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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.

Africa Surgery

<u>Parish Registration:</u> Call 973-539-2141 or visit the parish website at www.assumptionparish.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 meets on Sundays, October-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 September–April on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. 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

<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> Contact Liz Rotunno in the Parish Office to arrange your child's Baptism. For first-time parents, attendance at a Baptismal Preparation class is required. Prep classes are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.

<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.



Tom Johnson

973-292-3320

Africa Surgery	I om Jonnson	973-292-3320
Altar Linens	Mike Cherello	973-267-6825
Altar Servers	Fr. John Hart	973-539-2141
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Centering Prayer	Fr. Ken Lasch	973-538-2653
Children's Worship	Linda Cannilla	973540-1683
CYO Basketball	Kevin Bopp	917-861-2876
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Divorced Catholics	Deacon Elliott Stein	973-539-2141
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	Lynnie Tecza	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	973-539-4650
	Leonard Crann	
Senior Citizens	Joan Kramer	973-539-4910
	Janet Dedrick	973-539-7811
Soup Kitchen	Annaliese Rush	973-455-0391
Ushers	Anthony Romano	973-267-5433
Welcome and Hospita		973-539-4390
Women's Cornerstone		908-477-9450
Vocations	Deacon John Brandi	973-539-2141
Young Professionals	Fr. Przemek	973-539-2141
Youth Ministry	Lisa Sullivan	973-267-8519

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY June 4

> Kathleen Geraghty and Isaura Martinez 8:00 a.m.

Claire and William Dunlap 5:30 p.m.

Horst Barkemeyer

SUNDAY June 5

> 7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

8:30 a.m. The Sexton and Tedeschi Families

Carmine J. Errico, Sr.

10:00 a.m. Margaret Patterson

The Libby and Farmer Families

Patrick Farmer 12:15 p.m. Reita Marone

MONDAY June 6

Mary Connell 7:00 a.m. 12:05 p.m. Timothy Romagna

TUESDAY June 7

7:00 a.m. Ashley Cistaro 12:05 p.m. Peter Cifeilli WEDNESDAY June 8

7:00 a.m. Laurie Rasinski 12:05 p.m. Visitacion Lamera

THURSDAY June 9

> Kathleen Kelly Woodford 7:00 a.m.

Anne Marie Frascione (1st Anniversary) 12:05 p.m.

FRIDAY June 10 Lynn Guerriero 7:00 a.m.

Evelyn Dougherty 12:05 p.m. SATURDAY June 11

8:00 a.m. Michael Sottile 5:30 p.m. Alice Boehler

For the Protection of Babies

in the Womb

SUNDAY June 12

> People of the Parish 7:00 a.m. Charles C. Robinson 8:30 a.m. Carmine J. Errico. Sr.

Constance Poling

10:00 a.m.

Patricia Ginty D'Aloia

John Philip Murray, Jr. 12:15 p.m.

William and Claire Dunlap

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

• Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel, Cedar Knolls.

virst Reading: 1 Kings 17:17-24

Our reading from the Hebrew Scriptures presents Elijah, the man of God. He is a person through whom God works in mighty ways.

econd Reading: Galatians 1:11-19

Continuing his angry defense of his apostolic authority. Paul declares that no human being has taught him the Gospel he preaches. It has come directly from God.

<u> v ospel: Luke 7:11-17</u>

In this weekend's passage from Luke's Gospel, Jesus reminds us of Elijah. Like that ancient prophet, Jesus is also one thorough whom God works in mighty ways.



We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the Readings for the week of June 5

1 Kgs 17:1-6; Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, Monday

7-8; Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday 1 Kgs 17:7-16; Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8;

Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday 1 Kgs 18:20-39; Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab,

and 8, 11; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday 1 Kgs 18:41-46; Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13;

Mt 5:20-26

Friday 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16; Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc,

13-14; Mt 5:27-32

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, Saturday

3cd-4, 5-6; Mt 5:33-37

Sunday **Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

> 2 Sm 12:7-10, 13; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 7, 11; Gal 2:16, 19-21; Lk 7:36—8:3 or 7:36-50

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE RECOVERY OF:

