

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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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. Msgr. Geno Sylva

Deacons: Brian Beyerl, John Brandi, Michael Hanly, Elliott Stein

Trustees: Dan Poling 973-451-1617, Kathleen Hyland 973-539-2860

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 to 3:00 p.m.

**Parish Registration:** Call 973-539-2141 or visit the parish website at [www.assumptionparish.org](http://www.assumptionparish.org).

**Assumption School:** 973-538-0590; [www.assumptionnj.org](http://www.assumptionnj.org)  
Sr. Merris Larkin, S.C. Principal

**Religious Education:** 973-267-5638, Fax 973-267-4223

Email: [RelEd@assumptionparish.org](mailto: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](http://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
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
Soup Kitchen	Janet Dedrick	973-539-7811
Ushers	Annaliese Rush	973-455-0391
Welcome /Hospitality	Anthony Romano	973-267-5433
Women's Cornerstone	Moiria Clarkin	973-539-4390
Women's Faith Sharing	Louise Johnson	973-975-6651
Vocations	Gina Hurley	973-460-7241
Young Professionals	Deacon John Brandi	973-539-2141
Youth Ministry	Fr. Przemek	973-539-2141
	Lisa Sullivan	973-267-8519

## Mass Intentions



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 14</b>
8:00 a.m.	Leszek Brzechffa
5:30 p.m.	The Kull Family James Hunt
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 15</b>
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Greta Maloney Mildred Corwin
10:00 a.m.	Mary Carr Elaine Tomblin
12:15 p.m.	Manfred Schneider John Mowbray
5:30 p.m.	Don Smith Gloria Annie Virrill
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>January 16</b>
9:00 a.m.	Maria Pia Gentile
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>January 17</b>
7:00 a.m.	Timothy Romagna
12:05 p.m.	Daniel Soriano (L)
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>January 18</b>
7:00 a.m.	Adeline Visconti
12:05 p.m.	Joseph Baron
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>January 19</b>
7:00 a.m.	Tommaso Vecchione
12:05 p.m.	Richard Quagliano
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>January 20</b>
7:00 a.m.	Deceased Friends from the 7:00 a.m. Mass
12:05 p.m.	Raymond Rigoletto, Sr.
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>January 21</b>
8:00 a.m.	Richard J. Doran, Sr.
5:30 p.m.	William Cavanaugh Dora Orozco
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>January 22</b>
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	James McShane Irene Phelan
10:00 a.m.	Denise Ginty Moses Lewis and Departed Souls of the Family
12:15 p.m.	Mercedes Cassidy John Mowbray
5:30 p.m.	Francesca Regondola Donald Jones and the Jones Family

### 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 49:3, 5-6*

In today's reading from the Hebrew Scriptures, Isaiah of the Exile speaks about his call to be a prophet to the Jews exiled in Babylon. Not only will the refugees be returned to Judah, but their restoration will be a saving sign to all the nations of the world.

### Second Reading: *1 Corinthians 1:1-3*

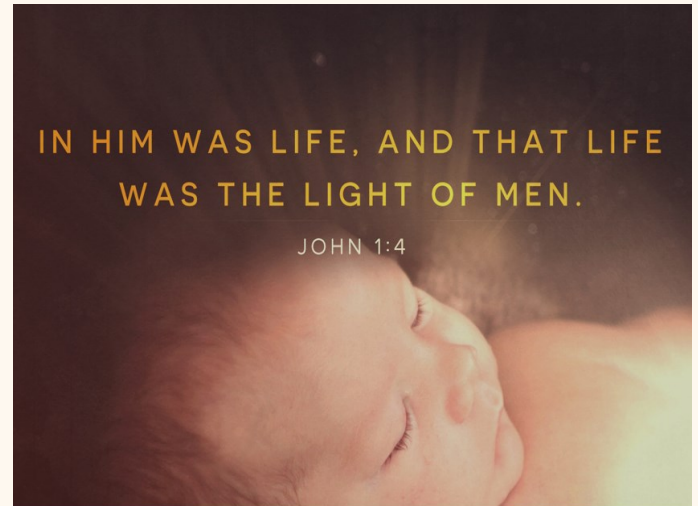
In the opening words of one of his letters to the Church in Corinth, the Apostle Paul greets the young community of Gentile believers by reminding them that they have been called to be a holy people.

