## 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)

## 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 91 Maple Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960

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Parish Coordinator—Linda Macios Secretary—Liz Rotunno Comptroller—Robyn Morris 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.

<u>Parish Registration:</u> Call 973-539-2141 or visit the parish website at <a href="https://www.assumptionparish.org">www.assumptionparish.org</a>.

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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

<u>Holy Rood Cemetery</u>—973-539-7501 Website: <u>www.holyroodcemeterynj.com</u> 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

<u>Marriage:</u> 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.

<u>Baptisms:</u> 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.

<u>Visitation of the Sick and Elderly:</u> 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.



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#### **Mass Intentions**

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

January 23
Michael Eberhardt
Cecilia Prehart

Teresa lannuzzelli

SUNDAY January 24

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

8:30 a.m. Carlo Brigida

Nina Palmiotti

10:00 a.m. Margaret Patterson

The Cadden Family (Living)

12:15 p.m. Jane Bardes

Brian Connley (Living)

5:30 p.m. Jason Paul Peck

Jack McElligott

MONDAY January 25

7:00 a.m. Jane Bardes

12:05 p.m. Lisbeth Hernandez

**TUESDAY January 26** 7:00 a.m. Gertrude Zander

12:05 p.m. Paula Rose Carducci (Living)

WEDNESDAY January 27

7:00 a.m. Alice Boehler 12:05 p.m. Thomas Lloyd THURSDAY January 28

7:00 a.m. The Prendergast Family

12:05 p.m. Thomas Lloyd **FRIDAY January 29** 

7:00 a.m. Bridget Kenney Murphy

12:05 p.m. Richard Quagliano SATURDAY January 30

8:00 a.m. Allan W. Adams

5:30 p.m. Kelly Kirby

Charles M. Seergy, Sr.

SUNDAY January 31

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish Kathleen Sisco

Mary Sullivan

10:00 a.m. Sergio Nepomunceno

Armand Villa

12:15 p.m. Cindy Nausid (Living)

Jane Bardes

5:30 p.m. Richard Quagliano

Michael Eberhardt

#### **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.

## irst Reading: Nehemiah 8:2-6,8-10

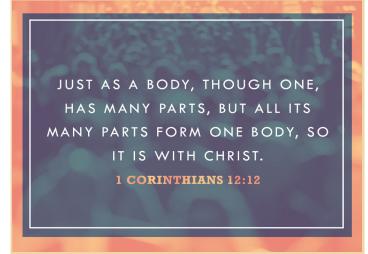
Nehemiah was a governor appointed around 445 B.C. by the Persian emperor to reestablish the Jewish people after their exile in Babylon. Together with the priest, Ezra, he guided the construction of a second temple in Jerusalem. In our first reading, Ezra urges the people to observe the Torah. The Law of God, with joy and gratitude, and not to weep over their past failures.

#### econd Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

In this portion of a letter to the early believers in Corinth, the Apostle Paul compares the Church to the human body. All the various parts of the body are equal in dignity as members of the community, even though they have diverse functions to perform. All must be united if all are to be healthy.

#### ospel: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Our Gospel reading is taken from the opening chapters of Luke's Gospel. In it, we hear how Luke understands Jesus' ministry. Using the words of Isaiah of the Exile, the mission of Jesus is described as good news, especially for the oppressed.



#### We invite you to prayerfully reflect

on the Readings for the week of January 24

Monday Acts 22:3-16; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18 Tuesday 2 Tm 1:1-8; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10;

Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30;

Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11,

12,13-14; Mk 4:21-25

**Friday** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17;

Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a; 6bcd-7, 10-11; Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15,

16-17; Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday** Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15, 17;

1 Cor 12:31—13:13; Lk 4:21-30

## 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, 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. 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, Cora Brady Huston, Paul Drobbin, Francis Montemurno Jr., Elizabeth Quinn, Martin Cerza, William Perkins, Jr, Brian Chewning, Paula Rose Carducci, Sandra Moorman, Joan Kobylarz, Matthew Luteran, 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, Margaret Saengar, Debra Peniston, Donna Polise, Savio Vaz, Ursula Bennett, Kathleen Callahan, Louis E. Terreri, Patricia Ioannou, Virginia Rigoletto, Paul Abrams, Ralph Coti, Marie Garibladi, Robert Kaps, Ronan Davis, Bob Nace, Margie Herman, Joseph Gabriele, Richard Fredrick Smith II, and Liam Hanly Jr.