Paul Albanese, Charles Arnolt, Charles Arteglier, Greg, John, and Tom Baxter, Paula Rose Carducci, Jim and Kay Cavanaugh, Ralph Coti, Kenneth Eastman, Albert Garcia, Frank Geraghty, John Geraghty, Marge Hefferon, Cora Huston, John Hyland, Patricia Ioannou, Robert Kamenetz, Kenneth Krause, Susan Krauss, Francis Montemurno, Ruth Necco, Barbara O'Hagan, Mary Reisch, Eileen Scheibner, Rosalie Sottile, Marie Therese Vaz, Julie Winne, Colin Wisniewski, Nancy Arteglier, Ursula Bennett, Deedee Bentley, Kathleen Callahan, Brendan Carey, Marva Jean Corbin, Ronan Davis, Ralph Depp, Baby Emma Wyman, Jack Frost, Joseph Gabriele, Jim Gallo, Marie Garibladi, Willette Greer, Liam Hanly, Margie Herman, Robert Kaps, Eileen Lanfare, Keeya Little, Jim Mongey, Payton O'Brien, Debra Peniston, Donna Polise, James Preston, Victoria Ramirez, Margaret Saengar, Richard Fredrick Smith, Louis Terreri, Savio Vaz, Baby Wilber Ridgley, Caroline Bastek, Msgr. Pat Brown, Idella Kelly, Steven Mortenson, Jane Quinlan, Al Reed, Fr. Paul Krajewski, Lourdes Flores, Antonette Fraioli, Gerry Fraioli, David Kimmel, Kieran Kole, Gerry Hogan, Kathy Shay, Andrew McCray, Barbara Doran, Pamela Gardner, Martha Lebron, Simone Saxon, Caryn Seifer, Barbara Dixon, Susan Baime, John Barcliff, George Corbin, Elberita Delbastide, Clara Gotch, Dan Lessnau, Sister Marie Graziano, William Moeller, Saul Wolfe, Robert Kamenetz, Allan Russo, Justin Lee, Debby McKinley, Barbara Sullivan, Sr. Evelyn Lebiedz, SC, Beth Karmen, Nigel Loeppky, Andrea C. Wright, Elaine Metzger, Frank Keary, Andrea Piccillo, Carol Bivens, Khianna Reynolds, Robin Stewart, Amy Van Dyke, Peter Nardi, Bette Dwyer, Brenda Hinds.

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. All names are left on the prayer list for three months.

GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

Need help? Our ministry can assist parishioners with shopping, banking, doctor and dentist appointments, and other errands. Contact our coordinator for June Pat Moore, at (973) 267-5304.

WISDOM THE GIFT OF THE SECOND HALF OF LIFE FRIDAY JUNE 10, FROM 9:15 A.M. TO 2:30 P.M.

In contemporary American culture, the role of seniors is essentially non-existent, let alone valued. But who better can speak to the worthiness of sacrifice than those who have – and continue – to do so. Listen as we share our stories and learn that the 'journey' is worth every step we take, no matter how painful or unsure it is. Call Sacred Thread Ministries, Millington NJ, at 908 -608-3160 to register.

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 Navv 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.; Bryan Chojnacki, US Army, 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, Captain James Cassidy, USMC in Washinton, DC, 1st Lt. Devon Cassidy, Navy Nurse in San Diego, CA.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION AND BENEDICTION

We will have Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday, June 6, at 7:00 p.m. Please join us.



JESUS MEETS THE WIDOW OF NAIN

As [Jesus] drew near the gate of [Nain], a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow. (Luke 7: 11-17)

On this tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time we resume Luke's Gospel and Jesus' teaching, His encounters with people and miracles He performs. In the passage today, Jesus restores life to the only son of the widow of Nain. There is no loss worse than the death of one's own child. It is the most tragic and severe of all losses. Here is a reflection about extreme grief and life.

A year after the death of her daughter, a grieving mom writes to family and friends:

"There are no appropriate words; nothing you can say that will make it better. But your calls, your visits, your invitations mean a lot to me. They remind me I am still alive and still have a life outside this tragedy.

"I cry a lot, and I am OK with that. I'm not embarrassed about it, and you shouldn't be, either. Don't suggest that I take medication. I'm entitled to my emotions. I need to feel, to grieve. I want to talk about my daughter. I want to say her name and hear her name, and if I cry, it's OK. Please don't avoid talking to me because you don't want to upset me. I will cry either alone or in front of you, and I don't want you to feel uncomfortable or guilty.

