

Since 1848 The Parish Family of

*The Church of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Welcomes You



As we pray for you, we ask for your prayers.

*Mass
Schedule*

Saturday

8:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

Sunday

7:00, 8:30, 10:00 a.m.
12:15 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
(Sept.-May)

Weekdays

7:00 a.m.
12:05 p.m.

Holy Days

5:30 p.m. Vigil
(Day Before)
7:00 a.m. &
12:05, 7:30 p.m.

National Holidays

9:00 a.m.



Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Parish Office Hours Monday through Thursday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Parish Registration: Call 973-539-2141 or visit the parish website at www.assumptionparish.org.

Assumption School: 973-538-0590; www.assumptionnj.org
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Lisa Sullivan: Confirmation—973-267-8519

Tara Speer: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sue Paradise: Secretary

The Religious Education program runs for 16 or 20 Sundays—October through March. Kindergarten through 5th grade classes meet 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; 6th through 8th classes meet immediately following the 5:30 p.m. Sunday Youth Mass. The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes meet on Sunday mornings and Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. Confirmation groups meet once or twice per month on Sunday evenings.

Music Ministry—973-539-2141, extension 19

Claudia Nardi: Director, Karen Chiappini: Organist

Adult Choir, Youth Ministry Choir, Children's Choir

Holy Rood Cemetery—973-539-7501

Website: www.holyroodcemeterynj.com

Diana Loughman: Cemetery Director

Emerson Brito: Caretaker

Caleb Dunn: Caretaker

Church Sexton—Doug Reisch

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday—4:15 to 5:00 p.m. or by appointment

Marriage: Arrangements should be made with a priest or deacon by registered parishioners **at least one year in advance** of the marriage date. Marriage arrangements should be made PRIOR to reserving reception facility.

Baptisms: Registered parishioners should contact Liz Rotunno in the Parish Office to arrange for Baptismal Preparation and the Sacrament of Baptism. For first-time parents, attendance at one Baptismal Preparation evening class is required.

Visitation of the Sick and Elderly: Please keep us informed so that we may be attentive to those who are ill at home or in the hospital. Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion on Sundays.



Ministries

Africa Surgery	Tom Johnson	973-292-3320
Altar Linens	Mike Cherello	973-267-6825
Altar Servers	Fr. John Hart	973-539-2141
Bereavement	Marion Lapchak	973-285-1976
Bethany	Linda Macios	973-539-2141
Boy Scouts	Dave Lage	201-919-7259
Cub Scouts	John Lago	973-580-6699
Centering Prayer	Fr. Ken Lasch	973-538-2653
Children's Worship	Linda Cannilla	973-540-1683
CYO Basketball	Kevin Bopp	917-861-2876
Deaf Interpreter	Kathleen Skaf	862-432-6004
Deaf Ministry	Barbara Zurlo	973-337-7591 VP
Endowment for Poor	Claudia Nardi	973-539-2141
Eucharistic Min.	Hope Zenker	973-401-1010
Family Promise	Mary Dougherty	973-538-9003
Fertility Care (NFP)	Kelley Pridgen	704-305-2646
Finance Committee	Dorothy Flynn	973-538-2634
Food Pantry	Claudia Nardi	973-539-2141
Gardening	Janet Dedrick	973-539-2141
Giving Tree	Brian Morgan	973-462-6972
Good Samaritan	Pat Moore	973-539-2141
Home School Assoc.	Debbie DeAngelis	973-889-8520
Holistic Health	Michele Cameron	973-769-9634
Homeless Solutions	Ralph Ferrara	973-538-8268
JustFaith	Kerry Mowry	973-683-1220
Knights of Columbus	Joseph Lee	973-267-9175
Moms and Tots	Henriette Kahn	973-539-1350
Nursing Homes	Joan Kramer	973-539-4910
Pre-Canva	Ken and Rosa Rose	973-539-9845
RCIA	Fr. John Hart	973-539-2141
Readers	Andrea Bozzi	973-656-9864
Respect Life	Anne Marie and Leonard Crann	973-539-4650
Senior Citizens	Joan Kramer	973-539-4910
Singles 45+	Denise Imperiale	908-477-9450
Soup Kitchen	Annaliese Rush	973-455-0391
Ushers	Anthony Romano	973-267-5433
Welcome and Hospitality	Moira Clarkin	973-539-4390
Women's Cornerstone	Denise Imperiale	908-477-9450
Vocations	Tom Hand	973-998-4630
Young Professionals	Fr. Przemek	973-539-2141
Youth Ministry	Lisa Sullivan	973-267-8519

