

A voice of one
crying out in
the desert:
'Prepare
the way of
the Lord,
make straight
his paths.'
Luke 3:4

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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In Residence: Rev. Samuel Monaco
In Residence: Rev. Geno Sylva

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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	609-213-1790
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
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-Cana	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	Moiria 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	December 5
8:00 a.m.	Al D'Agostino
5:30 p.m.	Claire and William Dunlap Frank Budisak
SUNDAY	December 6
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Michael Cole Randolph J. Pinder
10:00 a.m.	Patricia Pidgeon William Hamilton Cockrell
12:15 p.m.	Robert Delaney Raymond Rigoletto, Sr.
5:30 p.m.	Magaret Patterson Tyler Hartlaub (1st Anniversary)
MONDAY	December 7
7:00 a.m.	James and Josephine Ryan Lynch
12:05 p.m.	Jane Bardes
5:30 p.m.	Frank Nobile
TUESDAY	December 8
7:00 a.m.	Jack Joyce
12:05 p.m.	Donald and Teresa Buckley
7:30 p.m.	Richard D. Smith
WEDNESDAY	December 9
7:00 a.m.	Mariano and Rose Romo Castellano
12:05 p.m.	John L. Keating
THURSDAY	December 10
7:00 a.m.	Lennie Zanni
12:05 p.m.	John and Mary McCormick
FRIDAY	December 11
7:00 a.m.	The Maier and Barnes Families
12:05 p.m.	John Marchuk, Jr.
SATURDAY	December 12
8:00 a.m.	John and Kathleen Brosnan
5:30 p.m.	Katina Tzifas Pat Kane
SUNDAY	December 13
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Frances Tozzi David Regan (Living)
10:00 a.m.	Colleen and Tom Brogan Ann Boyle
12:15 p.m.	Raymond Rigoletto, Sr. Jane BardeS
5:30 p.m.	Leonard Pergentile Pawel Dzienkanski

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

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9

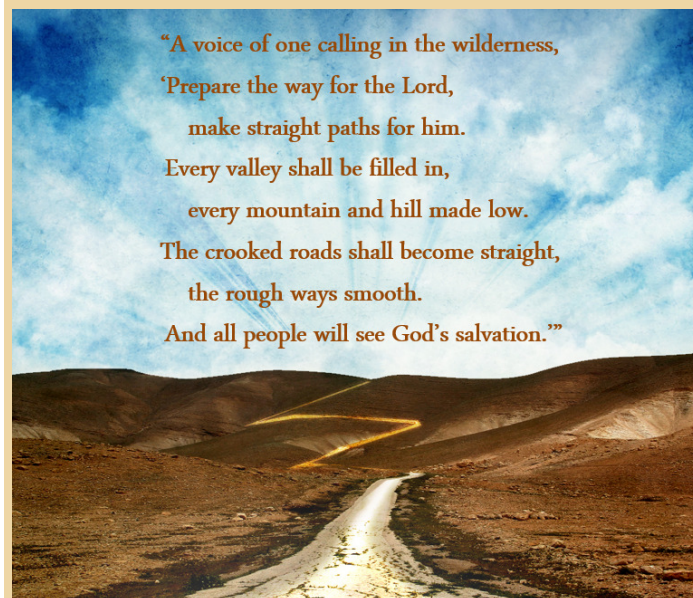
In our first reading, the Jewish exiles in Babylon receive the best possible news. God, the God of justice, will lead the refugees back to their homes!

Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6,8-11

In this excerpt from Paul's letter of the Church in Philippi, the Apostle urges that community to live lives worthy of the kingdom of justice and peace which Christ will establish at his coming in glory.

Gospel: Luke 3:1-6

This Gospel passage echoes the sentiments of the first two readings: John the Baptizer announces that God is once more about to save the people. Therefore, they must recommit themselves to holiness.