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.

## LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR SPECIAL COLLECTION JAN. 30/31

The Little Sisters of the Poor from St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa will be visiting our parish on Saturday and Sunday, January 30 and 31, 2016. The Little Sisters of the Poor operate 188 homes throughout the world providing loving care to the elderly poor and have served the aged in New Jersey since 1879. Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you for your support.

## 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.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

We will have Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, February 1 at 7:00 p.m., and on Saturday, February 6, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Please join us.

"Our Redeemer ever present in the most Blessed Sacrament, extends His hands to everyone. He opens His heart and says, 'Come to Me, all of vou.'"

- St. Raphael Kalinowski, O.C.D.



#### **JESUS BEGINS HIS MINISTRY**

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..."(Luke 1: 1-4; 4: 14-21)

Today's Gospel shows us Jesus delivering his first address in the synagogue at the beginning of his ministry. For the rest of this liturgical year we will reflect on passages from the Gospel according to Saint Luke. Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy.

In Father James Martin's new novel **The Abbey**, Anne is a 40-year-old divorcee whose life is shattered when her 13-year-old son Jeremiah is killed when his bike is struck by a car. Three years after the accident, Anne is still mired in grief.

One evening, Anne's car breaks down and she calls a friend for help. He comes immediately to pick her up, but on the way home he has to stop at a nearby Trappist monastery to retrieve his cell phone that he had left while working there. While waiting, Anne meets Father Paul, the wise, humble and unassuming abbot of the monastery.

It is the beginning of a friendship that helps Anne move on from her debilitating sorrow. Father Paul is generous not only with his time but with sharing his own experiences of doubt and hurt and confusion. He gives Anne a safe place to vent her anger at God for taking Jeremiah from her. Over the course of several conversations, Father Paul, with compassion and without judgment, helps Anne confront her grief by realizing the narrowness of her images of God.

At one of their meetings, Paul asks Anne when she last felt some measure of peace. She replies that she feels happiest when working in her garden as she had that weekend. Strange, she said, "I thought that it felt like God was patting down the soil . . . around me, sort of. Does that sound insane?"

A gentle smile comes to Paul's face.

"Not at all," Father Paul says. "It sounds beautiful. God is the gardener who tends you like a flower, who nourishes you, just as you care for the plants in your garden . . . Can you let that be your image of God for now?

"That image may be a gift from God. It may be God's inviting you to see things in a new light. Who says that you have to think of God only as a judge? Who says that's the only image you can use? There are lots of images of God. And I think God's just given you a new one."



As Father Paul helps Anne see God in new ways and so begin a new relationship with God, Jesus begins his public ministry in today's Gospel by speaking to his neighbors in his home village about a God who sends him forth to "bring glad tidings" to the poor, liberation to those imprisoned, sight to the blind, freedom for the oppressed. All of us, at one time or another, face the doubt and emptiness experienced by Anne: We struggle to make sense of our lives, to move beyond brokenness and disappointment, to understand why we are even her. The Jesus we will meet in Luke's Gospel will challenge our own images of God, revealing to us a God of compassion and mercy, a God who seeks reconciliation with us always, a God who makes his

presence known to us in every act of kindness and moment of healing we experience. (Connections)

In Christ's Peace, Father John

#### LIVING THE WORD

In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus reads aloud from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah and announces that this Scripture is now fulfilled.

Adults: In what ways has my hearing of the Scriptures changed me?

Children: How can I listen more attentively to the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass?

