

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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Visit our Website: www.assumptionparish.org

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Pastor: Rev. Msgr. John E. Hart
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Przemyslaw Nowak
Pastor Emeritus: Rev. Msgr. Martin F. Rauscher
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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

Email: RelEd@assumptionparish.org

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	Michele Cameron	973-769-9634
Bethany	Linda Macios	973-539-2141
Boy Scouts	Dave Lage	201-919-7259
Cub Scouts	John Lago	609-213-1790
Centering Prayer	Fr. Ken Lasch	973-538-2653
Children's Worship	Linda Cannilla	973-540-1683
CYO Basketball	Kevin Bopp	917-861-2876
Deaf Interpreter	Kathleen Skaf	862-432-6004
Deaf Ministry	Barbara Zurlo	973-337-7591 VP
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	Lynn 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	William C. Duggan, Jr.	973-960-6417
Lectors	Andrea Bozzi	973-656-9864
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
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 /Hospitality	Moir Clarkin	973-539-4390
Women's Cornerstone	Denise Imperiale	908-477-9450
Women's Faith Sharing	Gina Hurley	973-460-7241
Vocations	Deacon John Brandi	973-539-2141
Young Professionals	Fr. Przemek	973-539-2141
Youth Ministry	Lisa Sullivan	973-267-8519

Mass Intentions



SATURDAY	August 20
8:00 a.m.	Donald Cox
5:30 p.m.	Susan Sullivan Edna and Emil Kubin
SUNDAY	August 21
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	The Sexton and Tedeschi Families Carmine Errico, Sr.
10:00 a.m.	Annette Cannizzaro Bruce Studley
12:15 p.m.	Mildred and Florence Coppola Paul Abrams
MONDAY	August 22
7:00 a.m.	Olgierd Prus
12:05 p.m.	Mary K. Connell
TUESDAY	August 23
7:00 a.m.	Helen Schiarone
12:05 p.m.	Patricia Callahan
WEDNESDAY	August 24
7:00 a.m.	The Lopez Family
12:05 p.m.	Lynn Guerriero
THURSDAY	August 25
7:00 a.m.	Alice and Richard Boehler
12:05 p.m.	Lisbeth Hernandez
FRIDAY	August 26
7:00 a.m.	Ricky Oelkers (Living)
12:05 p.m.	Rudy Kelly
SATURDAY	August 27
8:00 a.m.	Angela Brandi
5:30 p.m.	Valerie Joseph Heather Maria Bendel
SUNDAY	August 28
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	The Carmine J. Errico, Sr. Gloria Valvano
10:00 a.m.	Kathleen Woods Nish John Sterople
12:15 p.m.	John Hose Marie Guglielmo

GATHER IN PRAYER

- Pray the Rosary weekdays 20 minutes before the 12:05 p.m. Mass.
- Pray the Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal every Monday immediately following the 12:05 p.m. Mass.
- Eucharistic Adoration the first Saturday of each month 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. and the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.
- Eucharistic Adoration every Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel, Cedar Knolls.

First Reading: *Isaiah 66:18-21*

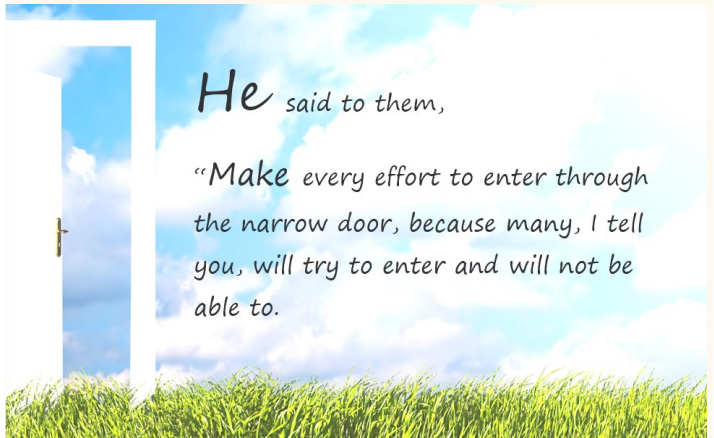
In this reading from the Hebrew Scriptures, the prophet Isaiah of the Restoration envisions that all peoples will come to faith in the God of Israel. The world will be stunned because of this unexpected turn of events.