We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the Readings for the week of December 6

Monday	Is 35:1-10; Ps 89:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, and 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Sunday	Third Sunday of Advent Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

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



Rosalie Sottile, Charles Arteglier, Jake Faccenda, Charles Arnolt, Paul Albanese, Eileen Scheibner, Dylan Lewman, Gladys Wilcox, Anthony DaMelio, 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., Jim Gallo, Frank Geraghty, Phyllis Savage, Marie Therese Vaz, Brenda Hinds, John Hyland, William Peason, Carol Padden, Elaine Metzger, Julia Marley, John Geraghty, John Cvicker, 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, 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, Payton O'Brien, Ralph Depp, James Preston, Deedee Bentley, Baby Wilbert Ridgley III, Nancy Arteglier, Willette Greer, Eileen Lanfare, Victoria Ramirez, and Brendan Carey.

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 December, Pat Moore, 973.267.5304.

BE AT PEACE IN THE SEASON OF PEACE

Penance Service December 14

Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. Saint John Paul II

Receive the grace and forgiveness of the Sacrament of reconciliation (confession) this Advent. On Monday, December 14 at 7:30 p.m., there will be a penance service followed by an opportunity for individual confession.

**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; Capts. 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**

The Eucharist is the summit and source of the Church's life. At the Last Supper, Jesus not only gave us this great gift, but he instituted the priesthood so that, in every age and in every place, the Eucharist could be celebrated. The Bishop's Annual Appeal helps fund the education of our seminarians. With the blessing of increased vocations to the Priesthood in our Diocese, comes the obligation to prepare these men who will one day serve our parishes. Your participation in the Appeal helps to make that happen. Please make a pledge to the 2015 Bishop's Annual Appeal today!



PREPARE THE WAY

In ancient times when a monarch was to visit a region of his kingdom, he would send ahead a herald to prepare the way. The herald's responsibility was to prepare the roads and make sure that everyone knew the king was coming.

Adults: How can I become a better herald for Christ, one who announces his coming?

Children: What can I do to better prepare for the celebration of Christmas, the birth of Jesus?

A Family Perspective: During the season of Advent, we choose to add many activities to our family's schedule to prepare for our celebration of Christmas. John the Baptist reminds us that our repentance is another way in which we can prepare for the Lord's coming and our celebration of Christmas. Your family might choose to seek out the Sacrament of Reconciliation on an individual basis. Talk about how John the Baptist called upon the people to prepare the way of the Lord through repentance. Gather in a prayerful space, perhaps around the family Advent wreath. Read again from today's Gospel, Luke 3:1-6. Invite each family member to pray silently, asking God to forgive his or her sins. Pray together the Act of Contrition. Then celebrate God's forgiveness by sharing the sign of peace with one another.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA TODAY!

It's that time of year again, and Assumption's Youth Ministry would like to invite you to attend the annual "Breakfast with Santa" on Sunday, December 6th in the Cafeteria of Assumption School. A delicious pancake and sausage breakfast will be served from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Santa, Mrs. Claus and their elves will also be there to take pictures with the kids and give out a Christmas treat! The cost is \$5 per person or \$25 for a family. Tickets will be sold at the door. We hope to see you there!

FAMILY CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Our 8th Grade Assumption Religious Education youth are sponsoring a Family Christmas Movie night. Join our 8th graders and their families on Saturday, December 12th beginning at 6:30p.m. in Assumption School's gym for a family night out. Together we will watch Elf. There will be a suggested donation of \$25 per family. You can also purchase pizza for dinner.

Our 8th graders are sponsoring two children through Africa Surgery, Inc. The funds raised will help Sia Korowa (11) and her brother, Jawal (7), both orphans. Bring your blankets and beach chairs and take a family break from the Christmas rush to enjoy time with each other while helping with a worthy cause.

Visit the parish website at www.assumptionparish.org for more information.

THE 6TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET AT ASSUMPTION CHURCH

The event will take place in the Community Room on Sat. Dec. 12 (2 to 7 PM) and Sun. Dec. 13 (7 AM to 3 PM). It will provide an opportunity for tasteful, inexpensive Christmas shopping with a cause in mind. Several vendors, many of them crafters, will sell their merchandise for the benefit of Africa Surgery. From fine art to jewelry, from books to woolen knitting, from Christmas cards to ornaments: you will find it all at the Assumption Christmas Market.

