

Church of the Assumption

a Roman Catholic Parish

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Feast of the Holy Family 31 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.

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8:00 AM till 4:00 PM

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



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

MASS INTENTIONS

5:00 PM ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY
Millicent Infuso
 Judy Rorro & Joanne Vallone

SUNDAY December 31 THE HOLY FAMILY OF JMJ

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

10:30 AM **Rosemary Peterson**
 Carl & Antia Hokanson

12:00 PM **John & Mary Swedish**
 Children

MONDAY January 1 Solemnity of the Mother of God

9:00 AM **Mark Philip Balasbas**
 CDCN Class of '77

TUESDAY Jan 2 Basil & Gregory Nazianzen, bishops

8:00 AM **Helen Klinger**
 Love, Irene Yurcisin

WEDNESDAY January 3 Most Holy Name of Jesus

8:00 AM **Mike Lafferty**
 Jacqueline Good

THURSDAY January 4 Elizabeth Ann Seton, relig.

8:00 AM **John Antonucci**
 Love, Mom

FRIDAY January 5 John Neumann, bishop

8:00 AM **Thomas McKenna**
 Joan & family

SATURDAY January 6 Andre Bessette, religious

8:00 AM **Mary Liquori & Rob Liquori**
 Ann Endress

5:00 PM ANTICIPATED MASS FOR SUNDAY
Corporate Mass

SUNDAY January 7 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

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

10:30 AM **Ralph Oliveri**
 Son, Ralph

12:00 PM **Joseph Iannetta**
 Antoinette Auletta

FAITH,
FAMILY,
FUTURE.

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

MEETINGS

Finance Council	Feb 12	7:00	UPH
Pastoral Council	Jan 08	7:00	UPH
Rosary Society	TBA	7:00	LPH
Knights of Columbus	Jan 24	8:00	Loreti Hall

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, Linda Geiger, 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
Reid Reinhart



Prayer for Our Troops

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

Special Memorial Donations

Special Donations—call the office to make donations for Hosts & Wine for Mass, Candles, Sanctuary Light or Tabernacle flowers. Special Donation envelopes are at the doors of the church.

Bread for Mass given
IN LOVING MEMORY OF
ANTHONY MICHAEL DEMARZO
 req. by the Family

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34
Thursday: 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Jn 1:35-42
Friday: 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Jn 1:43-51
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38
Sunday: Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

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



From an address by Saint Paul VI, pope
(Nazareth, January 5, 1964)

Nazareth, a model

Nazareth is a kind of school where we may begin to discover what Christ's life was like and even to understand his Gospel. Here we can observe and ponder the simple appeal of the way God's Son came to be known, profound yet full of hidden meaning. And gradually we may even learn to imitate him.

Here we can learn to realize who Christ really is. And here we can sense and take account of the conditions and circumstances that surrounded and affected his life on earth: the places, the tenor of the times, the culture, the language, religious customs, in brief, everything which Jesus used to make himself known to the world. Here everything speaks to us, everything has meaning. Here we can learn the importance of spiritual discipline for all who wish to follow Christ and to live by the teachings of his Gospel.

How I would like to return to my childhood and attend the simple yet profound school that is Nazareth! How wonderful to be close to Mary, learning again the lesson of the true meaning of life, learning again God's truths. But here we are only on pilgrimage. Time presses and I must set aside my desire to stay and carry on my education in the Gospel, for that education is never finished. But I cannot leave without recalling, briefly and in passing; some thoughts I take with me from Nazareth.

First, we learn from its silence. If only we could once again appreciate its great value. We need this wonderful state of mind, beset as we are by the cacophony of strident protests and conflicting claims so characteristic of these turbulent times. The silence of Nazareth should teach us how to meditate in peace and quiet, to reflect on the deeply spiritual, and to be open to the voice of God's inner wisdom and the counsel of his true teachers. Nazareth can teach us the value of study and preparation, of meditation, of a well-ordered personal spiritual life, and of silent prayer that is known only to God.

Second, we learn about family life. May Nazareth serve as a model of what the family should be. May it show us the family's holy and enduring character and exemplify its basic function in society: a community of love and sharing, beautiful for the problems it poses and the rewards it brings, in sum, the perfect setting for rearing children—and for this there is no substitute.

Finally, in Nazareth, the home of a craftsman's son, we learn about work and the discipline it entails. I would especially like to recognize its value—demanding yet redeeming—and to give it proper respect. I would remind everyone that work has its own dignity. On the other hand, it is not an end in itself. Its value and free character, however, derive not only from its place in the economic system, as they say, but rather from the purpose it serves.

In closing, may I express my deep regard for people everywhere who work for a living. To them I would point out their great model, Christ their brother, our Lord and God, who is their prophet in every cause that promotes their well-being.