### Gospel: *John 1:29-34*

In the following passage from the first chapter of John's Gospel, the Baptizer testifies that Jesus has been sent by the Holy Spirit on a mission to Israel and to the world.

IN HIM WAS LIFE, AND THAT LIFE  
WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN.

JOHN 1:4



**We invite you to prayerfully reflect  
on the Readings for the week of January 15**

<b>Monday</b>	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110: 1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22
<b>Tuesday</b>	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c; Mk 2:23-28
<b>Wednesday</b>	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6
<b>Thursday</b>	Heb 7:25—8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
<b>Friday</b>	Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mk 3:13-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 3:20-21
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> Is 8:23—9:3; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17; Mt 4:12-23

### JOINED TOGETHER IN HOLY MATRIMONY



Michael J. Joyce and Lauren C. Handel

**PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY  
FOR THE RECOVERY OF:**



Charles Arnolt, Charles Arteglier, Greg, John, and Tom Baxter, Paula Rose Carducci, Jim and Kay Cavanaugh, Kenneth Eastman, Frank Geraghty, John Geraghty, John Hyland, Patricia Ioannou, Kenneth Krause, Susan Krauss, Ruth Necco, Barbara O'Hagan, Mary Reisch, Eileen Scheibner, Rosalie Sottile, Nancy Arteglier, Marva Jean Corbin, Willette Greer, Liam Hanly, Margie Herman, Jim Mongey, Payton O'Brien, Debra Peniston, Donna Polise, Caroline Bastek, Steven Mortenson, Jane Quinlan, Al Reed, Fr. Paul Krajewski, Lourdes Flores, Gerry Fraioli, David Kimmel, Kieran Kole, Sister Marie Graziano, William Moeller, Andrea C. Wright, Elaine Metzger, Rich Oelkers, Fr. Bill Rakowicz, Terri Abrams, Patricia McBride, Elizabeth Langenohl, Latoya Thomas, Vivian Sanks King, Sharyn Zaslofsky, Florence Bryan, Grace Eagan, Baby Benjamin LeFebvre, Marion O'Leary, Miriam Tamburello, Stephanie Trincanella, Kathryn and Alvaro Vargas, Iris Perkins, Hue Wayne Strother, Sr., Janet Drasco, Gloria Dabal, Lisa Mezik, Angela Wills, Nilan Family, Melissa Lebron, Lois Kenney, Kathy Vander Heijden, Ray Reid, John Allen, Jose Rafael Jimenez, Essie Cannon, Henry Baker, Mary Quinn, Judith Koziatke, Aidan Keatts, Marlena Fahmy, Noelle Albanito, Stan Gorski, Jack Guerriero, Doris Schieppe, Stella Blandino, Russell Burnside, Olivia Crenshaw, Colin Wisniewski, Lauretta LaSalla, Gladys Deese, Daniel Fox, Therese Paragano, Lois Kuchera, George Corbin, Helen Lesniakowski, Justin Lee, Julie Winne, Alan Russo, Michael Faul, Jeanette Mahoney, Gerry Hogan, Dale Solomon, Bob Nace, Winnie Horgan .

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.

**FIVE FIRST SATURDAYS DEVOTION  
FEBRUARY 4, 2017**

With this devotion, Our Lady makes an amazing promise: that She will assist at the moment of death, with all the graces necessary for salvation, those who perform these Communions of Reparation on the First Saturdays of five consecutive months. The requirements to obtain this promise are:

- Confession
- Communion
- Five Decades of the Rosary
- Over the duration of the five months, to meditate on the 15 Mysteries of the Rosary, taking at least fifteen minutes each First Saturday.
- To do all these things in the spirit of reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Join Fr. Przemek on the Five First Saturdays of 2017 at 8:00 a.m. for Holy Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

**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*, Military Professor, Naval War College, Newport, RI; *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, Special Operator 2nd Class *Patrick Gaven*, USN, Staff Sergeant *Brent M. Betit*, ARNG.

**GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY**

Need help? Our ministry can assist parishioners with shopping, banking, doctor and dentist appointments, and other errands. Contact Audrey Geraghty at (973) 538-3134.