CARMELITE SISTERS BAKE SALE THIS WEEKEND!

This weekend the Carmelite Sisters of Morristown are hosting a Bake sale in the Community Room after all Masses. The cloistered Sisters are devoted to praying more than eight hours a day for peace in our community and the world, and are dependent on the goodwill of the community to meet their basic needs. With their increase in vocations, they have many needs that accompany their growing community. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

THE NATIVITY STORY ON CHRISTMAS EVE

Children of the parish: Join us on Thursday December 24. at 3:00 p.m. at Assumption Church as we reenact the nativity story just prior to the 4:00 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Mass.

Children are needed to volunteer for the various parts for this special parish-wide event.

For more information look for the red flyer at the doors of the church.

CATHEDRAL SOUNDS COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS CONCERT TODAY!

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth invite you to celebrate the Christmas Season by attending the annual Cathedral Sounds Community Christmas Concert. The Concert is offered to the public free of charge and will take place on Sunday, December 6 at 2:00 p.m. in Holy Family Chapel, adjacent to the Sisters of Charity Motherhouse in Convent Station. A reception will follow. For more information call (973)290-5454.

SENIOR CORNER

We are hoping to hold a Communion Breakfast on **Saturday, January 16**, so please stay tuned to the bulletin or to www.assumptionparish.org for details.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Tyler Ace Giunta
Son of Shane and Melissa

GRATEFUL THANKS FROM FR. MARTIN

I would like to express my deepest thanks to the Assumption Parish family, and to all the people who have offered their prayers and their support to me after the death of my beloved sister Jane Bardes and through my recent convalescence.

Your kindnesses, your generosity, and most especially your prayers have comforted and consoled me throughout these past months, and have lifted me up and given me strength to get through these trying times.

May God bless you all, especially through this season of Advent, with all His graces and mercies.

With deepest affection,
Father Martin Rauscher

MASS ATTENDANCE

	November 22	November 29
5:30 p.m.	263	281
7:00 a.m.	115	103
8:30 a.m.	236	206
10:00 a.m.	479	480
12:15 p.m.	189	306
5:30 p.m.	412	310
Total:	1,694	1,686

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**Assumption is a Tithing Parish**

The collection total for the weekend of November 21/22 was \$19,604. The collection total for that weekend last year was \$20,899. The collection for Catholic Home Missions totaled \$4,286.

The collection total for the weekend of November 28/29 was \$21,542. The collection total for this weekend last year was \$22,995.

The Pastor's Note: Thank you for tithing. Your sacrificial giving throughout the year enables us to proclaim God's Kingdom of Justice, Love and Peace in this corner of the Lord's Vineyard. Serving the Lord here with you is a pure joy.

DIOCESAN CHRISTMAS CONCERT TODAY

Join Bishop Arthur Serratelli at the annual Diocesan Christmas Concert on Sunday, December 6, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Peter the Apostle Church, Parsippany.

BAKERS NEEDED FOR THE AFRICA SURGERY CHRISTMAS MARKET!

What: Homemade Christmas cookies, brownies, cakes breads, or muffins.

Please Note: We are also looking for some gluten-free and nut-free baked goods.

When and Where: Please deliver all baked goods to Johanna or Sergio Burani at 32 DeHart Street, Morristown on Wednesday, Dec. 9th between 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

How: Please deliver in disposable containers and label the contents.

Please contact Johanna Burani at 973-538-1101 or jburani@gmail.com if you're able to contribute.

Many, many thanks!

GIVING TREE GIFTS

This is the last weekend to bring in your Giving Tree gifts. Please call our Giving Tree Program Director Brian Morgan at 973-462-6972 to make arrangements to drop off your gifts after this weekend.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR RETIRED RELIGIOUS NEXT WEEK

At Masses next weekend across the diocese, the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious will be taken up.