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	October 24
8:00 a.m.	Jane Bardes
5:30 p.m.	Laura Ansaldo Helen Michnya
SUNDAY	October 25
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Eugene Martin Griffin Jackie Negri
10:00 a.m.	Lizbeth Hernandez Tom Thornton
12:15 p.m.	Joseph Baron Annie Pereira
5:30 p.m.	Harry Hill Jane Bardes
MONDAY	October 26
7:00 a.m.	The Deceased Members of the Castellano and Lynch Families
12:05 p.m.	Theresa O'Connell
TUESDAY	October 27
7:00 a.m.	Mariano and Rose Romo Castellano
12:05 p.m.	Gary Van Ghent
WEDNESDAY	October 28
7:00 a.m.	Aloysius J. and Nancy Lynch Castellano
12:05 p.m.	Theodore L. Filippone
THURSDAY	October 29
7:00 a.m.	James and Josephine Ryan Lynch
12:05 p.m.	Richard Zech
FRIDAY	October 30
7:00 a.m.	Deceased Friends from the 7 a.m. Mass
12:05 p.m.	Josephine Smith
SATURDAY	October 31
8:00 a.m.	Jane Madilyn Forlenza
5:30 p.m.	Kathleen Carroll Norman Champlin
SUNDAY	November 1
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Frank Montemurno Jackie Negri
10:00 a.m.	Robert Delaney Deacon William Harty
12:15 p.m.	Sergio and Mila Nepomuceno Peggy McGee
5:30 p.m.	Alice Gremilot Patricia Manahan

GATHER IN PRAYER

- Pray the Rosary weekdays 20 minutes before the 12:05 p.m. Mass.
- Pray the Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal every Monday immediately following the 12:05 p.m. Mass.
- Eucharistic Adoration the first Saturday of each month 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. and the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
- Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel, Cedar Knolls.

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

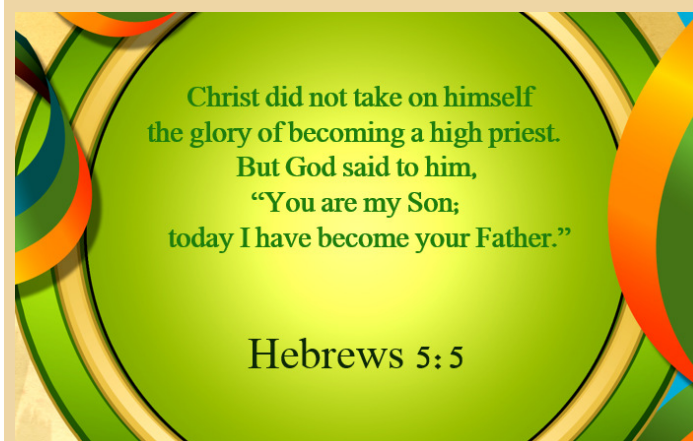
This first reading is a jubilant exclamation of the prophet Jeremiah to the Jewish exiles in Babylon. Because Israel is God's firstborn, the exiles will be recalled from their banishment and tears will give way to laughter.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

In this excerpt from the Letter to the Hebrews, the author continues his reflection on Jesus as the Son of God, appointed as high priest for the sake of all.

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

In this gospel passage from Mark, blindness gives way to sight because of the renewing presence of the reign of God.



We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the Readings for the week of October 25

Monday	Rom 8:12-17; Ps 68; Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday	Rom 8:18-25; Ps 126; Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday	Eph 2:19-22; Ps 19; Lk 6:12-16
Thursday	Rom 8:31b-39; Ps 109; Lk 13:31-35
Friday	Rom 9:1-5; Ps 147; Lk 14:1-6
Saturday	Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29; Ps 94; Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday	All Saints Rv 7:2-4, 9-14; Ps 24; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12a

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

We will have Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday November 2, at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, November 7, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us.

"People ask me: 'What will convert America and save the world?' My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer."