"If what you tell me is true, that you think of me all the time, please call me or send me an e-mail. Don't wait for that random grocery-aisle meeting to tell me how much I am on your mind . . . My loss is not contagious. You shouldn't be scared to be with me. Any discomfort you initially feel should subside if you give it a chance and give me a chance. If you are planning an evening out, a lunch date, a getaway, please make an effort to include me. I often feel like a pariah. My intention is not to 'bring you down,' and I do my best not to burden anyone with my sadness. Don't feel awkward inviting me to have some 'fun,' and don't assume I won't join in, so why even bother asking. I may often decline, but it is comforting to be included. Being excluded is killing me . . .

"If you see my kids, don't just ask them how I am doing; please ask them how they are doing. They lost their older sister, their confidante, their best friend, and need to know that people are concerned about them, too. This loss happened to my whole family - all of us.

"I realized this past year, after the last meal was dropped off, the last card arrived, and the official visits were over, everyone's lives resumed, except for ours. Yes, we go through the motions, smiling, working, shopping, nodding, and telling people we are fine. But deep inside there is that void, that constant ache that will always be there, as it should be, and that is all right with me." [Roberta Levine Waters, "A Grieving Mom's Request," **The Boston Globe Magazine**, March 8, 2015.]

In today's Gospel, Jesus encounters the widow of Nain who is burying her son and, Luke writes, "was moved with pity" for her. While we feel the heartbreak for survivors like the widow and the mom grieving for her daughter, we don't know what to do or say and so we avoid them. But in her letter to her family and friends, this



grieving mother offers all of us a lesson in compassion. While we cannot restore their loved ones to life as Jesus does in today's Gospel, we can restore the grieving to life - we can help them cross the bridge from their isolating grief to being part of the community again. It does not require an understanding of the psychology of grief; it begins with loving and caring enough to call, to invite, to inquire, to offer. There are no words that will make it better - we can only offer the compassion that is of God that heals and restores in its own good time. (Connections)

In Christ's Peace, Father John

RESPECT AND COMPASSSION

Jesus and his disciples are approaching the city of Nain when they come upon a large funeral procession. The only son of a widow is being carried out. Jesus, filled with pity for the grieving mother, tells her not to weep. He then touches the coffin and tells the young man to arise. With that, the dead man gets up and starts speaking. The crowd, amazed at what they have just witnessed, praise God, saying, "A great prophet has arisen in our midst" and "God has visited his people."

A Family Perspective: Gather at the family table or in a room that is quiet and comfortable. Read aloud this Sunday's Gospel Reading (Luke 7:11–17). If your family enjoys dramatizing, assign parts and reenact the Gospel. Note that Jesus responded to the widow's loss with a miracle; he restored the gift of life to her son. In doing this, he showed respect for the widow, compassion for her loss, and concern for her continued well-being.

Respect, compassion, concern for the well-being of others—these are virtues practiced toward one another in a Christlike family. Talk together about how and when these virtues were manifest in your family during the past week. If you have difficulty thinking of examples of any one of them, make a serious effort during the coming week to practice it.

REGISTRATION FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IS OPEN

Registration for the 2016-2017 Religious Education school year is open. Visit www.assumptionparish.org, and click on the Religious Education link, and select the appropriate form from the following choices:

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
- Confirmation
- Fridays Faith and Family (wait list)
- Kindergarten through Eighth Grade

SUMMER 2016 6TH GRADE BUY A BIBLE CAMPAIGN

Our 6th grade Religious Education students are given a Catholic Youth Bible (New American Bible) at the start of our program in October. The cost to our program for a Bible is \$25. We need to purchase approximately 95 Bibles and Bible tabs. Donations are now being accepted to "Buy a Bible." If you choose to donate, your name and/or the name of a loved one you designate will be inscribed into the Bible. Interested benefactors should complete a "Buy a Bible" form (green sheet) available at the doors of the church and return it to the Religious Education office. The form can also be found on the forms and links page of the parish website at www.assumptionparish.org.

Email <u>Sharon.bertram@assumptionparish.org</u> for more information or call 973-267-5638.

ARRIVEDERCI E BUONA FORTUNA TO SEMINARIAN CHRIS HAN

Join us on June 5th at the 12:15 Mass as we bid a temporary farewell to seminarian Chris Han.

Chris, who was born in South Korea and came to the Unites States with his mother and younger brother at the age of 15 was raised in Las Vegas, Nevada. After high school, Chris served 6 years in the Marine Corp. Upon his honorable discharge, he attended University of Las Vegas Nevada and graduated with a degree in biological science, with the intent of pursuing a Doctor of Dental Surgery degree. But Chris had sensed a calling to the priesthood and after graduating from UNLV decided to discern his vocation seriously.

