

*First Sunday of Lent*

One does not live by  
bread alone, but  
by every word that  
comes forth from the  
mouth of God.

Matthew 4:4



# Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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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)  
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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](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
Spiritual Direction	Annaliese Rush	973-455-0391
Ushers	Karen Florance	973-476-5542
Welcome /Hospitality	Anthony Romano	973-267-5433
Women's Cornerstone	Moir 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>March 4</b>
8:00 a.m.	Olgierd Prus
5:30 p.m.	Francisca Regondola Anthony Mistretta and Eleanor and Ted Kozlowski
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 5</b>
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Irene Phelan Arthur Pintauro
10:00 a.m.	Francis McAllister Keith Griner
12:15 p.m.	Bridget and John Ginty Patricia Ginty D'Aloia
5:30 p.m.	Thomas Wendorff Robert Kaps
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>March 6</b>
7:00 a.m.	Austin C. Cremmins
12:05 p.m.	The Mahoney and Reilly Families
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>March 7</b>
7:00 a.m.	Lynn Guerriero
12:05 p.m.	Hugo Hernandez
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>March 8</b>
7:00 a.m.	John Doman
12:05 p.m.	Cheryl Bartow
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>March 9</b>
7:00 a.m.	Bill Smith
12:05 p.m.	Sr. Patricia Marks
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>March 10</b>
7:00 a.m.	The Maier and Barnes Families
12:05 p.m.	Ken Donohue
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>March 11</b>
8:00 a.m.	Michael Sottile
10:00 a.m.	Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Mass
5:30 p.m.	Roger C. Doyle Stanley Herman
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>March 12</b>
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Irene Phelan The Olsen Family
10:00 a.m.	Mary Carr James Brady
12:15 p.m.	Krystyna Rogala Zowadzka and The Kronenberg Family
5:30 p.m.	Michele Raffa Victor Seminario



## 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

## First Reading: Genesis 2:7-9,3:1-7

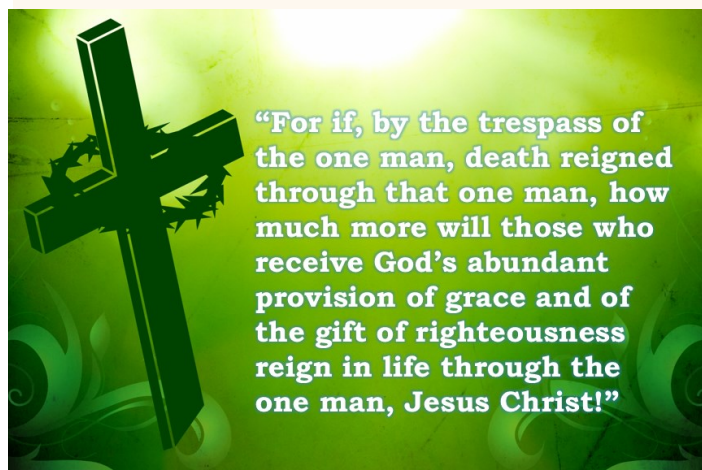
Among other things, the Eden story in the book of Genesis seeks to account for the existence of what is known in the Jewish tradition as the "yetzer ha rah," the inclination toward self-centeredness that permeates humanity. Even though fashioned in God's image to be lovingly oriented toward others, humanity's awareness of its limitations is linked to a grasping, selfish, un-Godlike lifestyle.

## Second Reading: Romans 5:12-19

For the Apostle Paul, Jesus' death on the cross is the ultimate expression of self-giving, the culmination of a life lived perfectly in God's image. Jesus shows how God always intended human beings to live. He shows how to overcome the human tendency toward self-centeredness.

## Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

As his ministry begins, Jesus struggles to remain true to his Father. His unswerving fidelity to God demonstrates the faithful sonship of Jesus and illustrates what it means to live in God's image.



