Since 1848 The Parish Family of

The Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Welcomes You

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

Mass Schedule

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

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

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

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

National Holidays
9:00 a.m.

Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Parochial Vicar: Rev. Przemyslaw Nowak
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In Residence: Rev. Samuel Monaco
In Residence: Rev. Geno Sylva
Deacons: Brian Beyerl, John Brandi, Michael Hanly, Elliott Stein

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

Parish Office Summer Hours Monday through 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
Sr. Merris Larkin, S.C. Principal

Religious Education: 973-267-5638, Fax 973-267-4223
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Linda Macios: Director
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
Samuel Brito: 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: 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.

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
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	973-769-6418
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
	Janet Dedrick	973-539-7811
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	Deacon John Brandi	973-539-2141
Young Professionals	Fr. Przemek	973-539-2141
Youth Ministry	Lisa Sullivan	973-267-8519

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY	**July 30**
8:00 a.m.	Mary Carr
5:30 p.m.	Rose Vesper
	Dora Taeschler
SUNDAY	**July 31**
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Carmine J. Errico, Sr.
	Reita Marone
10:00 a.m.	The Parker and Bergen Families
	Jerome Lewis and the Departed Souls of the Lewis Family
12:15 p.m.	Norman Champlin
	Joanne Garifo
Monday	**August 1**
7:00 a.m.	The Zamarelli Family and Doctor
12:05 p.m.	Gerald Henry Schofield
TUESDAY	**August 2**
7:00 a.m.	Brian Prendergast
12:05 p.m.	The Mills Family
WEDNESDAY	**August 3**
7:00 a.m.	Zane Kenig
12:05 p.m.	Rosalie Dalupan de Guzman
THURSDAY	**August 4**
7:00 a.m.	Thomas P. Howell
12:05 p.m.	Mimi DeLotto
FRIDAY	**August 5**
7:00 a.m.	Michael Bolio
12:05 p.m.	Mary Jane Yaksich
SATURDAY	**August 6**
8:00 a.m.	Rose Emmer
5:30 p.m.	Claire and William Dunlap
	Kathleen Boyle Whelan
SUNDAY	**August 7**
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Carmine J. Errico, Sr.
	Sheila Feitelberg
10:00 a.m.	Poling Family Intentions
	Edward F. Broderick, Jr.
12:15 p.m.	Richard Doran, Sr.
	Kathleen Woods Nish

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: Ecclesiastes 1:2,2:21-23

Our first reading comes from a book in Hebrew Scripture that is rarely included in the lectionary cycles. The book of Ecclesiastes, written around 250 B.C., is a writing that is skeptical about pious religious proverbs. It particularly questions any theology that ignores the fact that, in life, the good and the wicked, the wise and the foolish, often suffer the same fate.

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-5,9-11

In this portion of the Letter to the Colossians, the author encourages his readers to put aside ungodly behaviors and to focus instead on the new life of Christ.

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

Echoing our first reading, this portion of Luke's Gospel shows Jesus criticizing what today is called "materialism." The pursuit of wealth and possessions is not consistent with living the life of God.

We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the Readings for the week of July 31

Monday	Jer 28:1-17; Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102; Mt 14:13-21
Tuesday	Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Ps 102:16-18, 19 -21, 29, and 22-23; Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday	Jer 31:1-7; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Mt 15:21-28
Thursday	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19; Mt 16:13-23
Friday	Na 2:1, 3, 3:1-3, 6-7; Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41; Mt 16:24-28
Saturday	Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9; 2 Pt 1:16-19; Lk 9:28b-36
Sunday	**Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33:1, 12, 18-19, 20-22; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 Lk 12:32-48

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, John Hyland, Patricia Ioannou, Robert Kamenetz, Kenneth Krause, Susan Krauss, Francis Montemurno, Ruth Necco, Barbara O'Hagan, Mary Reisch, Eileen Scheibner, Rosalie Sottile, Julie Winne, Colin Wisniewski, Nancy Arteglier, 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, Bette Dwyer, Vincent Farley, Rich Oelkers, Claire Harty, Baby Hadley Cherry, Fr. Bill Rakowicz, Terri Abrams, Patricia McBride, Elizabeth Langenohl, Theresa DiPaolo, Latoya Thomas, Vivian Sanks King, Sharyn Zaslofsky

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.