Second Reading: *Hebrews 12:5-7,11-13*

Continuing his discussion of the meaning of suffering, the unknown author of the Letter to the Hebrews uses contemporary Greek child-rearing practices to suggest that sometimes suffering can produce benefits.

Gospel: *Luke 13:22-30*

In this weekend's excerpt from Luke's Gospel, Jesus teaches that some of those who might be expected to be part of God's reign will be excluded, while some of those whom no one would expect to be in the reign of God will be its charter members. What implications does this saying have for us?



We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the Readings for the week of August 21

Monday	2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 4-5; Mt 23:13-22
Tuesday	2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17; Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13; Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-5
Thursday	1 Cor 1:1-9; Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 24:42-51 4
Friday	1 Cor 1:17-25; Ps 33:12, 4-5, 10-11; Mt 25:1-13
Saturday	1 Cor 1:26-31; Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 25:14-30
Sunday	Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Ps 68:4-5, 6-7, 10-11; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

**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, 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, Marva Jean Corbin, Ronan Davis, Ralph Depp, Baby Emma Wyman, Jack Frost, Joseph Gabriele, Jim Gallo, Willette Greer, Liam Hanly, Margie Herman, 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, 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 Lebiez, SC, Beth Karmen, Nigel Loeppky, Andrea C. Wright, Elaine Metzger, Frank Kealy, Andrea Piccillo, Carol Bivens, Khianna Reynolds, Robin Stewart, 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, Florence Bryan, Grace Eagan, Norma Stanton, Baby Benjamin LeFebvre, Marion O'Leary, Miriam Tamburello, Keith Griner.

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

There is still time to sign up for our December trip to see the Christmas Spectacular at Radio City on December 12, followed by lunch. The cost is \$139.00. Contact Long Travel at (973) 538-1700 and mention that you are with the Assumption Senior Group.

We have invited the Seniors at our neighboring parishes of St. Thomas Moore and St. Margaret's to join our group. All are welcome.

Our September meeting will be on Thursday, September 22. We are planning a trip to The Seeing Eye. Details to come.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH
COMMUNITY AND THEIR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE
SERVED, OR ARE SERVING, IN THE ARMED FORCES**

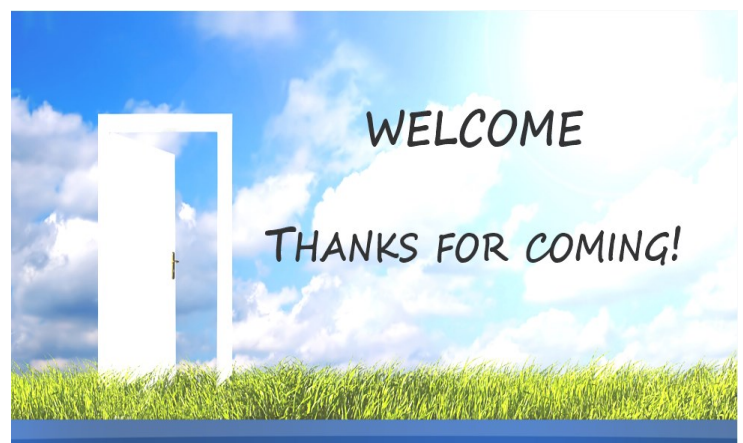
CW3 Michael Benkosky Green Beret, Special Forces, Airborne Joint Forces; *Commander William H. Shipp*, Commanding Officer HCS-8, San Diego; *Andrew Vasquez* US Army; *Andy Soucy* US Army; *Dan Lessnau* Former Marine and Veteran of the Viet Nam War; *Kevin Felix* US Military Colonel; *Lt. Tim Fleury*, 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; *Cpts. 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, *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.