St. Teresa of Calcutta

**PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY
FOR THE RECOVERY OF:**



Rosalie Sottile, Charles Arteglier, Patricia Ioannou, Jake Faccenda, Charles Arnolt, Paul Albanese, Eileen Scheibner, Dylan Lewman, Gladys Wilcox, Anthony DaMelio, Gerry Hogan, Kenneth Eastman, Colin Wisniewski, Barbara O'Hagan, Sandy Hruska, Joanne Veon, Susan Krauss, Kimberly Caswell, David Harris, Anetta Burdzy, Robert Kamenetz, Julie Winne, Dr. Tom Foley, Denise Kelly, Andrew Pineda, Sadina Certa, David Sansone, Ruth Rusin, Marge Hefferon, Frank Lutz, Gloria Dabal, Jack Kelly, Allan Russo, Francis Bourdin, Jim and Kay Cavanaugh, Justin Lee, Josephine McCarthy, Albert Garcia Jr., Mary Carr, Jim Gallo, Frank Geraghty, Phyllis Savage, Marie Therese Vaz, Brenda Hinds, John Hyland, William Peason, Carol Padden, Elaine Metzger, Julia Marley, John Geraghty, Lois Collins, Denise Ginty, John Cvicker, Gerry Caleo, Tom, Greg and John Baxter, Ruth Necco, Patty Parker Moncrief, Marva Jean Corbin, Lisa Maderna, Rossana Wright, Vivian Harris, Mary Reisch, Robert Hook, William Thigpen, Patricia Waters, Audrey Sherry, Dennis Joseph Roberts, Melissa Cavezza, Steven Cavezza, John Theivon, Mike Baxley, Dyrick Phillip, Jessie Moore, Barbara Kane, Kenneth Krause, Kathy Shay, Baby Emma Wyman, Dianne Jaworski, William Moeller, Augustus Perkins, Angela Irene, Cynthia Scott, Mike Sottile, Cora Brady Huston, Paul Drobbin, Francis Montemurno, Jr., Elizabeth Quinn, Fr. Martin Rauscher, Martin Cerza, Michele McNany, William Perkins, Jr, Brian Chewning, Paula Rose Carducci, Sandra Moorman, Joan Kobylarz, Matthew Luteran, Kathleen Callahan, Jack Frost, Mitchell Cooper, and Payton O'Brien.

Please call the Parish Office at 973-539-2141 with the names of who you would like included in the prayers for the good health of the sick and homebound.

GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

Need help? Our ministry can assist Assumption parishioners with shopping, banking, local doctor and dentist appointments, and other similar errands. Contact our coordinator for October, Jeanette Fredericks, 973-216-2231.

**RESPECT LIFE MASS
(MASS FOR THE UNBORN)**

Bishop Serratelli will celebrate a Respect Life Mass on Saturday, November 7, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint Ann Parish, Parsippany. This Mass is sponsored by the Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus Councils. All clergy, staff, parishioners, friends and families are encouraged to attend. Following the Mass, there will be light refreshments. The Mass is a wonderful way for our faithful to come together in prayer and in mutual support for protecting all of our children - born and unborn. Please save this date on your calendar.

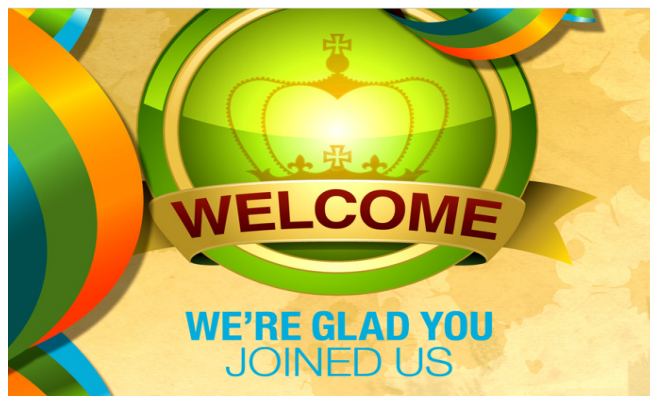
**PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY AND THEIR LOVED ONES WHO
HAVE SERVED, OR ARE SERVING, IN
THE ARMED FORCES**

CW3 Michael Benkosky Green Beret, Special Forces, Airborne Joint Forces; *Commander William H. Shipp*, Commanding Officer HCS-8, San Diego; *Andrew Vasquez* US Army; *Andy Soucy* US Army; *Dan Lessnau* Former Marine and Veteran of the Viet Nam War; *Kevin Felix* US Military Colonel; *Lt. Tim Fleury*, US Navy; *Staff Sergeant William J. McSweeney* Retired Marine Served Around the World; *Matthew Gonabe*, Lt. US Navy Pilot Serving in the Persian Gulf; *David Ribardo*, 1st Lt. US Army Serving in Afghanistan; *Capt. Brendan Griswold* 82nd Air Borne in Afghanistan; *Capt. Patrick Flynn*, US Army 1st Infantry, Afghanistan; *Sergeant Richard Galluzzo* Serving in Afghanistan, *Lt. Thomas Keyes Jr.*; *PFC Chad Chojnacki*, Combat Medic, grandson of Annabel Wannemacher; *Cpts. Scott and Meghan Harra*, US Army in Afghanistan; *Captain Timothy Newcomb*, US Army Special Forces; *Col. Jason M. Barrett*, USMC in Iraq and Afghanistan; *Capt. James Cassidy*, USMC in Afghanistan; *Ensign Devon Cassidy*, Navy Nurse in California; *Penny and Christian Jimenez*, Navy Lt. Commanders in Japan; *2nd Lt. Andrew Pineda* and *Capt. Laurence Pineda*, US Air Force, SMSgt. *John Bartow*, Stratton ANGB NY, *Douglas Reisch*, 1/325 Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division, *Daniel Baron*, US Navy, Hawaii, 1LT *Schuyler Orecchio*, 10th Mountain Division, Afghanistan.