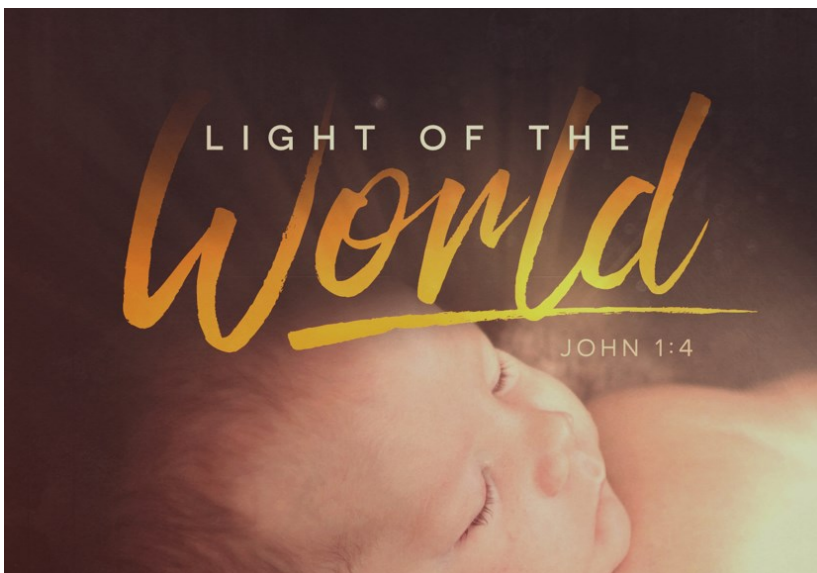


**THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR***"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." (John 1: 29-34)*

The Christmas season is over and we have returned to Ordinary Time in the Church's liturgical year. Our Gospel is from the very beginning of St. John's Gospel, the call of the first disciples. Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy.

Among the many gifts Brandon and Kathy Gunn received at their wedding was a white box from Kathy's Aunt Alison. The card on the box read, Do not open until first argument. So they dutifully placed the unwrapped gift on the top shelf of their kitchen pantry. Sure enough, there were moments of tension and disagreement, but Brandon and Kathy refused to open the gift. Despite the hard words and slammed doors, the couple saw opening the box as a sign of failure - they believed that their love for one another could handle whatever life threw at them. The white box became a challenge. In May, the couple, now the parents of two children, celebrated their ninth anniversary. That's when they decided to open Aunt Alison's box. Not because they needed to but because they were convinced they would never have to. What they found in Aunt Alison's box was remarkably unremarkable: some money for flowers, pizza and take-out, a bottle of wine, some bath salts - nothing that could really end a fight at all, just bring a moment to stop and regroup. And that's when it hit them, that the real gift wasn't anything in the box - that the real gift, the priceless gift, had been staring at them all along. By not turning to the box, Brandon and Kathy were forced to learn tolerance, compromise and patience. That was the real gift. And they possessed it all along. [From CBS Sunday Morning, November 13, 2016.]

Through the tiffs and tumbles of their life together, a young couple comes to realize what John proclaims in today's Gospel: that "the Lamb of God" is in our midst. The challenge of our lives is to see and hear the compassion of God, to uncover and lift up God's grace that goes largely unnoticed in the busyness of our days. We often find ourselves rushing through our lives, too preoccupied and distracted in the pursuit of "riches" to "behold" the real "treasure" of our lives in all its joy and fulfillment; in our



"dreams" of what we do not have we overlook the reality of what we do have. May we behold, with eyes of faith and spirits of hope, the Lamb of God among us, here and now, in our kitchens and classrooms, in our work places and playing fields. (Connections)

In Christ's Peace,  
Father John

### TESTIFY TO THE SPIRIT

In the poem "God's Grandeur," the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889) reflects on how the world is alive with the magnificence of God even though that grandeur may be hidden by toil and strife, hatred or lack of caring.

*Adults:* Of the people I know, where do I least expect to find the presence of God? What prevents me from finding God in that person?

*Children:* What three things can I do this week to celebrate the presence of God in my family and friends?

*A Family Perspective:* The ministry of John the Baptist prepared for and pointed to the ministry of Jesus. In a similar way, our lives are to offer testimony to who we know Jesus to be for us and for the world. Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. How does the witness of our lives give testimony to the reconciling presence of Christ? As a family, identify as many titles for Jesus as possible, such as Lamb of God, Son of God, Prince of Peace, and so on. Talk together about what these different titles mean and what they tell you about Jesus. Then read together today's Gospel, John 1:29-34. Talk about what people might come to know about Jesus by observing your family life. Pray together that your family life will show others that Jesus is the Son of God, the lamb who takes away the sins of the world.