ASSUMPTION SENIORS

The Assumption Seniors had a very enjoyable day at the Radio City Music Hall enjoying the Rockettes for the performance of the Summer Spectacular. It was a real success for our group, and we are now planning on attending the Radio City Rockettes Christmas Show on December 12. We suggest that you contact Long Travel at 973-538-1700 to reserve a seat, as the bus will fill up fast. Mention that you are with the Assumption Senior group when making your reservation.

ASSUMPTION PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Beginning Monday, June 20, the Parish Office will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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.*; *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; *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, *Captain James Cassidy*, USMC in Washinton, DC, 1st *Lt. Devon Cassidy*, Navy Nurse in San Diego, CA.

GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

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

GOING ON VACATION? FIND A MASS ANYWHERE

Happy Summer time to all! Remember to find a Catholic Church near you when you are away. . Check the internet at www.masstimes.org.

REAL SECURITY

The parable of the rich man's new barns: " You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?'" *(Luke 12: 13-21)*

Today Jesus tells us the parable about the rich man and his barns. Here is a light-hearted reflection, perfect for summer time.

If clutter is taking over your life, if your many possessions possess you, you need a touch of "Kondo magic."

"Kondo" is Marie Kondo, a Japanese expert in the science of - no kidding - tidying up. She has written four best-selling books, including **The Life-Changing Magic of Tidying Up.** Her name has become a verb among her millions of fans around the world: "I *Kondo*-ed everything" means you have purged your house and home of every non-essential thing cluttering up your life. This 30-year-old mother of an infant, who first became interested in tidying things when she was only five, has brought the principles of *feng-shui* to a whole new level, in everything from folding T-shirt to filing documents.

Marie Kondo's approach to keeping and disposing of possessions center on three principles:

First, she advises that you pick up each item you own and ask yourself if that thing "sparks joy." It takes time and thoughtfulness, but asking that question of every possession can be liberating. If done correctly, you find yourself living happier with less.

Second, Marie Kondo points out that the hardest things to get rid of are the things that make you feel guilty. An example: the expensive dress you bought five years ago and wore only once because it made you feel dumpy, or the ugly but expensive knickknack given to you by a close relative or friend. Let it go - to some charity that can see that it's put to good use.

And, third, Marie Kondo writes, "If you're having a hard time getting rid of something, thank the item for the role it has already played in your life." For example, say, T*hank you for giving me joy when I bought you* or *Thank you for teaching me what doesn't suit me.* Then you're free to let it go.

It may all sound a little ridiculous, but Marie Kondo's charming if slightly insane tips can bring great peace of mind. You approach what you own as the means to joy and not joy in themselves; in new ways, you realize how blessed you have been in what you have.

Marie Kondo's quirky approach to decluttering, like the parable of the rich man's barns, challenges us to look at all the "stuff" we possess and to realize the real valuables in our lives. Often something's true worth has nothing to do with its monetary value or the momentary pleasure it gives us. Its value is in the memories it preserves, in the time it saves us for more important and joyful pursuits, in its enabling us to experience the selfless and affirming love of God in the good we are able to do for family and friends. Jesus calls us to take inventory of our lives and the things that "clutter" them and refocus our attention on the things of God: compassion, mercy, forgiveness, consolation. (Connections)

In Christ's Peace,
Father John

INVESTING WITH GOD

Throughout the Gospel, Luke calls his readers to examine their attitude towards wealth. As he asserts in today's Gospel, "One's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions" (Luke 12:15). By giving away our wealth, we prepare for an eternal future.

Adults: What do I possess that is absorbing too much of my time and energy? How can I live more simply?