A special thank you to all those who sent me greetings, cookies, and gifts this Christmas. May God continue to bless you this coming year of Grace, 2024.

Pax Christi, Fr. Paul

PEACE v. HELLO

St. Paul said to the Romans: Be at peace with God and with others.

As the Children of God we are to be at peace with one another as we are with Christ: As I have loved you, **so you must** love one another. When we offer peace at Mass, we are instructed in the Roman Missal to express this peace to those **near** us. Waving hello to each other is not a sign of peace. Peace implies forgiveness, love, and joy. It symbolizes in a very real way our communio. This sign of peace at the Holy Mass was instituted by Pope John XXIII and it is optional. If the priest or deacon says, "Let us offer a sign of peace," then we can do so. A proper gesture is a handshake, a gentle bow, a hug, or a kiss. However, waving and flashing victory signs (V), does not imply peace, but rather hello, welcome, nice to see you. Such gestures should occur when you arrive at your pew or at the church. The sign of peace (at Mass) is NOT a greeting. It is an offering of the peace (of Christ) the world cannot give. Imagine Christ came down to earth to wave at us and say hello, rather than "Peace be with you. Peace, I leave you, my peace I give you." Jesus' peace offers forgiveness and brings us joy even in the hardest of times.



OR



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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The Corporate Mass Offerings
January 6 at 5:00 P.M. Mass

Michael Bonassisa, Sr. req. by the Family

The Martino Family (Mother, Father, Brother)
req. by Love, Gilda

Salvatore Carmel
Mark Tucci
req. by Cris Tucci

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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.

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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 site 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 24/25

Jan 6/7

LECTORS

5:00 PM	Leona Seufert	Gerard Taveras
8:00 AM	John Ballantyne	Anthony Cordero
10:30 AM	Sebastian Saavedra	Diane Burgos
12:00 PM	Debbie Kachnowski	Patty Muccia

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 PM		Joe Schmatz
8:00 AM	Carol Ballantyne	Loretta Raczynski
10:30 AM	Giovanni Scipioni	Giovanni Scipioni
12:00 PM	William Casaine Emily Casaine	William Casaine Emily Casaine

Sanctity of Life

RACHEL'S VINEYARD

The Church can also be a place to heal. We are called to "be merciful like the Father." So many are suffering from the effects of abortion. Where can they heal? Where can they feel safe and loved?

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect Life Office hosts Rachel's Vineyard retreats to heal the wounds from abortion.

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

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

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, January 10, from 1-3pm.

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Elizabeth Ann Bayley was born in New York City on Aug. 28, 1774 to a prominent Episcopal family, and lost her mother at the age of three. In 1794, she married William Seton with whom she had 5 children. William died of tuberculosis in 1803. After discovering Catholicism in Italy, where her husband had died, Elizabeth returned to the United States and entered the Catholic Church in 1805.

After a number of difficult years, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, planting the seeds of Catholic education in the United States. Her legacy now includes religious congregations in the United States and Canada, whose members work on the unmet needs of people living in poverty in North America and beyond.

Mother Seton, as she is often called, was canonized on Sunday, September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI. She was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "Saint." Her remains are entombed in Emmitsburg in the Basilica at the National Shrine that bears her name.



"Roselle Catholic High School would love to have your son or daughter become part of our community! For any questions about our program or admission process, please contact Mishell Arizaga, marizaga@rosellecatholic.org or 908-445-7900. Have a blessed day!"

Vocation Discernment Retreat for Women

The Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth at St. Walburga Monastery will host a Vocation Discernment Retreat from January 5 through 7 for single women ages 18 to 55. For more information, please contact Sr. Rosemary Kenny, Vocation Director, at 908-352-4278 x206 or by email at Rosemaryosb@bensisnj.org.

Retreats

The Spirituality Center at St. Walburga Monastery will also present two retreats for lay Catholics in January: "*Wintering With God*" - a morning mini retreat - will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2024, from 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and "*Thomas Merton-Contemplative Activist*" takes place January 26 to 28. To learn more visit: <https://bensisnj.org>

WANTED: COMMUNION MINISTERS & READERS

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

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

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

Lazarus Ministry
Comfort the Sorrowing



Assist grieving families as they prepare their loved one's funeral.
All you need is a kind disposition and attentive heart.

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



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

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Presenter: ALLAN F. WRIGHT

Husband, father, author, and a lifelong New Jersey resident, Allan is the Executive Director of the NJ Family Policy Center and an Adjunct Professor in both the School of Theology and the Department of Catholic Studies at Seton Hall University. A specialist in Catholic theology, Allan teaches the courses: Biblical Call Narratives, and The Parables of Jesus: Models of Evangelization and Spirituality of Work.