### THANK YOU

#### TO OUR ASSUMPTION MUSIC MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who made Christmas services so special; our singers from the Assumption Choirs for their hours of preparation for the concert and Christmas Eve Mass; our High School students Hugh Grennan and Eva Endahl, and Sharon Lynch and Jim Kemp for their renditions of O Holy Night. Special thanks to returning students Kyle McGlaughlin and Domenico Randazzo for adding their musical gifts. In a special way, thanks to Karen Chiappini for accompanying the choirs and working with all of the musicians and singers. Thanks to the choir mothers Hope Zenker and Diane Long for their support and to Nancy Bangiola and Sharon Lynch for their choir warm ups. Much appreciated is Beverly Leeson for sharing her piano skills. These beautiful singers and musicians along with John Martin brass and woodwinds, Lynn Grice, oboe, the Claremont Strings, and Joe D' Avico, percussionist, help us give Glory to God.

*Claudia Nardi*

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Feeling the desire for a deeper prayer life? Feeling a nudge to grow closer to God? Consider Spiritual Direction. In spiritual direction, you come to notice and reflect on God's presence in your life. Parishioner, Karen Florance a certified spiritual director offers free spiritual direction. Contact Karen at 973-476-5542 or [kdflorence@optonline.net](mailto:kdflorence@optonline.net) for additional information.

### FATHER PRZEMEK TURNS 30!

Our dear Fr. Przemek will have his 30th birthday on January 21, 2017. Come celebrate as a parish on January 22 at the 12:15 Mass where Fr. Przemek will be the main celebrant.

After Mass there will be a small reception in Rauscher Hall. Join us to wish Fr. Przemek "Wszystkiego najlepszego z okazji urodzin," or simply "Sto lat!"

### ASSUMPTION WOMEN'S CORNERSTONE EXPERIENCE "TAKE HIS HAND, WALK WITH JOY"

Begin the season of Lent by revitalizing your relationship with God, others and yourself. The Cornerstone Retreat is a spiritual renewal process that brings women together to strengthen and rediscover faith and relationships. This is your time to pamper yourself spiritually, emotionally and physically. The retreat takes place March 3rd and 4th. Overnight accommodations and meals will be provided at Quellen Spiritual Center in Mendham.

Visit [www.assumptionparish.org](http://www.assumptionparish.org) for information. Registration brochures can be found in Rauscher Hall Community Room or contact Louise Johnson at [17johnson@gmail.com](mailto:17johnson@gmail.com).

Please prayerfully consider joining the women of Assumption Parish to attend the Women's Cornerstone Experience. Gather with us to experience the warmth and wonder of a Cornerstone weekend and strengthen your relationship with God and those around you.

### A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

We wish to thank all of those parishioners who contributed their time and talents to make the Christmas Masses at Assumption beautiful Liturgical celebrations. It takes many people and many hands to prepare and accomplish the "behind the scenes" work each Christmas. Please join us in thanking our Deacons, Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, our Altar Linen Ministry, Collection Counters, and Ministers of Communion for their commitment. Our thanks also to our Director of Music, Claudia Nardi; our Organist, Karen Chiappini; and all members of our adult and children's choirs for enhancing our Christmas Masses with their angelic music.

Our thanks are also extended to the Children's Liturgy Committee, Moira Clarkin, and all of the following people who worked with her to decorate our beautiful church and grounds: Tess Clarkin, Sharon Bertram, Peggy Lenahan, Conor Lenahan, Logan Lenahan, Christopher Bashant, Mark O'Malley, Doug Reisch, Gregory Reisch, Emerson Brito, and Sam Brito.

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

Father John and Father Przemek

**SAVE THE DATE:****VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2017!**

Get geared up and mark your calendars for VBS Summer 2017. The Maker Fun Factory will remind us we are each created by God and built for a purpose! We are currently looking for Adult volunteers. Any questions, please contact Chrissy West at 973-809-1646 or [costa1112@yahoo.com](mailto:costa1112@yahoo.com) or Sarah Neuhoﬀ at 202-210-9152 or [sarah.k.neuhoﬀ@gmail.com](mailto:sarah.k.neuhoﬀ@gmail.com). Camp Dates are August 7th-11th, from 9-11:30 a.m. Camper and Teen registration will open April 23rd.