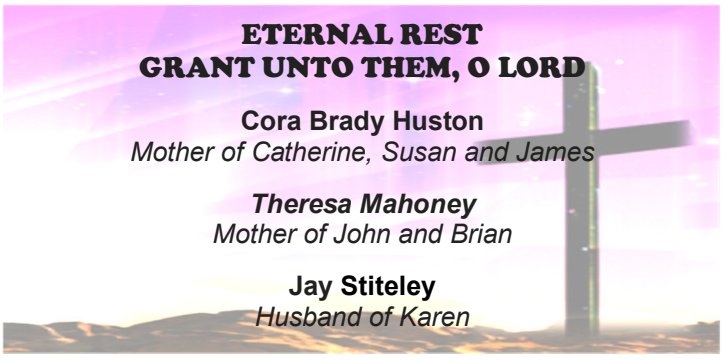
Children: How might I share more with others?

A Family Perspective: Family life helps us learn about the values of solidarity and the common good. As a family, we strive to respect the rights of each family member and make decisions that promote the common good of the family. Talk about what it would be like if the family ordered a pizza and then divided it unevenly, with some members getting as many pieces as they wanted while others got only a half slice. Talk about how you work to make sure that everyone in the family has his or her fair share. Talk about how your family is also a member of the human family, called to share the goods of creation fairly and justly. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to remember that the goods of the world are intended to be shared by all. Read aloud Luke 12:13-21. Talk about the parable of the rich fool and ask family members to describe what they think he did wrong. Emphasize that although the man in the story doesn't seem bad, Jesus points out that this man's flaw was that he was thinking only about himself and his own comfort and security. Remind your children that each time we go to Mass, we ask forgiveness for what we have done and for what we have failed to do. We call this prayer the *Confiteor*.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT
Now More Than Ever

We invite all parishioners to take special advantage of our celebration of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m. (Monday, August 1) especially during this time of such hostile inhumanity "prowling about the world seeking the ruin of souls."

Please, join together in the presence of our "Prince of Peace" and pray not only for a end of brutality in all its forms, but also for Jesus' inspiration to guide each of us to find a way to actively work for peace, understanding and harmony in our Town, our County, our State, our Nation and our common home the Earth.



PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY

Our Parish Picture Directory is in production, and we hope to have the books in the parish office before the end of the summer. If you had your picture taken for the directory you are entitled to a free copy. We will announce when the books are available for pickup. Thank you for being a part of the project, and for your patience!

DO SOMETHING SPECIAL FOR GOD. BECOME A CATECHIST!

If you've been approached to be a catechist, or if you feel the call of the Spirit, you are being asked to do something special for God, for the Church, and for your fellow Catholics. You'll never regret saying "yes" to that call. And in responding, you may find you are doing something special for yourself.

Our particular needs are for the following grades and times:

- 3rd Grade Sundays, 10-11:30 a.m., Oct-March
- 7th grade boys and 7th Grade girls Sundays, 6:30-8 p.m., Oct.-March
- 6th, 8th Grades One Friday night per month, 5-7:30 p.m., Sept.-May
- 3rd, 4th, 5th Grades Mondays, 4-5:30 p.m., Oct.-March
- We also need volunteers to lead *Service of the Word with Children* during the 5:30 p.m. Saturday Mass and 10 a.m. Sunday Mass throughout the school year.

Contact Linda at the Religious Education office at RelEd@assumptionparish.org or call 973-267-5638 for additional information or to have your questions answered.

SUMMER 2016 BUY A BIBLE CAMPAIGN

Our 6th grade Religious Education students are given a Catholic Youth Bible at the start of our program. The cost to our program for a Bible is $25. Donations are now being accepted to "Buy a Bible." Interested benefactors should complete a "Buy a Bible" form available at the doors of the church and return it to the Religious Education office. You can also Buy a Bible by visiting our website at www.assumptionparish.org.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we gather to celebrate the Mass each week, we encourage families and couples to participate in the Offertory Procession. If you wish to take part in the presentation of the gifts of bread and wine, please see one of the ushers prior to the start of Mass.

29th Walking Pilgrimage August 11-14
Merciful Like the Father

Begins in Great Meadows NJ and ends in Doylestown, PA. Call 908-637-4269 for information.

REGISTER FOR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

New and returning families are invited to register online by clicking on the Religious Education tab of the parish website www.assumptionparish.org.

