Epiphany

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.

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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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Sharon Bertram: Coordinator Grades 6, 7, and 8
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	609-213-1790
Centering Prayer	Fr. Ken Lasch	973-538-2653
Children's Worship	Linda Cannilla	973540-1683
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	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	**January 2**
8:00 a.m.	Theodore Macios
5:30 p.m.	Eugene Lewis
	The Botsakos Family
SUNDAY	**January 3**
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Jane Bardes
	Alice M. Boehler
10:00 a.m.	George E. Parker
	Christa Giasanti and Family (Living)
12:15 p.m.	Kay Fitzpatrick
	Patty Peters
MONDAY	**January 4**
7:00 a.m.	Jane Bardes
12:05 p.m.	Jeffrey James Giardina
TUESDAY	**January 5**
7:00 a.m.	Jane Bardes
12:05 p.m.	Rudy Kelly
WEDNESDAY	**January 6**
7:00 a.m.	Ella Rodriguez (Living)
12:05 p.m.	Jennie and Paul Carducci
THURSDAY	**January 7**
7:00 a.m.	Jane Bardes
12:05 p.m.	John Schenk
FRIDAY	**January 8**
7:00 a.m.	Alice Boehler
12:05 p.m.	Mary and Harold Fredericks
SATURDAY	**January 9**
8:00 a.m.	Alberto Lopez
5:30 p.m.	Ronald Callahan
	The Kull Family
SUNDAY	**January 10**
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Edward Gilhooly
	Ken Donohue
10:00 a.m.	Ed Broderick
	Bonnie Walsh
12:15 p.m.	Maureen White O'Connor
	Mary Sullivan
5:30 p.m.	Mary Navin
	Carmen Lydia Nocerio

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: Isaiah 60:1-6

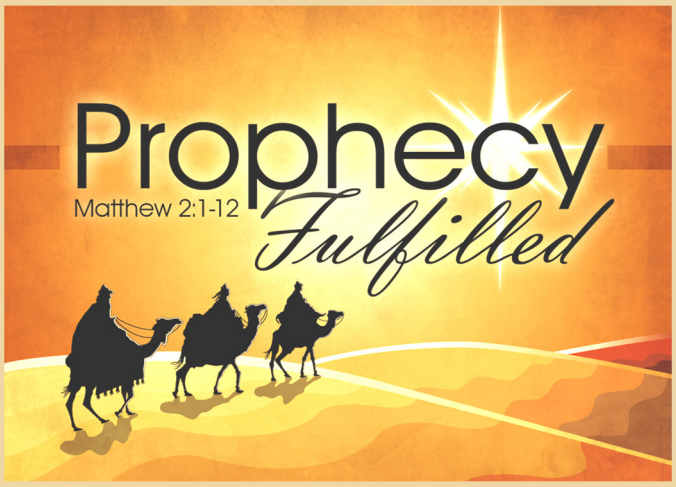
In this reading from the Hebrew Bible, Isaiah of the Restoration proclaims God's generosity to those returning form exile in Babylon. By bringing the exiles back home, all the nations of the world will witness God's glory. They will stream to Jerusalem to pay homage to the God of Israel and of the whole world.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6

In this portion of his letter to the Ephesians, the writer explains that through Jesus, Gentiles have now become honorary members of God's people, along with the chosen people, the Jews. A saving relationship with God has now been extended to all the world, through Christ.

Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Magi were the royal counselors of the emperors of Persia and studied what today might be called "the occult." By describing the visit of three of these officials to Bethlehem, Matthew reveals that even pagan Gentiles are affected by Jesus' birth. Furthermore, the magi's gifts, items used at the burial of a king, suggest that the child's importance involves his death.



We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the Readings for the week of January 3

Monday	1 Jn 3:22—4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tuesday	1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
Wednesday	1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
Thursday	1 Jn 4:19—5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, and 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
Friday	1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
Saturday	1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5, and 6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
Sunday	**The Baptism of the Lord** Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, Acts 10:34-38, Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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, 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, Brendan Carey, Keeya Little, and Margaret Saengar.