Through the Grace of God, and a polish woman Fr. Przemek was bringing communion to, Chris came to New Jersey and met with the vocation director of the Diocese of Paterson. At this time, Chris felt fully convinced of God's call to him for the priesthood.

In fall of 2014 Chris entered Mount St. Mary's seminary in Emmetsburg Maryland, where he has completed his pre-theology curriculum. During his semester breaks and summer, Chris has stayed here at Assumption, helping in many different ministries.

This July, Chris will be moving to Rome to continue his formation to the priesthood at the Pontifical North American College, where he will study for the next 4 years.

There will be a reception for Chris after the 12:15 Mass on June 5th in the Community Room. All are welcome to attend to offer prayers and support for Chris as he continues to answer God's call to service.

ELEMNETARY PRINCIPAL NEEDED

The Catholic Schools Office of the Diocese of Paterson is seeking applicants for an elementary school principal at Holy Family School, Florham Park. Holy Family School is a co-educational elementary school - preschool through eighth grade. Information about the opening and the application materials can be found at http://www.patdioschools.org/administrative-openings.



VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT

"Quo Vadis - Where are you going?" Legend tells us that Saint Peter asked Jesus this question on the outskirts of Rome. We know where Jesus went in response to His Father's will. What is the Father's will Quo Vadis Days is a time of recreation, for you? fellowship, prayer and discussion to help you explore our Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Lituray of the Hours, Rosary, hiking, games, recreation, sports, talks, great food, and discussions. For men ages 15 to 25. Quo Vadis Days will be held June 29-July 1 at the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Newton, New Jersey. The cost is free. For more information email Frs. Brogan and Rivera at jbrogan@patersondiocese.org or fredgar@patersondiocese.org.

ASSUMPTION SENIOR GROUP

Assumption Senior Group held its monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 24. Our guest speaker was Officer Dieterich of the Morristown Police Department, who spoke to us on Safety for Seniors, and how to beware of frauds, scams, illegal solicitors and other threats on the elderly.

The meeting was well attended, and our planned trip to Radio City was discussed.

Assumption Senior Group meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting is scheduled for June 28. Hope to see you there.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE

If any person may have been abused by any priest, they should immediately contact their local County Prosecutor's Office and the Diocese's Victims Assistance Coordinator: Peggy Zanella at 973-879-1489. You may also be in touch with either of the Diocesan Response Officers: Rev. Msgr. James T.Mahoney, Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia, 973-777-8818 Ext. 205 or Sister Mary Edward Spohrer, S.C. C., Chancellor/Delegate for Religious, 973-777~8818 Ext. 248.

The entire text of the Policy of the Diocese of Paterson in Response to Complaints of Sexual Abuse can be found on the diocesan Web site at: www.patersondiocese.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT THE COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN

Many Assumption parishioners generously donate their time and talent once a month at the Community Soup Kitchen. This effort is greatly appreciated by the hundreds of guests the Soup Kitchen serves every day of the year. If you would like to join with other volunteers from Assumption once a month to work at the Soup Kitchen, please call Annaliese Rush at 973-455-0391.

MASS ATTENDANCE MAY 28/29

5:30 p.m.	181
7:00 a.m.	131
8:30 a.m.	152
10:00 a.m.	352
12:15 p.m.	400
Total:	1.216

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The collection total for the weekend of May 28/29 was \$17,754. The collection for this weekend last year was \$18.555.

<u>Pastor's Note:</u> I am most grateful to all who are so generous and support our weekly offertory with your sacrificial giving. When I count my blessings, I count you twice!

A LETTER FROM OUR BISHOP

As we look to celebrate Father's Day we acknowledge a father's role in the family as one who helps create a loving and nurturing home life, providing tried and true lessons that will enrich his children.

Throughout the Diocese of Paterson, our "fathers" - our priests - work to enrich the spiritual life of our parish families by preaching the Gospel and inviting all to the Eucharistic table where we experience Christ in the breaking of the bread. Such a responsibility is an honor and a joy for those of us in the priesthood.

This coming Father's Day, a very special collection is being taken up to support those men who are being educated at seminaries in our country and around the world and who will one day serve our own parishes. Just as with your support of our Bishop's Annual Appeal, this collection will be used to help fund the cost of their formation.