- Catechesis of the Good Shepherd serves children as young as age three and meets on Sunday mornings or Tuesday, Thursday or Friday afternoons.
- Kindergarten-5th graders meet on Sunday mornings, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
- 4th-8th graders meet on Sunday evenings following the 5:30 p.m. Youth Mass until 8:00 p.m.
- There is a weekday after-school option for grades three through eight. 3rd-5th graders meet on Mondays, 4-5:30 p.m. 6th-8th graders meet on Wednesdays, 6-7:30 p.m.
- Confirmation candidates, 9th and 10th graders, meet on Sunday evenings following the 5:30 p.m. Youth Mass until 8:00 p.m.
- Fridays, Faith and Family is a family catechetical option that serves families with children in 1st-8th grade and meets one Friday night per month, 5-7:30 p.m., September – May. There is a wait list for this program.

Although religious formation of the young child begins as a toddler, the more formal preparation for First Eucharist and First Reconciliation begins in 1st grade and is a two year prep. Religious Education is then ongoing, throughout the grade school years, in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation which is celebrated in 10th grade. Confirmation prep is for all teens of the parish, regardless of where they attend high school.

For additional information, please contact Linda Macios, Director of Religious Education, at 973-539-2141 or linda.macios@assumptionparish.org.

RIGHT TO LIFE RAFFLE

New Jersey Right to Life will be selling Respect Life Raffles at $10.00 each after mass the weekend of August 20/21. First Prize is the 2016 Volvo XC60 All Wheel Drive SUV valued at $42,000. Second, third and fourth prizes are Shoprite gift cards value $1,000, $750 and $500. Drawing on Friday, November 18, 2016. Winner need not be present.

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. You can get a copy for a $25 donation to Assumption by visiting the parish website **www.assumptionparish.org** or stopping by the parish office during regular office hours. *The History of the Parish* is a great gift. This collector's item can also be purchased at the Morristown and Township Library on Miller Road.

MASS ATTENDANCE JULY 23/24

5:30 p.m.	221
7:00 a.m.	130
8:30 a.m.	175
10:00 a.m.	367
12:15 p.m.	327
Total:	1,220

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The collection total for the weekend of July 23/24 was $21,808. The collection for this weekend last year was $19,915.

Pastor's Note: I am most grateful to you for your response to God's Plan for Giving; your sacrificial giving enables us to accomplish the mission the Lord entrusts to us. When we tithe, we thank the Lord for His blessings because all we are and possess are gifts from the Almighty.

CONSIDER E-GIVING WITH FAITH DIRECT

Assumption Parish uses Faith Direct as our e-giving platform. Faith Direct provides you the peace of mind knowing you'll be able to support your church every week. Whether you're on vacation, unable to attend church due to weather, illness or a family emergency, your gifts will always be received. To enroll in Faith Direct, visit www.faithdirect.net and create an account using our parish code **NJ294**, or stop in the parish office for an enrollment form.

CONSIDER DONATING YOUR FIRST COMMUNION DRESS OR SUIT

One of the most important events in a young Catholic's life is his or her First Holy Communion. To go along with this special occasion of receiving Jesus for the first time in the Eucharist, girls wear a pretty new white dress and boys wear a new blue or white suit with a tie.

While First Communion outfits are sometimes passed down to younger siblings in families, others are kept for sentimental value but often get forgotten and are buried deep in a closet. Would you consider donating your child's First Com-munion outfits and donate them to those less fortunate?

Donating families will know that their special outfits will be given to a child receiving their First Communion, whose family couldn't afford to purchase a new dress or suit, and recipient families will know the goodness of God through the generosity of his people.

Please bring your clean dresses or suits to the Assumption Parish office, All donations will be brought to the Father English Center in Paterson, where they will be made available to families in need at no cost. Accessories such as shoes and First Communion veils are also accepted.

VOLUNTEER DRIVERS NEEDED!

Drivers are needed to help with Food Donation Pickups at the Interfaith Food Pantry, located in Morris Plains, on Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Food pickups are from farms and businesses throughout Morris County. If you have an SUV, Minivan or Pickup truck, are physically fit to carry a moderate amount of food and can spare some time, this could be the volunteer opportunity you are looking for! Call or email Doug McMahon at 973-538-8049 x218 or dougmcmahon@mcifp.org for more information.

WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE FUNDRAISER

The Assumption Women's Cornerstone ministry is holding a fundraiser through Pampered Chef, who will generously donate a portion of their proceeds to our ministry. Please consider purchasing an item. Ordering easy through the website and you can have the items shipped directly to your home if you prefer. The funds raised will provide scholarships for women who cannot pay to attend the Retreat themselves, as well as help provide operating costs to run the Retreat. Thank you for your support. https://pamperedchef.com/go/Cornerstone

PART TIME AIDES NEEDED AT ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL

Saint Joseph School is looking for Part-time Aides to work in our Extended Care K-8 Program. Qualified individuals must be energetic, creative and friendly. Compensation will be based on experience. Scheduled hours will be daily as needed during the school year but primarily from 3:00/4:00 to 6:00 p.m. Candidates are asked to send a cover letter with resume via email to Marie Beggan at mbeggan@sjsmendham.org.

PRAYERS AND CONDOLENCES

Sadly, one of Assumption's wonderful Lectors, Jay Stiteley, died in Texas unexpectedly on Saturday July 23. Jay was our first and only blind Lector and was only in his early 60's. He leaves behind his wife, Karen and his guide dog, Nelson.

Jay was blind since birth and in his typical "can do" fashion when he became a Sunday Lector he did it all, from processing in with his guide dog to going up and down the sanctuary steps for his reading. He was certainly another fine example of the diversity and enthusiasm of Assumption parishioners. Jay had worked for the "Seeing Eye" in Morristown for years, and had relocated with Karen to Texas in 2014 to become the Manager of People with Disabilities in Houston.

It would be very supportive and consoling for Karen to receive our care in Mass and Sympathy cards. Her address: Karen Stiteley 1404 W. Webster St. Houston, TX 77019

Rest in Peace, dear friend Jay.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your family are enjoying God's great gifts of summer, sunshine and either air conditioning or refreshing water today! I wanted to send a reminder to please re-register your child for the 2016-2017 Good Shepherd Program if you have not already done so.

There will be 3 sessions of Level I Good Shepherd offered next year for children 3-6 years old in the parish family of Assumption:

Thursday 3:30 pm - 4:45 pm, Sunday 9:45 am - 11:00 am, and Sunday 11:15 am - 12:30 pm.

Each Session of Level I will be comprised of first, second, and third year children. Generally speaking, children who have attended at least one year of Level I and who display readiness for Level II may move to Level II the summer before first grade.

There will be 4 sessions of Level II offered next year:

Sunday 9:45 am - 11:00 am, Sunday 11:15 am - 12:30 pm, Thursday 5:00 pm – 6:16 pm and Friday Special Level II 4:45 pm - 5:45 pm.

Each session of Level II will also be comprised of first, second, and third year children. Sacramental Preparation in the Good Shepherd Program begins at age 3 in the Level I atrium. The Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion are celebrated during the second year of Level II Good Shepherd.

There will be two offerings of Level III:

Tuesday from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm and Sunday from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm.

Children who are in 4th to 6th grade and who have spent at least two years in Level II Good Shepherd are eligible for the Level III Good Shepherd program.

I encourage you to re-register online as soon as possible to ensure your child's place in the 2016-2017 Good Shepherd Program.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions about re-registering your child or registering younger siblings for the Level I program.

In Peace and Gratitude,

Tara tara.speer@assumptionparish.org

YOUTH MINISTRY TRIP TO APPALACHIA

The Youth Ministry trip to West Virginia was an amazing and unqualified success. We are so grateful for the opportunity to serve. We built a home for a disabled veteran and her daughters. We met Fr. Jim and gave him over $2,000 in gift cards which we collected from the very generous Assumption parishioners. And each of us, whether teen, our chaperone or leader had a life changing experience. God is good!! We could not have done this without the organization, committment, and sheer willpower of our Youth Ministry Leader Lisa Sullivan. We also want to thank Father John, our parish family, and the whole Morristown Community for supporting us! We can change the world step by step by serving others and being grateful for what we have!! And please, pray for peace daily! Father Przemek