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 January, Audrey Geraghty, 973-538-3134.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

We will have Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday January 4, at 7:00 p.m. 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."

- Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

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, SM*Sgt. 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.

SENIOR CORNER
COMMUNION BREAKFAST

On **Saturday, January 16**, we will be holding a Communion Breakfast for all Parish Seniors immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please call Joan Kramer at 973-539-4910 to make a reservation.

Join us for a wonderful event to usher in the New Year!

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."
They opened their treasures and offered the child gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. (Matthew 2:1-12)

Today we celebrate Epiphany, (the word means "manifestation"). As we recall the adoration of the Magi during this Christmas liturgy we are reminded that God wants to reveal His love to all people. Jesus Christ is born in time not only as the Savior of Israel; He is the Savior of the whole world and God wants everyone to know this. Our Christmas Season does not conclude until the last Mass on next Sunday when we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.

Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy.

This month "A Charlie Brown Christmas" aired on national primetime television for the 50th time. In a world where the latest greatest technology is outdated in a matter of months, and social media trends come and go in a matter of days, 50 years of anything becomes quite meaningful.

I am a fan of all things nostalgic and all things Christmas, and so when the two are combined I am hooked. The Charlie Brown Christmas special falls squarely into that category.

I was in the first grade back when they still performed Christmas pageants in schools (less than 50 years, but still a very long time ago), and our class performed a version of the Charlie Brown Christmas. Since I was kind of a bookworm and already had a blue blanket, I was chosen to play the part of Linus. As Linus, I memorized Luke 2:8–14, and that Scripture has been hidden in my heart ever since.

But while working so diligently to learn those lines, there is one important thing I didn't notice then, and didn't notice until now.

Right in the middle of speaking, Linus drops the blanket.

Charlie Brown is best known for his uniquely striped shirt, and Linus is most associated with his ever-present security blanket. Throughout the story of Peanuts, Lucy, Snoopy, Sally and others all work to no avail to separate Linus from his blanket. And even though his security blanket remains a major source of ridicule for the otherwise mature and thoughtful Linus, he simply refuses to give it up.

Until this moment. When he simply drops it.

In that climactic scene when Linus shares what "Christmas is all about," he drops his security blanket, and I am now convinced that this is intentional. Most telling is the specific moment he drops it: when he utters the words "fear not" (at :38 seconds).)

Looking at it now, it's pretty clear what Charles Schulz was saying through this, and it's so simple it's brilliant.

The birth of Jesus separates us from our fears.

The birth of Jesus frees us from the habits we are unable (or unwilling) to break ourselves.

The birth of Jesus allows us to simply drop the false security we have been grasping so tightly, and learn to trust and cling to him instead.

Our world can be a scary place, and most of us find ourselves grasping to something temporal for security, whatever that thing may be. Essentially, our world is a world in which it is very difficult for us to "fear not."

But in the midst of fear and insecurity, this simple cartoon image from 1965 continues to live on as an inspiration for us to seek true peace and true security in the one place it has always been and can always still be found. ***Jason Soroski*** *is a writer and musician who resides in Houston, Texas. This article originally appeared at jasonsoroski.net*

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,
Father John

RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF THE MAGI

In Matthew's Gospel, the Magi arrive without any prior announcement. Led by the star, no one in Jerusalem was prepared for their appearance. The gifts they carried were unexpected, but the Holy Family graciously received them.

Adults: Does my pride and independence prevent me from accepting the gifts that God and others offer me?

Children: What are some good gifts that I receive in my life? Do I realize that such gifts are a sign of God's love for me?

A Family Perspective: The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

THANKS AND BEST WISHES FROM AFRICA SURGERY

On behalf of Tom Johnson, who has just returned to Sierra Leone, I would like to thank the Assumption Church Community for generously supporting the 6th Annual Christmas Market. This event, by now a tradition at Assumption Church, managed to raise almost $8,000 for Africa Surgery and an additional $500 for Sister Dativa's Village Angels in Tanzania. Thanks to your support, we will be able to provide additional care to very needy people, young and old, in these underprivileged parts of the world.