Tuesday, January 9 and

Thursday, January 11, 2024

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Live Virtual Course on Zoom



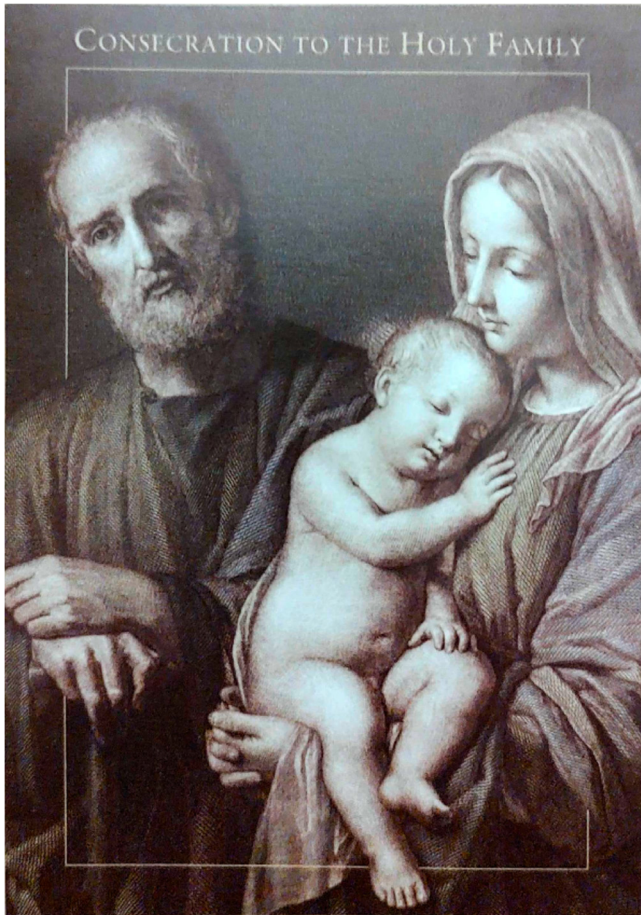
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Religious Life for Women and Men

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



O Lord Jesus,
 you lived in the home of Mary and Joseph in Nazareth.
 There you grew in age, wisdom and grace
 as you prepared to fulfill your mission
 as our Redeemer.
We entrust our family to you.

O Blessed Mary,
 you are the Mother of our Savior.
 At Nazareth you cared for Jesus
 and nurtured him in the peace and joy of your home.
We entrust our family to you.

O Saint Joseph,
 you provided a secure and loving home for Jesus and Mary,
 and gave us a model of fatherhood
 while showing us the dignity of work.
We entrust our family to you.

Holy Family,
 we consecrate ourselves and our family to you.
 May we be completely united
 in a love that is lasting, faithful
 and open to the gift of new life.
 Help us to grow in virtue,
 to forgive one another from our hearts,
 and to live in peace all our days.
 Keep us strong in faith, persevering in prayer,
 diligent in our work, and generous toward those in need.
 May our home, O Holy Family,
 truly become a domestic church
 where we reflect your example in our daily life. Amen.
Jesus, Mary and Joseph, pray for us!

Prayer composed by Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, Supreme Chaplain.

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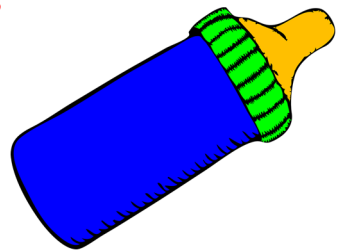
ΛΛΛΛΛ To help families live out the joy of Christ, Supreme Chaplain Archbishop William Lori has composed a prayer through which families will come together to consecrate themselves under the protection of the Holy Family. In this prayer, we ask for the aid or intercession of the perfect son Jesus Christ, Mary the perfect mother, and Joseph who is a model for every father. Councils will guide their parishes and community to understand and offer this prayer. Preparing for the Consecration to the Holy Family is not a single event. It is choosing a way of life for your family. Through this consecration, each participant is consciously choosing to be a beacon of God’s love through His Church.

With your family, pray this pray this first week of the year, dedicating your family to the Holy Family of Bethlehem.
 Knights of Columbus

**Baby Bottle Boomerang Fundraising Event
 Supporting Raphael's Life House**

The KOC will be handing out baby bottles in the narthex of the church at all of the Masses on Dec. 30-31 & Jan. 6-7. Filled bottles will be collected in the narthex of the church at all of the Masses on Jan. 20-21 & Jan. 27-28. The Knights want to thank you for your continued support of this event that has such a significant impact on these vulnerably mothers and their babies.

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