A Family Perspective: Jesus was the one sent by God to bring salvation to the world. Jesus announced that mission using the framework we hear in today's Gospel from the prophet Isaiah: glad tidings will be brought to the poor, liberty to captives, recovery of sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed. Jesus inaugurates the Kingdom of God in his person—through his life, death, and Resurrection. We are charged with the task of continuing the mission that Jesus began. Jesus set the framework for all of us when he announced his ministry in today's Gospel. Jesus also gave us the helper we would need to enable us to participate in his mission. The Holy Spirit has been given to us so that we, the Church, might serve the Kingdom of God.

Gather with your family and suggest that they try to picture the vision that Jesus describes using the words of the prophet Isaiah as you read today's Gospel, Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21. Think about your neighborhood, your community. What are the situations and who are the people who most need to see this vision fulfilled? What steps would be necessary to make the vision a reality for them? Make a family commitment to pray for the Kingdom of God and to take a particular action that will address a need you see in your community.

#### **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.

#### **MEN'S CORNERSTONE XVI**

#### Friday Evening, Jan. 29 / Saturday, Jan. 30 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: <a href="www.ndcarmel.com">www.ndcarmel.com</a> or contact either Ed Newlands: <a href="mailto:ed.newlands@gmail">ed.newlands@gmail</a>.com or 201-841-9929 or Dick Tiel: <a href="mailto:dandtiel@gmail">dandtiel@gmail</a>.com or 201-841-2529.

#### MASS ATTENDANCE JANUARY 16/17

5:30 p.m.	286
7:00 a.m.	113
8:30 a.m.	219
10:00 a.m.	460
12:15 p.m.	350
5:30 p.m.	<u>176</u>
Total:	1 624

#### FINANCIAL BLESSINGS Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The collection total for the weekend of January 16/17 was \$21,333. The collection total for this weekend last year was \$15.925..

The final total for the Christmas collection is \$160,468. The Christmas collection total for 2014 was \$153,269.

<u>Pastor's Note:</u> Thank you for tithing and for your sacrificial giving to Assumption Parish. Your unstinting generosity enables us to bring God's mercy to all we encounter in this part of the Lord's Vineyard and beyond. Serving the Lord here with you is a great blessing in my life.

## SAVE THE DATE! 18TH ANNUAL PASTA SUPPER & BASKET RAFFLE

The Religious Education department is holding its annual Pasta Supper and Basket Raffle on Saturday, February 20, 2016, in the school cafeteria. Seatings are available at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold after all Masses the weekend of February 6/7.

## POLICE DEPT. APPRECIATION DINNER SPONSORED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL 359

The Knights of Columbus, George Washington Council 359, is sponsoring a benefit dinner for our Morristown and Morris Township Police Departments on Saturday, January 30, 2016, at the Madison Hotel in Morris Township. The Council is raising funds by offering local businesses the opportunity to advertise in its Ad Journal for the event, which will be distributed to all in attendance. Tickets are \$125 per person, limited to 300, and include dinner, music, dancing, beer and wine. Contact Bill Duggan at <a href="wcdugganjr@hotmail.com">wcdugganjr@hotmail.com</a> or call 973-960-6417 for information on the event.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAVE THE DATES!

Although summer seems far away, registration for VBS begins on April 25. So mark your calendars with the dates of the 2016 VBS schedule, August 8-12, Monday through Friday, from 9—11:45 a.m.

Come Join the fun! Teen and adult volunteers needed.



## CALLING ALL PARENTS THIS WEEKEND IT'S TIME TO RECHARGE!

Catholic Parents Recharge (CPR), Assumption's own parents discussion group, meets today, January 24, from 10.15 - 11.30 am at Assumption school. Child care is provided; bagels and coffee will help energize the conversation. CPR provides parents with a supportive, faith-filled environment to:

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

If you are not able to join, but would like to be added to any emails out to the group, please email parishioner Kelly Harris at <a href="mailto:CPR@assumptionparish.org">CPR@assumptionparish.org</a>.