In addition, a big thank you to all the bakers and helpers who participated in this year's Christmas Market, and a special thanks to the CCD volunteers who helped with the 50/50 raffle.

The Christmas Market Organizing Committee wishes you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a New Year full of peace, as we all want and need.

Sergio Burani

A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

We wish to thank all of those parishioners who contributed their time and talents to make the Christmas Masses at Assumption beautiful Liturgical celebrations.

It takes many people and many hands to prepare and accomplish the "behind the scenes" work each Christmas. Please join us in thanking our Deacons, Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, our Altar Linen Ministry, Collection Counters, and Ministers of Communion for their commitment.

Our thanks also to our Director of Music, Claudia Nardi; our Organist, Karen Chiappini; our soloists Kyle McLaughlin, Elena Teresa Bird, Sharon Lynch and Mark Enea, and all members of our adult and children's choirs for enhancing our Christmas Masses with their angelic music.

Our thanks are also extended to Sharon Bertram and all who helped her on the Children's Liturgy Committee, to Moria Clarkin and Eileen Tecza and all of the following people who worked with them to decorate our beautiful church and grounds: Janet Dedrick, Bruce Dedrick, Will Clarkin, Gregory Reisch, Lynnie Tecza, Christopher Bashart, Michelle Bertram, Doug Reisch, Emerson Brito and Caleb Dunn..

May God continue to bless you all in the new year.

Father John and Father Przemek

BECOME AN AFS HOST FAMILY

Morristown High School is thrilled to have an internationally published teenage writer and U.S. Department of State "YES" scholar and AFS Exchange Student this year from India! We are presently looking for Sumaiya's 2nd semester host family, to begin later this month. Perhaps this the Holiday Season and year your family opens its heart and home to an exceptional AFS International Exchange student!

Her English skills are spectacular, she loves writing and tutoring English, is very mature and has participated in the Model U.N. Club, International Business Club, Academic Decathlon and Debate Club while at the high school. While your family enjoys learning about her Indian culture, you get to share your day-to-day life, family customs, activities and holidays and everything important to your family with her AFS Host Families are responsible for 3 meals a day and the student may share a bedroom with a host sibling of the same gender, but they must have their own bed. AFS students have their own comprehensive medical coverage if they become sick or injured, and spending money for their shopping and teenage activities.

I'm happy to answer any questions you may have about Sumaiya and the AFS Program. Thank you in advance for your consideration!

Alison Colaluca - AFS-NJ Volunteer Hosting Coordinator

973-985-3583, agcolaluca@gmail.com

HOLISTIC HEALTH MINISTRY—SAVE A LIFE

Learn basic CPR and use of AED (defibrillator). This is Important for everyone, parents, grandparents, babysitters, co-workers, etc. Saturday, Feb 6, 8:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.. Assumption Church Community Room.

$20 per person. Class size limited. Call Michele Cameron at 973 769-9634 to register.

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. Contact Denise Imperiale for more information at 908-477-9450

FIFTEENTH ANNUAL CARING BASKET GALA

With gratitude to God, Assumption College for Sisters and the Sisters of Christian Charity cordially invite you to save the date of Thursday, April 14, 2016 when we will celebrate the 15th Annual Caring Basket Gala, at the Hanover Marriott in Whippany.

For more information about the gala, please call the Assumption College for Sisters at 973-543-6528, or email gala@aacs350.org.

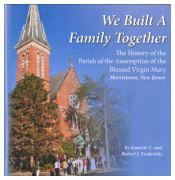
THANK YOU FROM CASA OF MORRIS AND SUSSEX COUNTIES

On behalf of the CASA of Morris and Sussex Counties Board of Trustees, staff, and especially the children we serve, we would like to extend our sincere thanks to the parishioners of the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, for your generous donation of holiday gifts for children in foster care.