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Jesus came forward and addressed them in these words: "Full authority has been given to me both in heaven and on earth; go therefore and make disciples of all the nations. Baptize them in the name 'of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.' Teach them to carry out everything I have commanded you and know that I am with you always, until the end of the world!" (Matthew 28:18-20)

Dear Parishioners,

Do you know someone who would like to become a Catholic? Do you know an adult Catholic who, for one reason or another, never received their First Communion? Do you know an adult Catholic who never received Confirmation? If you answered 'Yes' to one or more of these questions, I ask you to please contact me at msgrjohnhart@assumptionparish.org or call me at 973-539-2141, ext. 15 so that I can speak with them about how they can become Catholic or receive First Communion and Confirmation. It is always a joy to speak with someone about Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior!

The RCIA, the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, is a process for people to prepare to receive the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Every Catholic parish has, or should have, such a process. Here at the Church of the Assumption we have a wonderful team of parishioners who work as part of our RCIA team, led by Karol and Paul Walker. The team includes the priests and deacons of the parish as well as some dedicated parishioners. Some of these parishioners are folks who have gone through the process themselves.

Usually, people begin the process here in late September and receive the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil or some other Sunday during the Easter Season. The RCIA sessions are held here on Sunday mornings, after the 8:30 Mass and conclude around 11 a.m. We have a syllabus and reading material which are distributed during the classes. There are also very beautiful prayer services during the year, especially during Lent.

Please invite someone you know who may be thinking about becoming a Catholic or receiving the Sacraments of Initiation to speak with me about this very personal spiritual decision. Participants in the past have included spouses of Catholics, couples preparing for marriage, children, family members, friends and neighbors of parishioners.

All of us, whether raised Catholic our whole lives, recently initiated into the faith, or thinking about becoming Catholic, can grow in our Catholic spirituality. Please consider joining FORMED, an online resource available to you through Assumption Parish, that provides Catholic content: programs, movies, audio, and books to help you in your faith journey. I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about our Catholic faith and the men and women who have devoted their lives to the Lord. Visit www.formed.org and register with our Parish Code PRNFMC.

With prayers for you, I remain

Faithfully yours in Christ,

Fr. John

Rev. Msgr. John E. Hart
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NEWS RELEASE

July 25, 2016

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT – 2016

Morris County Prosecutor Fredric M. Knapp and Chief of Investigations John Speirs announce the participation of the Morris County Prosecutor's Office in the annual National Night Out to be held on August 2, 2016 from 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm. Representatives from the Prosecutor's Office will be present and available to interact with the public and to disseminate educational and informational materials regarding a range of public safety topics at the following locations:

Mennen Sports Arena: 161 East Hanover Avenue, Morris Township, NJ
Butler Borough Police Department: 10 High Street, Butler, NJ
Firemen's Field: 152 - 164 Beach Street, Rockaway, NJ

National Night Out is an annual event held on the first Tuesday of every August. Sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch, the event was created in 1984 and designed to increase awareness about police programs such as neighborhood watch, drug use prevention, and anti-crime strategies.

"The fight against crime takes a collective effort between law enforcement and the communities we serve. National Night Out is an excellent opportunity to foster this relationship" said Prosecutor Knapp.

Inquiries concerning this Media Release should be directed to Agent Paul Merkler at pmerkler@co.morris.nj.us. or 973-285-6215.

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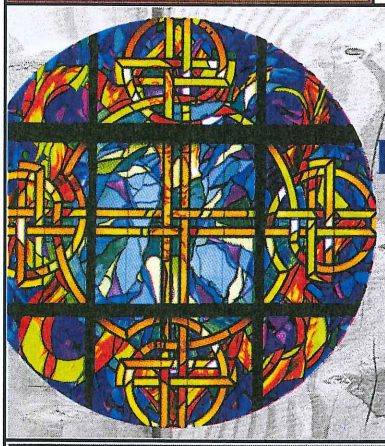

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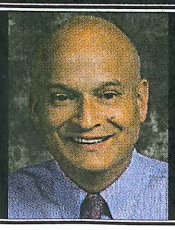

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