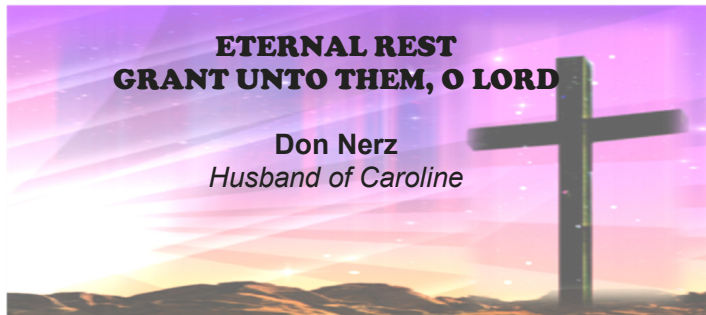
Launched in 1988, by the bishops of the United States, it addresses the significant lack of retirement funding for religious orders.

This deficit in retirement funding can be attributed to three primary factors: insufficient retirement savings, rising health-care costs and declining income. Traditionally, women and men religious worked for little pay. Today, a majority of religious orders lack adequate savings for retirement. At the same time, the cost of care continues to increase, especially as older religious both outnumber younger religious and are living longer.

Last year, the faithful in the diocese contributed close to \$300,000 to the collection. Those donations and more came back to help religious orders in our diocese. This Advent, remember the religious who so faithfully served us over the years and touched our faith lives in so many ways. This weekend is our opportunity to help them with their retirement needs, showing our thanks to them for all they have done.

**ETERNAL REST
GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD**

Don Nerz
Husband of Caroline



JOINED TOGETHER IN HOLY MATRIMONY

Ryan McInerney and Caitlin Starr

Scott Ackerman and Kathleen Anderson

Matthew Sullivan and Ashleigh Murray

**NJ CONSERVATORY PRESENTS
HANDEL'S 'MESSIAH'**

On Sunday, December 20, 2015 at 4:00 p.m., NJ Conservatory Symphonic Chorus accompanied by its Baroque Orchestra presents its 28th performance of Handel's 'Messiah', the only performance with full orchestra in Sussex and Warren counties of one of the most popular choral works in Western music. Conductor: Edwin R. Foster, Associate Conductor: Ford R. Foster, Concertmaster: Karen Schaberg, and featuring Diana Greene on Continuo. Prior to 'Messiah' the Conservatory's Advanced Youth Chorus and Adult Chamber Choir will sing a selection of old and new Christmas hymns and songs. Concert venue: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, 246 Woodport Rd., Sparta, NJ. Reserved seating \$40-\$35-\$30, 30% student discount. Please call: 973-402-2004.

**PILGRIMAGE TO POLAND
WITH FATHER PRZEMEK**

Join Fr. Przemyslaw Nowak and other Assumption parishioners on a Jubilee Year of Mercy pilgrimage to Poland. The trip will take place from September 1 through September 9, 2016, and the cost per person is \$2,999. The trip includes:

- Round-trip airfare from Newark or New York
- 7 nights at centrally located First Class Hotels in Warsaw, Czestochowa, Zakopane, and Krakow
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities

To learn more about the trip, visit www.assumptionparish.org, and click on the link to the pilgrimage. For more information, call 206 Tours at 800-206-8687 and ask for Elise, Katherine or Yaritza.

SACRED THREADS ADVENT RETREAT

His name is Wonderful Counselor! Mighty God! Prince of Peace! **But what do we call Jesus?** Sacred Thread Ministries' Dec. 18th retreat, held at All Saints Parish House, 15 Basking Ridge Rd., Millington, will offer reflection on the strength, courage and power Jesus has brought to us personally. Retreat runs from 9:15 a.m.-2:30p.m. with hot lunch, and opportunity for spiritual direction. Call 908-608-3160 for info and registration.

**OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
PROCESSION FOR LIFE DECEMBER 12**

Join members of St. Margaret of Scotland Church, the Legion of Mary, the Morris County Right to Life Organization, and others on Saturday, December 12 for the 8:00 a.m. Mass, after which we will process to Planned Parenthood, approx. 2 blocks away. Where we will pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, then process back to St. Margaret's.