Each year, the holiday donations from the Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary help children who are victims of abuse and neglect feel special and most importantly loved.

Thank you for your continued support of our organization. Your donations help us bring better tomorrows to vulnerable children.

THE HISTORY OF THE PARISH



We Built a Family Together: The History of the Parish of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary by parishioners Robert and Jeanette Fredericks, with photographs by Sergio Burani, is a great gift! Stop by the office during office hours to pick one up for a $25 donation to Assumption Church.

MASS ATTENDANCE

December 19/20

5:30 p.m.	267
7:00 a.m.	133
8:30 a.m.	265
10:00 a.m.	503
12:15 p.m.	323
5:30 p.m.	312
Total:	1,803

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The collection total for the weekend of December 19/20 was $24,633. The collection total for this weekend last year was $24,757.

Pastor's Note: As this Christmas Season continues and the New Year begins I thank the Lord for you and your great generosity I also thank you for the joyful way you share your Catholic faith in the Lord Jesus, especially with visitors and new parishioners.

MASS ATTENDANCE AND OFFERTORY

Mass Attendance for Christmas,
And Sunday, December 27
will be noted in next weekend's bulletin.

Collection amounts for the Christmas Masses
and Sunday, December 27
will be noted in next weekend's bulletin.

HELP WANTED AT VILLA WALSH

Villa Walsh Academy, located in Morristown, NJ, is looking for part-time school bus drivers. Interested candidates must possess a CDL with both the passenger (P) and school bus (S) endorsements. Most trips are late afternoon/early evening. There are also some weekend trips available. Please contact Jen Fleury, Athletic Director, at fleuryj@villawalsh.org or call 973-538-3680 x145.

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.

CALLING ALL ALL MORRIS PLAINS BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PLAYERS!

Registration Is Now Open! Sign-Up between December 15 and January 15, 2016. Players between ages 4 and 12 years old are welcome! We're looking forward to a great season and we need you to make it happen!
Sign up today at http://mpbaseball.assn.la/.

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Assumption School is happy to welcome new students at any time when space is available. Pre-registration forms for the 2016-2017 school year are available at www.assumptionnj.org under "forms".

Call the school at 973-538-0590, or stop by the school office for further information. If you would like to visit the school, please call to set-up an appointment.

COPING WITH LOSS—LOVE NEVER DIES

Grief is a natural, personal reaction to the loss of a loved one, but you do not have to grieve alone. During this free eight week support group, you will have the opportunity to share your own experience, listen to and grow with others in the group and process your feelings of loss in a safe, warm and nurturing environment. Space is limited so call today to reserve your spot.

The sessions are held on Tuesdays, starting January 19 through March 8, from 2:00p.m.- 4:00p.m. at VNA Headquarters, 175 South Street, Morristown,

RSVP to: Rachel Enderle at 973-451-4128 or renderle@vnannj.org or Kimberly Baumgartner at 973-451-4179 or kbaumgartner@vnannj.org by January 13.

JOINED TOGETHER IN HOLY MATRIMONY

James Proto and Meghan Mary Smith

THANK YOU FROM THE GIVING TREE COMMITTEE

On behalf of the Giving Tree Committee, we would like to thank you for your overwhelming outreach to the poor and less-fortunate. Thanks to your generosity, we were able to provide over 1,100 gifts to eight different social service organizations throughout Morris County.

Thank you to all the following "elves" who helped ensure the gifts were sorted, purchased, and delivered:

Jennifer Wu, Michelle Baron-Romans & family, Beverly Robbins, The Grogan family, Eric & Annaliese Rush, The McGahan family, Tina Terraciano Weber, Jennifer Wu, Robyn & Richard Keelty, Barbara Glogolich, Andrea Kelly, Diane Otto, Tiffany & Pavel Srnensky, and Christine Olivo.

We also thank Claudia Nardi for all she does to help the local poor who come to our parish looking for help - both at Christmas and throughout the year. An enormous thanks to Doug Reisch and the rest of our Assumption staff for all they do to support this wonderful undertaking each year.