**2015 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
SERVING CHRIST AMONG US**

Our Catholic Charities agencies continue to serve tens of thousands of people in profound need each year. These people could be your neighbors, coworkers, friends or loved ones. As Catholics, we are committed to serving Christ among us, especially those who are hurting and lost. The largest percentage of appeal funds each year is used to help our Catholic Charities agencies do their essential work.

Please make a pledge to the 2015 appeal today. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2015appeal.org.



"MASTER, I WANT TO SEE."

*Bartimaeus, a blind man, the son of Timaeus, sat by the roadside begging.
Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me! Master, I want to see." (Mark 10: 46-52)*

Today's Gospel is the beautiful, moving account of Jesus' opening the eyes of the blind man, Bartimaeus. We have the opportunity to reflect on our own need to have our eyes opened and ask the Lord to heal our spiritual blindness so that we can see clearly the beauty and grace that God gives us every day. Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy.

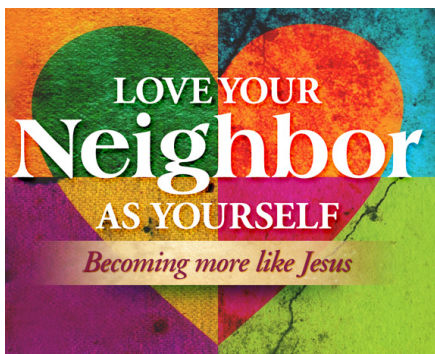
In this particular town, Laurel Street is a treacherous street to drive: it's narrow and dark, there are no lights, the road is pitched along a ledge between a perpendicular cliff and precipitous bluff. One especially dangerous stretch of Laurel Street is a dark, narrow, chute - a tunnel, really - where sensible drivers take it slow and hug the right side of the road.

One evening, a family was coming home from a school event by way of Laurel Street. The father was behind the wheel. He immediately slowed down as he approached the most dangerous stretch of road. Suddenly, a guy pulls up behind him. He blared his horn and flashed his high beams, making the dad's driving even more tentative. Then, unbelievably, the enraged driver gunned his engine to 80 miles an hour and roared passed them, leaning on his horn the whole way. The family was terrified. Dad was so rattled that he stopped the car as soon as it was safe and checked to make sure everyone was OK. When they got home a few minutes later, Dad called the police.

The next day the family learned that, after passing them at what police said was more than a hundred miles an hour, the maniac driver drove directly into oncoming traffic coming the other way. He was killed instantly. Speculation was that he was drunk, on drugs, depressed. One thing was certain: he was young.

The incident on Laurel Street happened years ago, but the father never forgot that night and his rage at the danger the young fool had put his family in. But now, the dad, writer Brian Doyle, remembers that night - and the young driver - a little more "mercifully."

Looking back on that night so many years later, he writes, "I find myself remembering that he was young, and addled and suicidal, and dark, and probably lonely, and probably frightened. He was somebody's boy. Probably people loved him and feared that he was lost and feared that no rope or hand or word could reach him anymore. Probably he got in his car just about the time we piled into ours, and we set out for home, and he set out to die. I will always be furious about that haunted moment in the narrow chute, I will always feel a quiver of fear when I remember how close we came to death, but now I also feel a shiver of something else for that poor boy. The idiot who came within inches of killing my children was a rattled child himself. A good dad would pray somehow for that child, if all children are our children, which of course they are; and so yet again I have to try to find mercy inside pain, which is, as we both know, the work of a lifetime." "On Laurel Street" by Brian Doyle, *The Christian Century*, August 5, 2015.]



Today's Gospel is not about the restoring of a blind man's physical vision as much as about illuminating one man's heart to see the goodness of God in his life. Over time, a dad begins to see more than the irresponsible idiot who almost killed his family - he sees a troubled boy, someone's son, a kid in need of help. As he restores not only physical sight but a sense of the reality of God's love to the blind Bartimaeus, Jesus comes to restore our "sight" to see God's compassion and mercy in our lives, to heal us of our blindness to our own sins of selfishness and hatred we too easily rationalize away. To see with the eyes of faith gives us that perspective for recognizing the Spirit of God in every human being and for discerning the presence of God in every place and moment. (Connections)

In Christ's Peace,

John

The greatest of all disorders is to think we are whole, and need no help. (Thomas Wilson)

WHAT GOD HAS DONE FOR ME

Bartimaeus did not hesitate to act once he was healed. As soon as he was able to see, he began to follow Jesus. We can also be sure that he began to tell others what Jesus did for him.

Adults: Am I sometimes hesitant to share with others how I have been blessed? Do I realize that my gratitude can help others to believe?

Children: What things can I do easily and well? Do I realize that such talents are gifts from God who loves me?