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.



THE NARROW GATE

“Strive to enter through the narrow gate, for many, I tell you, will attempt to enter but will not be strong enough.” (Luke 13: 22-30)

Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy.

The movie **Brooklyn** (based on the novel by Colm Toibin) is the charming story of young Irish woman's journey from the yesterday to tomorrow.

Eilis Lacey grew up in a small Irish village in the early 1950s. She is bright, open and industrious – and there's not much meaningful opportunity for her in her hometown. With the encouragement of her older sister Rose who wants more for her, Eilis decides to make a new life for herself in New York— Brooklyn, to be precise.

While the streets of Brooklyn aren't paved with gold, she discovers many doors are at least partially open to her — if she has the courage to walk through them. It is not a promising start: she suffers serious seasickness on the ocean crossing; the letters from home only exacerbate her homesickness; she feels lost and alienated in this fast-moving, busy American city.

But there are people along the way who help Eilis through: the benevolent priest who guides her through this strange, new world; the sharp-tongued landlady who recognizes Eilis' innate kindness and generosity and looks out for her; and her haughty supervisor at the department store who steps in to step up Eilis' fashion sense. In time, Eilis manages to move beyond her loneliness. She takes night classes in accounting and excels. And she meets Tony and his Italian-American family. Eilis has a future.

But Eilis is suddenly called back to Ireland for a family emergency. It's a difficult, confusing homecoming. Little has changed in Ireland — but Eilis has changed more than she's realized. She finally confronts her guilt for leaving her mother and sister and the cruel narrowness of her past. As Eilis says, her body has been in America for some time, but her heart had not made it fully across the ocean. Now it, too, had completed the crossing.

On her way back to America, Eilis befriends another young Irish woman making her way to America:

“You'll feel so homesick that you'll want to die, and there's nothing you can do about it apart from endure it. But you will, and it won't kill you. And one day the sun will come out — you might not even notice straight away, it'll be that faint. And then you'll catch yourself thinking about something or someone who has no connection with the past. Someone who's only yours. And you'll realize . . . that this is where your life is.”



As Eilis discovers, life is a series of difficult passages, “narrow doors” we all struggle through — and there is no easy way to pass through them. The “narrow door” is the way of limitless love, unconditional forgiveness, sacrificial selflessness; it can only be entered by letting go of our fears, our control, our pride, our self-absorption; it is to be humble enough to realize the greatness of God's creation and the grace to seek the love of God within it. By taking the “narrow door,” we move beyond easy answers and immediate gratification to discover the meaning and purpose of this life God has given us. And more often than not, we can be that “door” for someone struggling through. (Connections)

In Christ's Peace,
Father John

NO GUARANTEES

Isaiah presents the vision of a world transformed by God's action. Similarly, Jesus offers his teaching on the Reign of God, which is all-inclusive. The disciple is urged to move from complacency and presumptuousness into a spirit of action for building the kingdom.

Adults: How can I enter into a deeper relationship with Jesus?

Children: What does Jesus say about inviting all to be my friend?

Families take advantage of certain days throughout the year to celebrate individuals in the family and to make sure that they know that they are not taken for granted. As a family, recall all of the days that someone in the family was celebrated in the past year—birthdays, Mother's Day, Father's Day, anniversaries, graduations, and so on. Next, challenge each individual to recall what gifts were received on the day(s) on which he or she was celebrated. Emphasize that these days are intended to express appreciation in a special way but are not meant to replace the appreciation that we should always show. Point out how, at times, families can take one another for granted. Explain that in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells a story about some people who took something for granted and paid a price. Explain that, in this story, some people took it for granted that they could enter the house whenever they wanted, but the master locked the gate and would not let them in after hours. Point out that Jesus was warning his listeners not to assume that they will have eternal life in heaven and not to take this invitation for granted.

As a family, commit to showing appreciation for one another in the days ahead, striving to not take for granted any of the many things that family members do in their roles as parents and children.