You can be certain that this Christmas season the recipients of your gifts will be filled with joy as they find God's loving "presence" in your "presents".

The Giving Tree Committee
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Service hours will be granted for being part of this ministry. This will also serve you well when you need a letter of recommendation for your college of choice! And God will love it, too.

Contact Claudia Nardi at claudiabn@aol.com.

MEN'S CORNERSTONE XVI

Friday Evening, Jan. 29 and Saturday, Jan. 2016

Consider spending 26 hours with men like you, who are searching for greater meaning in their lives and seeking a deeper, closer relationship with the Lord.

Our Men's Cornerstone is a wonderful gift, a much needed spiritual lift from the daily routines of our lives. Journey both spiritually and socially with others who want to live, grow and become more vital, caring persons. It promises to be one of the most rewarding investments you will ever make!

For information, and to register, visit Men's Cornerstone at: www.ndcarmel.com or contact either Ed Newlands: ed.newlands@gmail.com or 201-841-9929 or Dick Tiel: dandtiel@gmail.com or 201-841-2529.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY— BLESSING OF THE DOORS

It is a long-standing tradition in the Church that on the Feast of the Epiphany, we bless all the doors of our homes which lead outdoors. There is specially blessed chalk on the table near the Sanctuary that you are encouraged to take home and use to mark the doors leading in and out of your homes that you bless with the following blessing:

Let us begin by blessing ourselves: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Let us pray:

When Jesus was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary, he made his home with us. We now ask that he will always be welcome to this home of ours, to bless it with his presence. We will now pray silently, for all the good we hope will bless our home this year (pause).

May Jesus always be here with us, to strengthen our love for each other. May Jesus share in our joys and comfort us in any of our sorrows.

Inspired by Jesus' teaching and example, may we always seek to make our home a dwelling place of his love, keeping away any evil and bringing the goodness of Jesus to all who come and go from our home.

Mark each door as follows: AD 20 C + M + B 16. This stands for:

*Anno Domini (Year of the Lord) two thousand sixteen. **C**hristus **M**ansionem **B**enedicat*

(May Christ Bless this House.)

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Young Adult Mass (Ages 23-39) with Bishop Serratelli

All young adults between the ages of 23-39 are invited to pray together at the annual diocesan-wide Young Adult Mass with Bishop Serratelli. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Serratelli at 5:30 p.m. followed by a young adult social with drinks and light food until 8:30 p.m. hosted by the Diocese of Paterson Office of Evangelization with hospitality provided by the St. Paul Young Adults. This is a great opportunity for all young adults in the Diocese to come together in faith and fellowship to pray together and kick off the new year. Saturday, January 9 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Reasons to Believe: Why the Catholic Faith Makes Sense

Come hear *what* Catholics believe, *why* Catholics believe it, the *personal* difference it makes, and *how* it makes sense in today's world. Fr. Derek Anderson, presenter. Saturday, January 16 from 10a.m.-noon

Catholicism from Scratch: Adam's Apple (Humanity, Sin, and Grace)

A course in basic Catholicism for those who need a brush-up, those who missed it the first time around, or those who never heard it before. Fr. Paul Manning, presenter. Saturday, January 23 from 10a.m.-noon

Third Annual Catholic Trivia Super Bowl

Build your own five-person team and tackle multiple-choice questions on the Catholic Faith! Rules: Only one priest, religious brother/sister, or theologian allowed per team. **Cost**: $25.00 per team in advance, $30.00 at the door. Saturday, January 30 from 10a.m.-1:00 p.m.

How to Build a Couples' Ministry

Building a couples' ministry is easier than you think. Join Mike and Faith Rose for practical insights on how to organically build relationships with couples, especially the newly married. Wednesday, Feb. 17 from 6-9:p.m.

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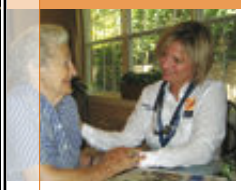

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