Your gift will be a wonderful show of support and encouragement to those men who are giving themselves to Christ and to his people. I ask that you please be as generous as possible in response to this Father's Day Collection for seminarian education.

Faithfully yours in Christ, Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli



LOOK WHO'S GOING TO POLAND WITH FATHER PRZEMEK!

Join Fr. Przemyslaw Nowak, Deacon Brian and Andrea Beyerl, Karol Corbin-Walker 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.

LIBRARIAN NEEDED AT ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

Assumption College for Sisters, located in Denville, is looking for a Librarian for 1 - 2 hours per week. Applicants should possess a master's degree in Library Science and have computer skills.

Responsibilities of this role include: accessioning of new library materials, cross referencing what is in the data base with holdings on the shelves, and, weekly tracking library usage and re-shelving holdings.

Interested applicants should forward a cover letter of interest and a resume to Sister Joseph at president@acs350.org. For information on the position email Sister Joseph at president@acs350.org.

CONGRATULATIONS TO FATHER PREZMYSLAW GAWLIK

Fr. Przemyslaw Gawlik was ordained a priest last Saturday in a beautiful ceremony at St. Philip the Apostle Church in Clifton, and celebrated his first Mass here at Assumption on Sunday, May 29 at 12:15 p.m.

Please join us in congratulating Fr. Przemek, and pray for him to continue to grow in his love and knowledge of God, as he serves as Parochial Vicar to the parish of St. Vincent the Martyr in Madison, NJ.



CATHOLIC FAMILY AND COMMUNITY SERVICES FATHER MARTIN GOLF CLASSIC



Join us on June 20, at the Knoll Country Club West in Boonton, NJ, for a day of golf for a great cause. Registration forms are available online at www.assumptionparish.org, or pick up a copy in the parish office.

For information on the tournament, or to make a gift of products or

services for the auction/raffle or promotional giveaways please contact: Karina Calabuig at (973) 361-5555, x158, or email karina@catholiccharities.org.

5K RACE FOR RECOVERY

The Market Street Mission is holding its annual 5K Race for Recovery, on July 4th at 9:00 a.m. This event is a trail run/walk through Lewis Morris Park, located at 270 Mendham Rd, in Morris Township. We would love for everyone to experience freedom from addiction, but until that is possible we plan to run, walk and pray for those who are in recovery.

There are three events taking place on July 4^{th} ; the race itself (for ages 10 and older), the Kid's Fun Run (for ages 3-9), and) our Freedom Run (for those who are out of town.)

To register for the race or simply donate to support us, visit the Market Street Mission Website www.marketstreet.org and click on the Market Street 5K Race icon.

HANDYMAN NEEDED

St. Joseph Church, Mendham, is seeking a full-time handyman/maintenance person responsible for the maintenance, cleanliness and repair of the parish and school facilities. Applicants must have the ability to perform various maintenance and repairs including carpentry and plumbing. Must have knowledge of procedures, practices, tools and equipment used in maintenance. Requirements include the ability to lift 50 lbs., work independently with minimal direct supervision, walk long distances, and climb ladders. Please send resume to JCronin@StJoesmendham.org, or mail to St. Joseph Church, 6 New Street, Mendham, NJ 07945. Attention: Maintenance position.

MORRIS CATHOLIC SUMMER INSTITUTE

Our Study Skills and Technology program for incoming 9th graders focuses on specific skills which will give them a head start on their high school academic career. The teacher will engage students in out of the box exercises which integrate high school study skills and technology. Students will have the opportunity to learn specific examples of skills they will need to hit the ground running as a high school student. July 18 - July 22, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. For more information visit www.summer.morriscatholic.org.

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BIBLICAL WISDOM FOR MARRIAGE ROADMAP FOR A LIFETIME OF LOVE

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wo or three generations ago, lifelong married love was commonplace. Now it may seem to some to be barely possible. Although Jesus described marriage as an unbreakable bond planned by the Creator from the beginning of time (see Matthew 19:3–8), many of us struggle to make married love last.

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Fortunately, we don't have to rely solely on our own strength or cleverness. Jesus promised that "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20).

A sacramental marriage gathers us together in God's name, and he will not fail to help us. He gives us grace through the sacraments and wisdom through the Scriptures. In fact, the Bible gives us a kind of roadmap to a happy marriage and shows us how to infuse our imperfect human love with the power of the divine.

The Bible teaches us how to choose and cherish a spouse, connect in prayer, bring balance to our lives, be fruitful, and pass on our faith to future generations.