**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.

Our particular needs are for the following grades and times:

- 7th Grade girls Sundays, 6:30-8 p.m., Oct.-March
- 6th Grade and 8th Grade 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.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**

Do you know someone who would like to become a Catholic or are you a Catholic adult who would like to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Communion, and/or Confirmation? You are invited to come and join us in this journey of faith. Inquire now for the session that will begin in the Fall. Contact the Parish Office at 973-539-2141 or send an email to assumption@assumptionparish.org.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT POSITION-
IMMEDIATE OPENING AT ST. JOE'S IN MENDHAM**

Church of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Mendham, NJ seeks to hire a Part Time (20 hours) Religious Education Administrative Assistant for September 2016. Hours are Monday – Thursday, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm with a half hour for lunch. The position reports to the Director of Religious Education.

The assistant will also support the DRE. Candidate must be a Catholic and committed to the values and mission of the Catholic Church. Two to five years' experience as an Administrative Assistance plus references required. Parish experience preferred. Candidates should email a resume and references to Annette Tracy, DRE at atracy@stjoesmendham.org

PARISH PICTURE DIRECTORY IS HERE!

Our Parish Picture Directory has arrived. If you had your picture taken for the Directory, you are entitled to a copy of the Directory Book. You can pick up your book at the Parish Office in the parish office between 8:30 and 3:00 Monday through Friday. The books will be available for pickup after all Masses on the week of **September 24/25**.

**SPIRIT OF CHARITY GALA
ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH**

Saint Thomas More Parish in Convent Station is sponsoring a gala to begin the celebration of the 50 years parish anniversary. On October 29, 2016 The Spirit of Charity Gala, The Great Gatsby, will be held at The Villa at Mountain Lakes. All proceeds benefiting Saint Thomas More Parish. For information or to purchase table reservations, journal ads or 50/50 raffle tickets please contact Sharon O'Neil –at 973-889-1343.

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

Francis Kealy,
Brother of Robert

Vincenzo Bernardo
Father of Raffael

John Romance
Uncle of Mary



PROGRAM FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

The Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) is proud to announce the fall opening of their Saturdays at the Center program! DPD is a nonprofit, Catholic Charities organization in the Diocese of Paterson that provides support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

SATC will meet Saturdays beginning September 17 at Gruenert Center in Lake Hopatcong, and will run for 12 weeks. We meet from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The tuition for the entire program is \$120 plus minimal additional fees for special activities. Please contact Patt Foth, SATC Coordinator, at (973)440-0983 or satc@dpd.org for any further information or to obtain applications.

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.

MASS ATTENDANCE AUGUST 13/14

5:30 p.m.	196
7:00 a.m.	128
8:30 a.m.	162
10:00 a.m.	350
<u>12:15 p.m.</u>	<u>278</u>
Total:	1,114

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The collection total for the weekend of August 13/14 was \$21,037. The collection for this weekend last year was \$18,607.

Pastor's Note: I deeply appreciate your wonderful and constant generosity in our weekly offertory. Thank you for your sacrificial giving to the Lord and his church. Because of your enthusiasm the gospel is preached and our young people are learning about Jesus.

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 Communion 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.

JOINED TOGETHER IN HOLY MATRIMONY



Gregory Papp and Kristen Gear
Matthew Cooney and Cynthia Spiegle

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM



Leanne Elizabeth Novy
Daughter of Adam and Margaret

Austin Jacob Beneduce
Son of William and Kelly

Bryce Patrick Murray
Son of Sean and Hallie

ASSUMPTION PARISH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT

Our next Bereavement Support series begins September 14 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00p.m. and will continue for six consecutive weeks. The meetings are held in the Ministry Center. Among the topics discussed will be:

- Expectations and myths about the grieving process
- Anger and loneliness
- Feelings of guilt
- Handling pain and sadness
- Communications with family and friends
- Changing perspectives on life
- Letting go of the pain

To register, please contact Michele Cameron 973-769-9634 or at Michele.Cameron@atlantichealth.org.