Campers must be in grade preK4 - 3rd grade (fall '17), and Teen volunteers in grade 6 (fall '17) and older.

**SEND WISHES FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO SEMINARIAN CHRIS HAN**

One of our Parish families will be visiting Rome in January and will meet with Chris Han, our seminarian, who is studying at the Pontifical College in Rome, and will not be returning home for another 18 months.

If you would like to send Chris a note of encouragement, or wishes for a happy new year, bring your cards or messages into the Parish Office and they will be delivered in person to Chris. We know he will greatly appreciate hearing from his Parish family at Assumption!

**PATTERSON HABITAT FOR HUMANITY HEADS TO NEW ORLEANS**

Be part of Paterson Habitat's volunteer team and build decent, affordable homes in New Orleans, Louisiana. The trip itinerary is balanced with work, rest, and cultural experiences. No construction experience is necessary.

Since Hurricanes Katrina and Rita made landfall in late 2005 Habitat for Humanity has built, rehabbed and repaired more than 6,000 homes. Paterson Habitat has returned to the Gulf Coast year after year to help with these efforts. Our next trip will take place: Wednesday, February 15th through Saturday, February 18th. A \$50 deposit is required to reserve your spot. Estimated trip costs are \$1,000 based on double occupancy. Email [trips@patersonhabitat.org](mailto:trips@patersonhabitat.org) if you are interested in joining the Paterson Habitat team.

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

Thomas Wendorff  
*Brother of Matt*

Lloyd Tureson  
*Husband of Dot*

Joseph Baxter  
*Cousin of Claudia*

**MASS ATTENDANCE JANUARY 7/8**

5:30 p.m.	206
7:00 a.m.	78
8:30 a.m.	191
10:00 a.m.	474
12:15 p.m.	409
5:30 p.m.	459
Total:	1,817

**FINANCIAL BLESSINGS****Assumption is a Tithing Parish**

The collection total for the weekend of January 7/8 was \$22,449. The collection total for this weekend last year was \$21,523. To date the Christmas collection is at \$151,543.

**Pastor's Note:** Thank you for tithing and for all your generosity to our parish. Our parish is vibrant and thriving because of your warmth and kindness. May the Lord bless you throughout 2017.

**LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR  
SPECIAL COLLECTION JAN. 28/29**

The Little Sisters of the Poor from St. Joseph's Home for the Elderly in Totowa will be visiting our parish on Saturday and Sunday, January 29 and 29, 2017. The Little Sisters of the Poor operate 188 homes throughout the world providing loving care to the elderly poor and have served the aged in New Jersey since 1879.

Please be as generous as your means allow. Thank you for your support.

**BLOOD DRIVE**

The Sunrise Rotary Club of Denville and New Jersey Blood Services are having a BLOOD DRIVE at the Saint Francis Residential Community, 122 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, New Jersey, on Wednesday, January 18, 2017 from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM. All are welcome. E-mail [nancy0925@aol.com](mailto:nancy0925@aol.com) with any questions.

**RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT**

Rachel's Vineyard is a safe place to renew, rebuild, and redeem hearts broken by abortion. Weekend retreats offer a supportive, confidential, and non-judgmental environment where women and men can express painful post-abortive emotions and begin the process of healing. A Rachel's Vineyard Retreat will be held from Friday, January 27 through Sunday, January 29, 2017 in the Stirling area. To register or for more information, contact Marie at (973) 377-1004, ext. 425. All calls will be held in strictest confidence.

**WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH  
THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Ryan Michael Buldiger  
*Son of Sean and Amanda*

**SAVE THE DATE!****19TH ANNUAL PASTA SUPPER & BASKET RAFFLE**

The Religious Education department is holding its annual Pasta Supper and Basket Raffle on Saturday, March 4, in the school cafeteria. Seatings are available at 5:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. Tickets will be sold online at [www.assumptionparish.org](http://www.assumptionparish.org) and will be sold after all Masses the weekend of February 11/12.

**ASSUMPTION SENIORS GROUP**

The Assumption Seniors will have our next meeting on January 24 in Rauscher Hall after the 12:05 Mass. Again, bring your sandwich, beverage and desert will be served. Our program will be a presentation by Fr. Sam Monaco on Health Proxy and Advanced Directive.

**DAY OF PRAYER AT THE JESUIT RETREAT CENTER IN MORRISTOWN**

On Saturday February 4 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., presenter Anna Graziano will conduct a day of prayer at the Jesuit Retreat Center 161 James St., Morristown.