Choose and Cherish a Spouse

"I have called you by name: you are mine." – Isaiah 43:1

Marriage is a vocation, a calling from God. Our vocation is God's specific plan for us, conceived in love from all eternity. By finding and embracing our vocation, we set our feet on a path to heaven.

Because marriage is a vocation, choosing to get married involves not just a decision but a discernment. Amidst all the feelings of romance and passion, we still have to ask: Will this person stay with me through thick and thin? Does this person inspire me to be better or tempt me to be worse? Does this person draw me closer to Christ? Prayer will help us to discern. A still, small voice in our heart will tell us if this person is meant to be ours for a lifetime.

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Over time, we'll learn more about our spouse's good and not-so-good qualities. Over time, our spouse will also change—for better, for worse, or for both! At the beginning of marriage, spouses often idealize each other, thrilling in the excitement and power of new love. But inevitably, we will wake up one day to realize that our spouse isn't perfect. If we're truly wise, we'll acknowledge that we're not perfect either.

Two imperfect people can never have a perfect marriage—but that's OK. God loves us despite our imperfections, weaknesses, and very human failings. He loves us as we are, and he calls us to love our spouses as they are. Ultimately, marriage

is a sacred calling to love our spouses as the people they are, not the people we wish they would be. This is how we imitate divine love.

Connect in Prayer

"My soul thirsts for God, the living God." – Psalm 42:3

We can't imitate divine love if we've never experienced it. The gateway to an experience of divine love is prayer. Prayer creates a relationship with God our Father and Jesus, his only Son. Prayer is what gives Christian marriage its profound depth and deeply entrenched roots because it puts us in touch with the only perfect person in our marriage—God. Our relationship with God, nourished through prayer, will get us

through the hard times when life or our partner has let us down.

Relationships are built through time spent together, and prayer is time spent with God. There are many types of prayer—attending Mass, reading the Bible and meditating on its meaning, reciting the rosary, or speaking spontaneously about our hopes, our dreams, and our sorrows. A husband and wife can share all these types of prayer. Done together, these prayers create spiritual intimacy between spouses.

Through prayer, a husband and wife can connect on a souldeep level. They can achieve what the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* calls "a deeply personal unity, a unity that, beyond union in one flesh, leads to forming one heart and soul" (*CCC* 1643). Without prayer to nourish, revive, and bring life to a marriage, the spiritual dimension of a marriage can dry up and wither away. But it will be difficult for spouses united in prayer to ever be separated or driven apart.

Find Work-Life Balance

"Whatever you do, do from the heart, as for the Lord and not for others." – Colossians 3:23

The phrase work-life balance can make it sound as if we have only two choices—to work or to live. But of course we need to work in order to live. In the words of St. Paul, "we instructed you that if anyone was unwilling to work, neither should that one eat" (2 Thessalonians 3:10). So the real questions become *How much work is too much?* and *When do work obligations*

start to harm our family life and our spiritual life?

We don't have to exclude God and family from our work life. It's possible to say a quiet or even silent grace before meals at the office or in a restaurant with a client. It's a terrific idea to call your spouse at least once a day during a break. When work gets stressful or boring, we can remind ourselves of how much our families benefit from the income we earn or the tasks we do. We can thank God for having a job at all in a bad economy or a struggling industry. Most of all, we can keep in mind that God is our ultimate boss. Whether or not we got that raise, snatched that promotion, or received any thanks or congratulations, God is pleased with a job well done.

Employers who ask for seven-day workweeks or fourteen-hour workdays may be asking too much of someone with a family waiting at home. Setting limits is good for the sake of our families, for us as workers, and even for

the employer who doesn't want constant burnout and turnover of employees. We can keep a proper balance by ordering our priorities well—first God, then family, then work.



"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." – John 15:5

In the Book of Genesis, God told Adam and Eve to be fruitful and multiply, to fill all the earth with their descendants (see Genesis 1:28). When God made a covenant with our forefather Abraham, he blessed him with a promise of descendants that number as "the stars of heaven, or the sand on the shore of the sea" (Daniel 3:36). The Old Testament consistently portrayed physical fruitfulness as a sign of God's favor.





"In marriage we give ourselves completely without calculation or reserve, sharing everything, gifts and hardship, trusting in God's Providence.