## SEARCH FOR CHRISTIAN MATURITY High School Retreat

SEARCH for Christian Maturity is a 3-day retreat experience for juniors and seniors in high school, run by several local parishes in the Paterson Diocese. The upcoming retreat will take place Friday-Sunday, February 5-7, 2016, at Sacred Heart Center in Newton, NJ. For more information and to receive an application, please contact Kelly Loftus (kellyloftus@gmail.com).

## Senior Communion Breakfast CLOTHES DONATION BOXES

Over 45 parish seniors enjoyed good food, good conversation and good company at the Communion Breakfast held on January 16. Also in attendance were Fr. John, Fr. Przemek, Fr. Dennis and Fr. Martin. The breakfast was catered by Swiss Chalet, and Fr.. Mateusz Jasniewicz was the guest speaker.

Thank you to all who attended and a special thanks to Linda Macios and Deacon John Brandi for all their help. Stay tuned for details about our next meeting.

### ST. PAUL INSIDE THE WALLS

#### 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.

Please go to www.insidethewalls.org to register.

## THE BEST CATHOLIC CONTENT. ALL IN ONE PLACE

We are excited to announce that our parish has subscribed to a dynamic new online platform called FORMED. Every parishioner will have 24/7 access to the best Catholic content on any device, including your computer, smartphone and tablet with internet access. With FORMED you'll find video programs that explain the Catholic faith, explore the deepest meaning of marriage, receive Bible studies on a variety of topics and includes inspiring audio talks. And you'll find presenters like Dr. Tim Gray, Dr. Edward Sri, Dr. Mary Healey, Chris Stefanick, Dr. Scott Hahn, Bishop Robert Barron and a lot more. They're all part of our parish subscription. It truly is the Catholic faith - on demand.

Here's how easy it is to get FORMED: Go to www.FORMED.org. You should see the registration box for parishioners. Type in the parish code **PRNMFC.** Now set up a username and a password. Now you are all set to use all the great programs on FORMED.org anytime by simply logging in.

If you have any questions about FORMED please contact the parish office at 973-539-2141, or email <a href="mailto:assumption@assumptioparish.org">assumption@assumptioparish.org</a>.

#### **PANTRY NEEDS**

After the holiday season, our pantry shelves can be quite bare. If you are able to help fill the shelves, you will be answering God's call to feed the hungry. Please bring items with you when you attend Mass and place them in the bins at the doors of the church. You can also drop items off at the parish office during regular office hours.

Items that are always welcome include: Parmalat (shelf stable, 32 oz.), dry milk (1-qt. packs), hearty soups, low-sodium soups, spaghetti/tomato sauce, ensure, tea, breakfast cereal, peanut butter, mac 'n cheese, canned meats and meals, canned fruit (juice or lite-syrup), canned vegetables, baby food: stage 1, fruits and vegetables, dry beans and canned beans, tuna fish, pasta/whole wheat pasta, quart-sized resealable plastic bags.



## 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.

#### JOIN THE YOUTH CHOIR

We need middle school and high school students willing to share musical talents by serving in the choir at our weekly Youth Mass. We rehearse on Sundays at 4:30 p.m. for the 5:30 p.m. Sunday evening Mass. Please consider being part of this group especially if you are in your school choir.

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 <a href="mailto:claudiabn@aol.com">claudiabn@aol.com</a>.

#### **SAVE THE DATE: MONDAY, MAY 16**

Spend a day at Fiddler's Elbow Country Club in Bedminster to benefit the Villa Walsh Academy Athletic Program. Join a foursome for the annual golf tournament on the River and Meadow Courses. Not a golfer... Relax at the club as a "member-for-the-day" and enjoy a variety of other activities, including tennis, fitness classes, pool, and massage. A gourmet dinner reception and prize auctions complete the day.

For more information, contact Maria and Mike Manley at <u>973-626-1425</u>.

## MERCY AND HEALING RETREAT AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IN SOMERVILLE

Beginning with a Healing Mass on Friday, Feb. 5th at 7:00 p.m., and continuing the morning of February 6th with talks by genocide survivors Immaculee and Fr. Ubald, Immaculate Conception Church in Somerville is hosting a Healing and Forgiveness retreat. Kitty Cleveland will also be there to sing the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. The sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered and the day will end with a 5:00 p.m. vigil Mass.