A Family Perspective: Our Gospel offers us a powerful example of faith and persistence in prayer. Those around him rebuked Bartimaeus for his efforts to attract Jesus' attention. When silenced by the crowd, however, Bartimaeus called out all the more. He is persistent and bold in his confidence that Jesus will show mercy on him and do what he asks. His persistence and great confidence that Jesus would help him reminds us of the confidence with which our children bring to us their needs. In their faith and trust we can find an example of the attitude with which we might approach God in prayer. As a family, recall a request that has been made repeatedly by one family member to another. Talk about why the request continues to be made if the answer continues to be no. After reading the Gospel, pose questions such as these to your family: Why must Bartimaeus be persistent in calling out to Jesus? (Some people in the crowd are telling him to be quiet.) What does Bartimaeus do when some try to stop him? (He calls out to Jesus all the more.) When Jesus stops and calls for him, what does Jesus do and say? (He restores Bartimaeus's sight; Jesus tells Bartimaeus his faith has saved him.) When we pray, God wants us to be so confident he will help us that we don't permit anyone to keep us from bringing our needs to God in prayer. Invite family members to identify the things they need most from God.

HOLY ROOD CEMETERY

61 WHIPPANY ROAD, MORRISTOWN



Holy Rood Cemetery will be celebrating All Souls Day with an Open House on Sunday, November 1. Msgr. John Hart will say the rosary from 2:00 to 2:30 p.m. Please join us for an afternoon of remembrance, prayer, and visitation. Light refreshments will be served.

MOMS AND TOTS GROUP MEETS THURSDAYS

The Assumption Moms and Tots group meets Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. in the lower level of the Parish Center. For further information, please contact Henriette Kahn at 973-539-1350.

NJ RIGHT TO LIFE RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets to support NJ Right to Life will be on sale after all Masses this weekend. Tickets are \$10 each and the prizes this year are a 2016 Volvo XC60, a \$1,000 Shop Rite gift card, a \$750 Shop Rite gift card, and a \$500 Shop Rite gift card. The drawing will be on November 20, 2015.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PRESENT CATHOLIC APOLOGETICS

Please join Assumption's Young Professional Ministry **Friday, October 30th at 7pm in the Community Room**, for an evening of Catholic Apologetics. This month's topic is: Why do Catholics pray for the dead?

The talk, given by guest speaker John J. Mihalko, will discuss the communion of saints as we approach the month of November when the Church prays for the dead. Fr. Przemek will be available for discussion and questions.

This event is BYOB, and pizza is provided! Adults 21 and up are welcome. Please come and join us

ATTENTION WOMEN! SAVE THE DATE! CORNERSTONE IS COMING, FEBRUARY 5 - 6

Break away from your routine and revitalize your relationship with God, others and yourself. The Cornerstone Retreat is a spiritual renewal process that brings women together to strengthen and rediscover faith and relationships. This is your time to pamper yourself spiritually, emotionally and physically. Overnight accommodations and meals will be provided at St. Mary's Abbey Retreat Center in Morristown. Watch the bulletin for more information soon or contact Denise Imperiale for more information at deeimperiale@gmail.com, or 908-477-9450

CALLING ALL PARENTS:

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO RECHARGE!

Catholic Parents Recharge, Assumption's own monthly parents group, met for the first time on October 11. We had a lively discussion about our busy lifestyles and how we find time to nurture our children's and our own faith, while being pulled in so many directions.

Catholic Parents Recharge provide parents with a supportive, faith-filled environment to:

- help you recharge from the pressures of the secular world
- strengthen your family dynamic, based upon our Catholic faith and values
- further your network of other Catholic families

Our next session for CPR will be on Sunday, November 15, from 10:15 - 11:30 a.m. If you have ideas for discussion topics and/or would like to join in, please email Kelly Harris at CPR@assumptionparish.org.



WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Connor Thomas Geraghty
Son of Steven and Jenna

Charles Maxwell Milligan and
James Joseph Milligan
Son of Shawn and Chastity

Noah Camden Gray
Son of John and Amanda

SOCK IT TO ME

The winter is upon us and our friends who are homeless or in need would benefit from the warmth of dry socks to keep their feet healthy and protected.

Please lend a hand and provide covering for their feet.

We will collect socks during the month of October. Any size new socks will do. Please drop them in the food baskets in the church and they will be delivered to those in need.

INTERESTED IN WOMEN'S HEALTH?

Do you want to learn more about how natural family planning and fertility awareness not only help couples to abide by church teaching but also diagnose and treat reproductive and fertility issues? There is a GREAT need in our diocese for individuals and couples to prayerfully consider becoming instructors in any of several methods of natural family planning. If you currently practice any method of NFP or are interested in learning more, please contact Kelley Pridgen at pridgenkad@gmail.com or 704-305-2646.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL

The Parish Finance Council is directly accountable to the Pastor and exists to provide insight and advice in parish financial matters. Members typically have a broad range of competencies in financial and business management. The following parishioners have agreed to share their time and talents on this essential and required council.