SIMBANG GABI

Simbang Gabi is a Filipino tradition of a nine-day novena of Masses during Advent in preparation for the Nativity of Jesus Christ.

The Diocesan Commission for Catholic Filipino Ministries (DCCFM) of the Diocese of Paterson cordially invites you to our inter-parish *Simbang Gabi* ("Masses of the Night") celebration from Dec. 15 – 23, 2015. Below is the schedule of Masses:

Dec. 15	7:00 p.m.	Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish 63 E. Main St, Rockaway
Dec. 16	7:00 p.m.	St. Vincent DePaul Church 250 Bebout Ave., Stirling
Dec. 17	7:00 p.m.	St. Christopher Church 1050 Littleton Rd, Parsippany
Dec. 18	7:00 p.m.	Assumption Church 91 Maple Avenue, Morristown
Dec. 19	7:00 p.m.	St. Therese Church 151 Main St, Succasunna
Dec. 20	7:00 p.m.	Our Lady of the Lake 294 Sparta Avenue, Sparta
Dec. 21	5:00 p.m.	St. Joseph Church 216 Comly Rd, Lincoln Park
Dec. 22	7:00 p.m.	St. Peter Church 179 Baldwin Rd., Parsippany
Dec. 23	6:30 p.m.	Our Lady of Mt. Carmel 10 St. Francis Way, Passaic

Maligayang Pasko! Merry Christmas!



THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT REPENT!

*John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan,
proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins . . . Luke 3: 1-6*

On the Second Sunday of Advent John the Baptist calls us to repent. Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy.

This Advent, Christmas may seem like just another headache on your already packed schedule. Another layer of places to go and things to do and expectations to meet. The schedules posted on your refrigerator door are already a nightmare. When will it all get done: the shopping and the decorating and the cards? Who needs to be where and when? Who's house are we going to and who's coming here? If the stress is getting the better of you, maybe it's time to repent.

This Advent, there's a sadness hanging over the coming holiday. You're feeling badly about your relationship with a friend. For whatever reason, things are awkward or strained. Or there were words between you and a relative that continue to be the source of bitterness. The chasm between the two of you has only widened. So consider repenting.

This Advent, you're feeling a certain emptiness. You're tired of simply going through the motions of the holiday. You'd really like to make this Christmas different, something special and meaningful. You'd like to bring joy where there is sadness, hope where there is despair and cynicism. Repentance maybe a good place to start.

Repentance? Repentance.

Repentance is not about feeling sorry or badly; it's not about guilt or regret. The word repentance, as used in the original Greek text of today's Gospel, means change - not just feeling sad about a given situation or set of circumstances but resolving to do something about it. Change can't happen, of course, if we believe there is no reason to change; change is not part of anyone's perfect image of Christmas. Repentance begins with the acknowledgement that everything isn't fine, that we've been blown off course and need to make a correction, that the geography of our lives is filled with crooked roads and steep mountains. So make this a season of real repentance: recapture the serenity of Christmas, repair the broken relationship, restore the meaning of Christ's birth in works of generosity and peace. In the spirit of John the Baptizer, make a new, straight path for God to enter your home and heart this Advent. (Connections)

In Christ's Peace,
Father John



ANULLMENT AND DIVORCE

Join us on December 9th at 7:00 p.m. to talk about how we can experience God's mercy through one of life's most devastating events; a divorce.

Hosted by Msgr. John E. Hart, this evening will begin with a talk about the changes in the annulment process, after which Vince Frese, author of "Daily Inspirations for Divorced Catholics," and co-author of "Divorced. Catholic. Now What?", and Monica Frese, author of "Prayers for Divorced Catholics," will share their own stories of how they experienced God's abundant mercy through the difficult period of their individual divorces and afterward. Hear how God's mercy became evident through the love, care and concern of others, prayer, and living the Catholic faith.

Vince and Monica, each life-long Catholics, had both experienced painful divorces prior to meeting each other. Each with three children, they were married in late 2007, blending both families together. It was through this experience that they realized that God's purpose for their marriage was to serve other divorced Catholics and help them recover and rebuild their lives by more fully learning and living their Catholic faith. Today, they minister to thousands of divorced Catholics worldwide.