For information about registration and cost, please email <a href="mailto:icnewevangelization@icsomerville.org">icsomerville.org</a>, or call 908 -725-1112.



#### A NOTE FROM TOM JOHNSON AFRICA SURGERY

The cargo container filled with donations from Assumption parishioners made it to Sierra Leone. Tom noted "What took four eight-hour-days to load, took about one hour and ten minutes to unload." As always your generosity and prayers are much appreciated.

## 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 15 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 <a href="mailto:gala@aacs350.org">gala@aacs350.org</a>.

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## Congratulations to Fr. John upon his appointment by the Vatican as a Missionary of Mercy



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From the Vatican, 16 october 2015

Prot. N. IM/1086/2015/P

Reverend Father John Hart Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 91Maple Avenue 7960 Morristown New Jersey U.S.A.

Dear Reverend Father.

I have the great pleasure of informing you that the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization gladly welcomes your collaboration and service as a Missionary of Mercy.

In this regard, I sincerely ask that you to take note of the following schedule of events. The first meeting with Pope Francis will take place on Tuesday, February 9, 2016. During this time he will personally welcome all of the Missionaries of Mercy and speak further about the sensitive nature of your service. On the following day, February 10, Ash Wednesday, there will be a solemn Eucharistic Concelebration, during which time the Holy Father will confer the mandate to the Missionaries. Also, on this occasion, the relics of Saints Padre Pio da Pietrelcina and Padre Leopoldo Mandie, having been brought to Rome specifically for this celebration, will be exposed for veneration by the faithful. The specific times of both of these initiatives will be announced at a later date on the Jubilee website (www.im.va).

In your capacity as a Missionary of Mercy, we trust that you will be available throughout the Holy Year but, especially, during the Lenten Season.

I congratulate you once again on this special apostolic responsibility and look forward to meeting you. Until then, I take this opportunity to extend to you my prayerful best wishes, as I remain

Yours sincerely in Christ,

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## Catholic Apologetics THE CORPORAL AND SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

January 29 at 7:00 p.m.

**Assumption Community Room** 

Presented by Deacon John Brandi

The works of mercy are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities. Join us on January 29 as Deacon John Brandi helps us to learn about how we can incorporate the works of mercy into our lives today.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are based in the Gospel of Matthew 25: 31 - 46, the one in which Jesus identifies himself squarely with the poor and marginalized: "Whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Jesus' message to us: I have loved you and given myself for you. Follow my example and love the way I have loved you.

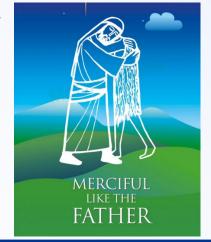
What we are called to today – in the midst of our modern world and busy lives - is to look beyond our own busy-ness and pay attention to those around us who are in need.

Works of mercy can be directed not only toward the needs of the body, but the needs of the soul as well. Indeed, the most serious form of poverty of all can be the *poverty of the spirit*, not only because it drains life of all energy, joy, and sense of purpose, but also because it is the one kind of poverty that can last forever.

That's why, in addition to the corporal works or mercy, the Church has outlined the spiritual works of mercy. Look to these works as preventative medicine for poverty of the spirit.

#### The Corporal Works of Mercy

Feed the hungry
Give drink to the thirsty
Clothe the naked
Shelter the homeless
Visit the sick
Visit the imprisoned



#### The Spiritual Works of Mercy

Instruct the ignorant
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- First Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m.in Spanish
- Every Saturday at 7 p.m. in Polish

#### Mass and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

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- Monday through Saturday 8 a.m.
- Tuesdays and Fridays 7 p.m. (Spanish)

#### Confession

• Saturday from 3:45-4:45 p.m.

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• First Saturday of the month at 10 a.m.



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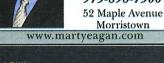
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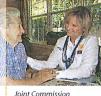
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