Kathleen Fennelly	Gregg Kurlander
Art Flinn	Fr. Przemyslaw Nowak
Dorothy Flynn, Chair	Robert Rohr

Ex-officio members are Kathleen Hyland, Trustee and Dan Polling, Trustee.

Please join me in thanking them for their efforts and support of our parish. If you have any questions, please call Dorothy Flynn, Chair, at 973-538-2634.

MASS ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 17/18

5:30 p.m.	278
7:00 a.m.	92
8:30 a.m.	174
10:00 a.m.	288
12:15 p.m.	185
5:30 p.m.	<u>395</u>
Total:	1,412

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The collection for the weekend of October 17/18 was \$19,482. The collection for this weekend last year was \$21,108. The collection for World Mission Sunday totaled \$3,445.

Pastor's Thank You: Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your outstanding and generous support of Assumption Parish. Your sacrificial giving enables us to carry out the mission given to us by Jesus who is "the Face of the Mercy of God."

SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR AFRICA SURGERY MINISTRY

Africa Surgery Ministry, which makes medical care and surgical treatments available for impoverished people in Sierra Leone, West Africa, is in need of the following new or used items:

- wheel chairs and crutches
- computers, mac or windows xp or newer
- cell or smart phones
- eye glasses and sun glasses
- medical supplies, such as tape, gauze pads, rubber gloves, bandages or hospice care items
- bedding, such as sheets blankets, and towels
- hand tools
- luggage and back packs
- children's summer clothing and footwear – male and female up to age 18
- treadle style sewing machines, fabric and sewing supplies
- soccer balls and bicycles
- English dictionaries and bibles.

Contact Tom at tomandtomjr@msn.com 973-292-3320 or for drop-off or pick-up. To learn more about the work of Africa Surgery, visit www.africasurgery.org.





**BRING YOUR OLD COATS THIS WEEKEND!
MARKET STREET MISSION'S
25TH ANNUAL COAT GIVEAWAY**

Would you like to donate coats, hats, scarves or gloves to men, women and children in need? Bring them to the garage at Assumption Church on the weekend of October 24/25.

Do you need a coat? Come to the "Coat Giveaway" Saturday, November 8 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on the Morristown Green.

**LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP FOR THE
ASSUMPTION PICTURE PROJECT**

The final dates to sign up for the Parish Picture Project are open, and are conveniently scheduled Thanksgiving weekend, so your college age students can participate. These family photos will make lovely Christmas gifts!

Visit www.assumptionparish.org and click on the picture link, or call the Parish Office at 973-539-2141 to schedule your photography session.

- All picture sessions take place in the Parish Community Room.
- Free 8x10 Portait and Directory
- **November 27, 28**

Sharon Bertram is coordinating volunteers for this project. If you are interested in helping during our photography sign-ups, or serving as a host or hostess during the photography sessions, email Sharon.bertram@assumptionparish.org or call her at 973-267-5638.

ALL SOULS MASS

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Morris County is celebrating an All Souls' Mass at Assumption Church in memory of the deceased members and supporters of the organization, on Thurs, Nov. 12, at 7:30 p.m.

Music will be provided by Claudia Nardi, Assumption Musical Director and by "The Guard", pipe and drum corp. A repast will follow in the Church Community Room. All are welcome.

VILLA WALSH CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

Villa Walsh will host their annual Christmas Boutique Extravaganza on Nov 1, from 12:00 Noon - 5:00 p.m., featuring unique gifts, crafts, plus a 50/50, Money Raffle, baked goods, and much, much more.

There's also a Food Court for nourishment while you shop. Come and enjoy their pizza frittatas made right on the premises as well as luncheon packages of homemade Italian sandwiches and desserts. You won't be able to resist their home baked cakes, pies, cookies, and Italian pizzelles along with their traditional pangiallo.

Please come and show your support for the retired teachers and the Senior Sisters housed in the infirmary.

SACRED THREAD MINISTRIES

**"I'M DRINKING FROM MY SAUCER
'CAUSE MY CUP OVERFLOWS"**

Join us on a day of reflection on gratitude as awareness of God's presence in our lives, by Sacred Thread Ministries retreat team, Fr. Peter Krebs, S.T., Ph.D., Sister Anita Constance, SC and Kathleen Detlet, D. Min on Friday, Nov. 6, 9:15 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at All Saints Parish Center, 15 Basking Ridge Rd., Millington NJ. Opportunity for spiritual direction. The cost of the day is \$50, which includes lunch. Contact Pat Hughes at phughes@sacredthreadministries.com or call 908-608-3160 or to register.