The event takes place Wednesday, December 9 at 7:00 p.m. at Assumption Church, in the Community Room. Light refreshments will be served.

Admission is free, but registration is required. To register, visit www.assumptionparish.org, email us at assumption@assumptionparish.org, or call the Parish office at 973-539-2141

COOKIES FOR THE TROOPS

Assumption's Young Professionals Ministry would like to express our gratitude to all parishioners who provided cookies, cards, and donations for shipping for Cookies for the Troops. We have sent seven big boxes filled with cookies and cards to our troops. We are also grateful to our Religious Education and Assumption School Students for making cards. *Fr. Przemek*

MANY THANKS

FROM THE INTERFAITH FOOD PANTRY

Through the generous donations of the entire community, the Interfaith Food Pantry was able to supply approximately 1,560 families with a complete Thanksgiving meal, making the difference between hunger and hope for our friends and neighbors for the holiday!

Here at Assumption your Turkey Envelope donations enabled us to provide abundant Thanksgiving boxes to our own families in need. In addition, many food vouchers and pantry items were distributed. It is through your consistent and thoughtful generosity that we are able to provide help where needed throughout the year.

THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION



"I am the Immaculate Conception." These are the words our Blessed Mother spoke to young Bernadette Soubirous when she appeared at Lourdes in 1858. On December 8th, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, yet it often seems to leave many people confused. What exactly are we celebrating on this holy day?

Contrary to what many people seem to think, it is not the conception of Jesus. That feast is on March 25th – the Feast of the Annunciation. The Feast of the Immaculate Conception commemorates the conception of Mary in the womb of her mother, St. Anne.

The birthday of Mary has long been celebrated on September 8th. The information we have on Mary's birth is not recorded in Scripture. Rather, it comes to us via the Protoevangelium of James written about 150 A.D. It is from this document that we have received the names of Mary's parents – St. Joachim and St. Anne and the fact that they were childless for many years prior to having Mary.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception was therefore set on December 8th, nine months prior to Mary's September birthday. Originally, the Church celebrated this feast as only the Feast of the Conception of Mary. Over the course of the years, as the tradition and understanding of Mary's conception developed, it became known as the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

It was officially declared thus on December 8, 1854 when Pope Pius IX declared that the Blessed Virgin Mary "in the first instance of her conception, by a singular privilege and grace granted by God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the human race, was preserved exempt from all stain of original sin." Original sin was not removed from her soul. Rather, it never existed.

On a related note, The First Council of Baltimore in 1856 declared Mary, The Immaculate Conception, as the patroness of the United States. The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, dedicated to the patroness of the United States and located in Washington, DC, is the largest Roman Catholic church in North America, and one of the ten largest in the world.

by Patrice Fagnant-MacArthur on Dec 07, 2011 in Catechesis, Featured, MyChurchParish.com -

This year the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, is on Tuesday, December 8. Masses will be celebrated at Assumption at 7:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., and 7:30 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. on Monday, December 7.

Assumption Women's Cornerstone Experience

"Go Light Your World"



Please prayerfully consider joining the women of Assumption Parish to attend the Women's Cornerstone Experience. Gather with us to experience the warmth and wonder of a Cornerstone weekend and strengthen your relationship with God and those around you.

This overnight retreat will be held on **February 5 - 6, 2016**, beginning with a light supper at 5:30 pm on Friday and concluding with Mass at 7 pm on Saturday at Assumption Parish in Morristown. Meals and accommodations will be provided at St. Mary's Abbey Retreat Center in Morristown.

Space is limited; please register by January 8! Registration brochures may be found in the Church or by contacting one of our team members. For additional information, please call team members **Denise Imperiale** at 908-477-9450 deeimperiale@gmail.com, or **Sarah Neuhoff** at 202-210-9152, sarah.k.neuhoff@gmail.com.

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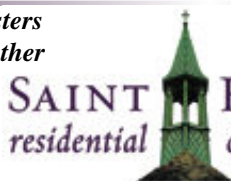
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