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. 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>

TRAVEL TO MAJESTIC ITALY FEBRUARY 17 - 24, 2017

The Diocesan Choir will be the principal choir singing the evening Mass at the altar of the chair in saint Peter's Basilica on February 23, 2017. This unique liturgical and musical pilgrimage to the sacred sites of our Christian faith, is open to everyone throughout the Diocese. You need not be a member of the choir. A brochure with registration form is available on the music link of the Diocesan website: www.patersondiocese.org/music or by contacting Preston Dibble, Diocesan Director of Music at pdibble@patersondiocese.org directly. Please consider joining us!

PANTRY NEEDS

HUNGER DOESN'T TAKE A VACATION!

We are always accepting items for our food pantry. ***And now is a great time to purchase canned goods, at the Can-Can sale at Shop-Rite!*** When shopping, please consider purchasing low-sodium and low-sugar items.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!! 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.

ST. MARGARETS ANNUAL CARNIVAL

Join St. Margaret's at their Annual Carnival 6 Sussex Ave. Morristown, August 25-28 - rides, games, prizes, authentic American and Latin American food, and 50/50 Raffle.

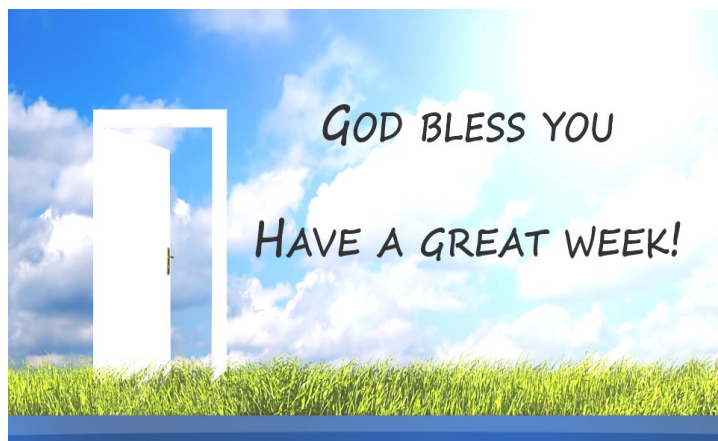
A NOTE ABOUT ASSUMPTION CHOIRS

Our Sunday 5:30 p.m. Youth Mass will resume on September 11th. If you are going into 7th grade or beyond, please consider joining the Youth Music Ministry which meets at 4:30 p.m. on Sunday's and sings at the 5:30 p.m. Mass.

Our Children's Choir is for grades two through eight and meets on Mondays from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. It's lots of fun and a wonderful way to pray with your friends and to learn music. Please contact Claudia Nardi at 973-539-2141 ext. 19 if you are interested.

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2016 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

What an amazing journey for Cave Quest, Vacation Bible School, 2016! A huge thank you to all the people who helped create such a powerful and successful week.

We had 112 children of the parish who explored the "cave", discovering Jesus gives them hope, courage, direction, love, and power. A special thank you to the over 90 teens who helped set up the week prior, and participated during the VBS camp week. You are super role-models for our children of the parish! Secondly, thank you to the adult volunteers for their preparation and organization of engaging activities for our explorers: Laura LaMontagne, Kim O'Malley, Laura Santoriello, Solena Porras, Jean Jabbour, Linda Chang, Sue O'Dougherty, Anna Pace, Joni McDonnell, Kim O'Malley, Maria Gatoulis, Paul Silva, Michelle Mongey, Joan Galbraith, Michele Niemczyk, Nancy Innella, Margaret Foley and Karen Melia. You are all a wonderful blessing to Assumption Parish!

In closing, a special congratulations to Gale Grennan who celebrated her 10th year of service to VBS at Assumption Parish. We are grateful for her dedication, enthusiasm, and leadership which has created a wonderful program for our youngest parishioners. The new VBS co-coordinators, Colleen Carey, Sarah Neuhooff, and Chrissy West, look forward to continuing Gale's creative and inspiring work for VBS 2017!



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