The path to forgiveness may seem impossible to follow. However, forgiveness does not deny the anger and pain one feels but rather channels these natural emotional reactions away from destructive tendencies that block the voice of Jesus in your life. The surprise comes in opening your heart and saying "yes" to take that path and experience the peace, love, healing, joy and direction of Jesus promises.

Forest Gump had some words to say about surprises, "Mama always said life was a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get." During this Day of Prayer we will use Ignatian Spirituality to explore the theme of forgiveness. Our God is a God of surprises. You never know what your God of surprises has in store for you! Call (973) 539-0740 to register.

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**SPEAKING OF FAITH**

Join Fr. Paul Manning Wednesday, February 22, 2017, at St. Paul Inside the Walls, from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. as he interviews Christopher Bell. Mr. Bell is the founder of Good Counsel which is a nationally recognized nonprofit leader and innovator in creating supportive residential care and community-based services for homeless, expectant, and new mothers and their children in the context of the Catholic social tradition. Pregnant and expectant mothers, with or without other born children, including mothers with mental health or addiction challenges, from any location, are able to receive help in a Good Counsel home.

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**JOIN US AS WE RALLY FOR LIFE****Trenton Rally For Life January 23, 2017**

Pro-Life advocates from around the country gather in Washington DC to seek change for the right to human life on the 42nd anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision on Roe v. Wade.

Locally, you can support the Rally for Life on the Statehouse Steps, State Capitol, 125 W. State Street, Trenton, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. For additional information about The Rally for Life please contact New Jersey Right to Life 732-562-0562 or visit [www.njrtl.org](http://www.njrtl.org).



Dear Assumption Parishioners,

I am delighted to share the great news that Pope Francis has named Father Geno Sylva a Monsignor. He received the news on Tuesday January 10th. It is a Papal Honor so well deserved by this outstanding, hard-working, enthusiastic, holy priest. Monsignor Sylva is the son of our parishioners, Gene and Jo Anne Sylva and the nephew of our parishioner, Donna Camarata.



Monsignor Eugene R. Sylva was ordained to the priesthood at St. John's Cathedral in 1993 by Bishop Frank J. Rodimer. Prior to this, he had attended Delbarton High School and then went to The College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts where he earned a Bachelors of Psychology. He entered the seminary and was sent to study theology at the Catholic University of Louvain, Belgium. He earned a Masters of Religious Study and Bachelors of Sacred Theology.

After ordination to the Sacred Priesthood he served as Parochial Vicar at St. Anthony's in Hawthorne from 1993 to 1998. He served at DePaul Catholic High School in Wayne as Chaplain, Teacher and Coach. He was named President of DePaul and served in this office from 2002 to 2005. He founded Young Prophets: a Youth Outreach in Paterson and directed this from 1996 to 2004. In 2002 he served as the Administrator of St. Agnes, Paterson.

Bishop Serratelli assigned Father Geno to graduate studies at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome where he earned a Doctorate in Sacred Theology. He founded St. Paul Inside the Walls: The Catholic Center for Evangelization, Madison, in 2008 and served as the Director until 2012. He served as Episcopal Vicar for Evangelization and as the Director of the Diaconate from 2009 to 2010. He served the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops Subcommittee on Catechesis from 2009 to 2012 and reviewed Catechetical texts. He also is a Chaplain for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. While building St. Paul Inside the Walls he lived at Assumption Parish.

In 2012 he was appointed to the Vatican by the Holy Father and serves as an Official in the Pontifical Council for the Promotion of the New Evangelization. He helped to plan and conduct the Year of Faith and the most recent Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy.

Congratulations Monsignor Geno Sylva. Assumption Parish is proud of you and we thank you for your dedicated service to the People of God. Ad multos annos!

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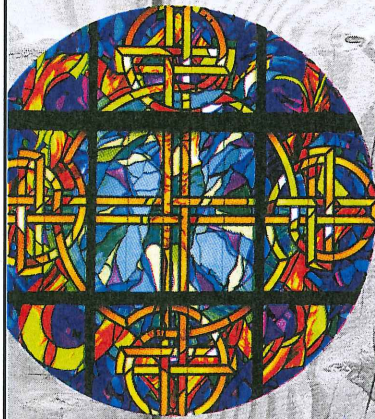
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