> -Pope Francis, Address to the Pontifical Council for the Family, 10/25/13

Certainly, children are a great gift to a marriage. But Jesus revealed in the gospels that fruitfulness is much more than physical. When Jesus said in John 15:5, "Whoever remains in me...will bear much fruit," he pointed us to a spiritual meaning of fruitfulness. Spreading the word of God, showing a hurting person God's mercy, and serving the needs of the poor are all ways to build God's kingdom.

There's a great need for godparents who know their faith, for caring aunts and uncles, dedicated catechists, and volunteers to help the needy. Married couples who don't have children yet, couples who struggle with infertility, and parents whose children have grown can all be spiritually fruitful as well.

Hand on Faith to the Next Generation

"Take these words of mine into your heart and soul.... Teach them to your children." - Deuteronomy 11:18-19

In a Catholic wedding ceremony, the bride and groom are asked: "Will you accept children lovingly from God, and bring them up according to the law of

Christ and his Church?" Loving parents

instinctively know that a child needs more than just physical care. Parents have the responsibility of raising children to be good people, contribute to society, and serve God through serving others. Parents are called to nurture their children's minds and souls as well as their bodies. Grandparents, too, are called to nurture their grandchildren.

We lead such busy lives

PATRON SAINTS FOR MARRIAGE

Officially, there are many patron saints of marriage, from St. Raphael the Archangel, who helped defeat a demon so that a couple could safely marry, to St. Rita, who suffered from domestic abuse. But we can choose any saint to watch over and intercede for our marriage. Here are a few excellent options:

The Holy Family: We shouldn't be intimidated by the innate goodness and wholesome perfection of the Holy Family. They experienced joys and sorrows just like we do. Day after day, Mary cared for their home, and Joseph worked so his family could survive. They said their prayers together and wondered what the future would hold. But they excelled in faith, hope, and love, qualities every Christian marriage needs.

Sts. Louis & Zelie Martin: In 2015, Pope Francis canonized Louis and Zelie Martin, parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the "Little Flower." The Martins didn't perform public miracles or found a religious order. Their claim to fame was raising their children to be saints. Their daughter St. Thérèse was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church, recognized for both spiritual insight and holiness. Another daughter, Léonie, is now being considered for sainthood.

Pope St. John Paul II: Pope Francis declared St. John Paul II to be the "pope of the family." John Paul II (or JPII, as he was known) wrote and spoke often on the themes of marriage, the meaning of our bodies and our sexuality, parenthood, work, and prayer.

today that it can be hard to find time for God. But God is always waiting and wanting to spend time with us. God waits for us in every Mass, in every confessional, and in the pages of Scripture. A faith-centered family life is more cheerful, peaceful, and united. Although priests and religious

> education catechists have important roles, no one will influence our children's faith lives as much as we will. We are our children's first, best,

and most effective teachers.

Sometimes parents drift away from the Church community and only return when it's time for their children to receive the sacraments. Even if we've been away for a while, Holy Mother Church will always welcome us back home. She will help us to revive our faith and hand it on to the next generation. She will help us to experience divine love and share it with our family.

Look: What do you think is the greatest challenge most married couples face today?

Judge: What difference do you see in couples who include God in their marriages?

> Act: What can you do to strengthen or support a marriage relationship, your own or that of family or friends?

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• "Man and woman were made 'for each other'—not that God left them half-made and incomplete: he created them to be a communion of persons, in which each can be 'helpmate' to the other" (372).

 "Since God created [humans as] man and woman, their mutual love becomes an image of the absolute and unfailing love with which God loves [us]" (1604).

 "Man and woman need the help of the grace that God in his infinite mercy never refuses them. Without this help man and woman cannot achieve the union of their lives for which God created them 'in the beginning'" (1608).

 "The family should live in such a way that its members learn to care and take responsibility for the young, the old, the sick, the handicapped, and the poor" (2208).

"Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness, forgiveness, respect, fidelity, and disinterested service are the rule" (2223).

Manuel P. Santos, MD, a psychiatrist, and his wife, Karee, are co-authors of The Four Keys to Everlasting Love: How Your Catholic Marriage Can Bring You Joy for a Lifetime (Ave Maria Press, 2016). They also write a monthly advice column called Marriage Rx on Catholic Mom.com and contribute regularly to FAITH Magazine's "Marriage Matters." The couple lives in Long Island, New York with their six children.



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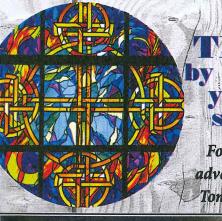
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