BROTHER MICKEY MCGRATH

Join us on November 6 at 7:30 p.m. in the Fr. Ed Center at St. Patrick's in Chatham for artist and storyteller Brother Mickey McGrath on his return visit for an evening of fun and devotion. Using his paintings and the stories behind them, Bro. Mickey will offer a fresh look at the lives of Dorothy Day (from his award-winning book, *Saved By Beauty*) as well as Elizabeth Seton and Mother Cabrini.

With New York as the theme, we will enjoy food and beverages with the flavor of the city – and experience the **joy of the Gospel** through the lives of these wise and holy women.

Tickets are \$15 available from the office, 41 Oliver St. or call: 973-635-0625 to reserve; pay and pick-up tickets at the door.



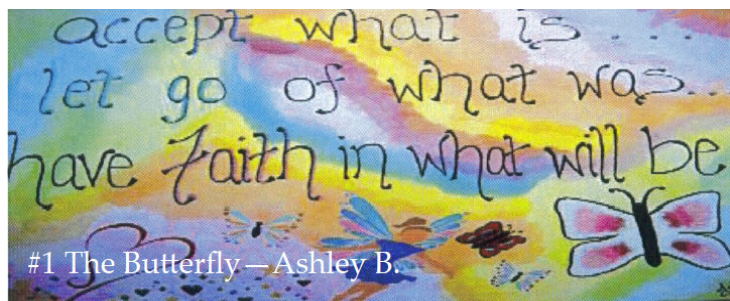
PIZZA WITH THE BISHOP

If you are a young man in high school or college, or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at DePaul High School in Wayne, NJ. For more information, please contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, ext 711.

**STRAIGHT AND NARROW
ART EXHIBITION AND SALE TODAY**

The Shrine of St. Joseph Straight & Narrow, invites you to an Art Exhibit, Auction and Sale, on Sunday October 25th, from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at Shrine of St. Joseph-Auditorium, 1050 Long Hill Road in Stirling.

Please join us and show your support for these remarkable men and women. All proceeds benefit the programs at Straight & Narrow.

**RESPIRE FOR THE CAREGIVERS**

United Way of Northern New Jersey Caregivers Coalition invites you to attend our free Munch & Learn presentation addressing respite care options. Learn what respite is, where it is available and how it may work for you and your caregiving situation, whether you are caring for a loved one who is aging, has a disability or a mental illness.

The event takes place on Wednesday, November 11, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Ukrainian American Cultural Center, 60 North Jefferson Road Whippany.

Registration is required to ensure there is enough space and food.

To register, please call 973.993.1160, x534 or email Stephanie.Howland@UnitedWayNNJ.org.

CUB SCOUT DAY OF REFLECTION

The Diocese of Paterson Catholic Committee on Scouting will host a Cub Scout Day of Reflection on November 7, 2015, from 1:30 - 4:30 p.m. at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, 5635 Berkshire Valley Road, Oak Ridge, NJ. The theme of this year's Day of Reflection is "Discovering Your Gifts through Signs, Signals and Codes." Come explore how the Scout Law is intertwined with a Cub Scouts' Duty to God.

To download a reservation form, visit <http://assumptionparish.org/forms-and-links>.

MOTHER SETON OPEN HOUSE

Mother Seton High School at One Valley Rd., in Clark, NJ is having an Open House: Tuesday, November 3, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. for girls in grades five through eight.

Come to the Open House then come back for Pocketbook Bingo on Friday, November 13, from 6:00-10:00 p.m.

**THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR'S
ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CRAFT & BAKE SALE**

Join us on Saturday, November 21, at St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly on 140 Shepherd Lane, in Totowa for our Annual Christmas Craft & Bake Sale and Ham and Turkey Drop, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Admission is free!

While you are there, stop in the Coffee Shop for Chili, Hot Dogs and our Famous Homemade Cream Puffs!

In conjunction with the Sale we will be collecting hams and turkeys to provide future meals for our residents.

For Information call 973-942-0300 or visit our website

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ATTENTION SENIORS**WE WANT YOUR IDEAS**

The Assumption Seniors group is looking for your ideas. What are you interested in discussing, or where might you be interested in going with our Seniors group? We want to hear from you!

Please list below any ideas you may have for the Seniors group. You can turn this in through the collection, or in the baskets in the back of the church!

Thank You!

Name _____

Ideas _____

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE



The Assumption Thanksgiving Food Drive is an effort to provide holiday food baskets for our neighbors in need. There are many ways in which you can answer Jesus' call to feed the hungry, and to give thanks for our own blessings.

Donations: The next two weekends you will find special Turkey envelopes in the pews. Any funds donated in these envelopes will be used for purchasing groceries to make up Thanksgiving Day food baskets, and to help Assumption's year-round food certificate program. You can place your turkey envelope donation in the Sunday collection basket.

