voice may also be heard. Store up in your mind the water that is Christ, the water that praises the Lord. Store up water from many sources, the water that rains down from the clouds of prophecy. Whoever gathers water from the mountains and leads it to himself or draws it from springs, is himself a source of dew like the clouds. Fill your soul, then, with this water, so that your land may not be dry, but watered by your own springs.

He who reads much and understands much, receives his fill. He who is full, refreshes others. So Scripture says: *If the clouds are full, they will pour rain upon the earth.*

Therefore, let your words be rivers, clean and limpid, so that in your exhortations you may charm the ears of your people. And by the grace of your words win them over to follow your leadership. Let your sermons be full of understanding. Solomon says: *The weapons of the understanding are the lips of the wise;* and in another place he says: *Let your lips be bound with wisdom.* That is, let the meaning of your words shine forth, let understanding blaze out. See that your addresses and expositions do not need to invoke the authority of others, but let your words be their own defense. Let no word escape your lips in vain or be uttered without depth of meaning.

St. Ambrose of Milan (Aurelius Ambrosius), was a theologian and statesman who served as Bishop of Milan from 374 to 397. He fiercely promoted Roman Christianity against Arianism and paganism.

GIVING TREE 2023

Once again we will be having our GIVING TREE at Christmas!

This is to have an opportunity to help out someone who is not as fortunate this Christmas! You will see "tags" on the tree. The tag will have the first name of someone who is in need of a gift this year. There may also be a clothing size in case you decide to purchase something that needs that.



WE DO NOT GIVE CASH OR GIFT CARDS!

St. Joseph's Social Service Center is requesting that their gifts be returned by Dec. 13. You will see a return by date on those tags. It would greatly help them if you could make that date. BUT, if the gift is returned later, it will still get to St. Joe's!

Take a tag off the tree and when you have purchased the item, return the item in UNWRAPPED CONDITION. WE WILL HAVE TO UNWRAP ANY GIFTS THAT COME IN WRAPPED!

You may put it in a gift bag with just tissue paper. That is the ideal way to do it.

PUT THE GIFT YOU PURCHASED UNDER THE GIVING TREE

ATTACH THE TAG YOU TOOK OFF THE TREE TO THE GIFT BAG OR GIFT ITSELF SO WE KNOW TO WHOM TO GIVE THE GIFT!!!!

PLEASE SIGN YOUR FIRST NAME as the giver...so you can write FROM.....

We like this to be as personal as possible so we give directly from one person to another.

If you have any questions, call Anthony at 908-620-0734 or email giordanoanthony@hotmail.com
Thanks!!!

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

Please Donate Your Books

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of Religion

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erence, magazines, or water damaged books.**

Questions? Contact:

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