Food Donations: Please bring NON-PERISHABLE food items to Assumption by Sunday, November 15, and place them in the boxes provided at the church doors. Basket needs are stuffing, box potatoes, yams/sweet potatoes, gravy, flour, pumpkin pie filling, Jello, cake mix, icing, pie crust, apple juice, sugar, candy, cookies, muffin or bread mixes, rice, dry or canned milk, canned vegetables, soup mixes, mayonnaise, Parmalat, coffee, tea, and paper products.

Interfaith Food Pantry: Once again, the Interfaith Foodpantry is preparing for their annual holiday program. This year they project that they will need to distribute approximately 1,600 complete dinners. **They will begin accepting turkeys and hams on October 26,** at 2 Executive Drive, Morris Plains. Visit <http://www.mcifp.org/> for additional information.

Distribution: Parishioners, if you know anyone in need, please contact Claudia Nardi at 973-539-2141, extension 19. Morris County residents may sign-up directly by calling the Interfaith Food Pantry at 973-538-8049.

GIVING TREE 2015

Last Christmas, your generous gift-giving brightened the holidays for over 1,000 people. This year's kick-off will begin next weekend. Please consider taking a tag and helping out again.

Important Things to Note

- Tag pick up dates: Beginning October 31-November 1
- Take a tag only if you are positive that you can return the gift by Dec. 6.
- Three gift ideas are listed on the tag, but only one should be purchased.
- Wrap the gift and attach the self-stick label provided.
- Return dates for the gifts are November 28-29 and December 5-6.
- If you are unable to drop-off gifts after Masses on weekends, please drop them off at the Parish Office.

Call Brian Morgan at 973-455-0546 if you have any questions. If you would prefer to make a donation, envelopes for the Giving Tree are available on the tables by the doors of the church. Thank you for your support of those in our community who need our help and our prayers.





October 2015

To My Fellow Assumption Parishioners;

The Parish Finance Council recently met for a detailed review of our financial results for the year ending June 30, 2015. A summary of the parish financial results is on the reverse side of this letter. The Church ended its fiscal year 2015 with net assets of \$13.54 million, posting total income of \$1.72 million and total expenses of \$1.68 million. The financial health of the parish remains strong.

Our total income continues to increase year on year. The annual costs were challenged by another difficult winter and inflation pressures. The Bishop's Annual Appeal and the "*Partners In Faith*" rebates covered a number of needed repairs to our aging facilities. All repairs were deemed critical to maintain the integrity and safety of our beautiful historic buildings. The largest expenses included:

- parking lot repairs,
- church roof repairs,
- ministry center repairs,
- church windows painting, and
- church masonry repairs.

Once again, we highlight the remarkable job done by Sister Merris Larkin and the Home & School Association regarding the school finances. The parish has not provided a subsidy to the school in eight years! Thank you Sister Merris!

While the cemetery continues to be impacted by the economy, lower Catholic burials, and lower pre-planned sales, it is a significant part of our overall financial condition and the staff manages to maintain our beautiful cemetery within our means.

The Finance Council thanks Father John for his outstanding stewardship of our parish. And we, especially, thank you for your support and generosity, which has assured a sound financial picture for Assumption Parish, your parish!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dorothy M. Flynn".

Dorothy M. Flynn
Chair, Assumption Parish Finance Council

Assumption Parish Income Statement for the Year Ending June 30, 2015

	Year Ending 30-Jun-15	Year Ending 30-Jun-14	Variance
<u>Income</u>			
Sunday & Holy Day Receipts	\$ 1,145,627	\$ 1,138,753	\$ 6,873
Christmas & Easter Receipts	237,940	248,561	(10,621)
Stipends	40,813	37,990	2,823
Other Receipts	4,244	4,568	(324)
Interest Income	14,775	14,174	600
Religious Education	116,220	102,765	13,455
Bulletin Income	14,000	14,000	-
Project Faith	-	792	(792)
Bishop's Annual Appeal/Partners In Faith	125,129	123,173	1,956
Extraordinary Receipts	25,000	17,484	7,516
Total Income	\$ 1,723,747	\$ 1,702,261	\$ 21,487
<u>Expenses</u>			
Salaries & Benefits	\$ 706,247	\$ 678,782	\$ 27,465
Plant & Equipment	321,235	307,119	14,116
Liturgical Expenses	63,874	61,225	2,648
Office Expense	63,400	67,778	(4,379)
Diocesan Assessment	119,748	121,476	(1,728)
Parish School Support	-	-	-
Beacon Mailings	18,816	19,724	(908)
Religious Education	68,033	57,942	10,091
Gifts & Donations	132,054	116,438	15,616
Parish Charity	65,902	38,753	27,148
Capital Improvements	30,975	84,644	(53,669)
Other Expenses	93,444	80,525	12,919
Total Expenses	\$ 1,683,727	\$ 1,634,407	\$ 49,320
Net Income	\$ 40,021	\$ 67,854	\$ (27,833)



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