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

<b>Monday</b>	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thursday</b>	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
<b>Friday</b>	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

### 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, Lourdes Flores, Gerry Fraioli, David Kimmel, Kieran Kole, Sister Marie Graziano, William Moeller, Andrea C. Wright, Elaine Metzger, Rich Oelkers, Terri Abrams, Patricia McBride, Elizabeth Langenohl, Sharyn Zaslofsky, Florence Bryan, Grace Eagan, Baby Benjamin LeFebvre, Marion O'Leary, Miriam Tamburello, 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 Koziattek, Aidan Keatts, Marlena Fahmy, Noelle Albanito, Stan Gorski, Jack Guerriero. 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 Salomone, Bob Nace, Barbara Ryan, Shea Lucasko, the Family of Andrea Deiuliis, Robert Spitzer, Wioletta Piorkowska, Hedda Sivertsson, James Guy, Kason Foley, Maria Maister, Nora Naval, Tim Byrne, Sheryll Stripp, Brian Tilton, Deacon Ken Weaver, Joseph Fiori, Francesca Kobylarz-Bongiorno, Don Giovanello, Denise Robinson, Freddy Garcia, Ellen Hillman, Peter Kelly, Linda Walsh, Marcia Hrabar, Rev. Msgr. Martin F. Rauscher, the Leeson Family, Saletha Corbin.

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.

### FASTING AND ABSTINENCE DURING LENT

Every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence, which means we do not eat any meat. This is done to acknowledge that Christ died for us on a Friday. Every baptized Catholic over the age of 14 years should abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

The two days of fast and abstinence in Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday; on these days we not only abstain from meat, but we also fast, that is, we eat only one full meal. You may have two other light snacks or meals, but they are not to equal another full meal. All adult baptized Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 should fast and abstain on Ash Wednesday and Good 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*, 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*, 3rd U.S. Infantry Regiment, Arlington, VA, *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 Sargent Brent M. Betit*, ARNG, *First Sgt. Jeramiah Dempsey*, USAF.

### GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

Need help? Our ministry can assist parishioners with shopping, banking, doctor and dentist appointments, and other errands. Contact our coordinator for March Dot Baron at 973-538-6451.





## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – JESUS IN THE DESERT

*Jesus is tempted in the desert by the "tempter." (Matthew 4: 1-11)*

Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy.

So what's your desert this Lent?

Maybe you're feeling a certain emptiness, a dissatisfaction. Things are going OK, but you're starting to wonder: *Is this it?* Things are getting done, but there's no real satisfaction. You're building an impressive resume, but there's not a lot of joy in your work. You're putting together a healthy portfolio, but what does it all mean in the end? So if this is your desert in Lent 2017, let this be a season for focusing on what real and lasting good you want to do with your time and resources and consider ways to move from the "desert" to a place of growth and life.

Or maybe you find yourself wandering in an unknown wilderness this Lent. You're facing a new set of challenges and problems that you may not have expected: making the family income stretch a little more for tuition; living with a serious illness; needing to support a son or daughter through an especially difficult time. Or maybe you're encountering a new challenge: the birth of your first child - or grandchild; a wedding this summer; the first year of college in the fall. As you struggle to find your way through this wilderness, remember that Jesus has trekked through the wilderness, too. So stop this Lent and ask for directions. In the care and wisdom of those who love you, read the signs marking the path.

Or maybe you're confronting the "tempter" this Lent. You have to make some hard choices; you're facing some tough life-changing decisions. Listen to Jesus' choices in response to his "tempter": grace instead of bread, service to others before self-aggrandizing power, humility and generosity rather than social connections and prominence.

Make this Lent a time to stop, to look at the options, to consider all the possibilities - and keep before you what you want your life to be and why God gave you this life in the first place.

So what is your desert this Lent? What wilderness is overwhelming you? What challenges are you confronting at this point in your life? During these forty days of Lent, the Spirit of God leads us to rediscover the presence of God in our lives, to walk with Jesus in the landscape of the heart: that

space between being famished and being full, between complete darkness and the morning light, between holding on for dear life and knowing the security of solid rock under our feet. May Jesus be our traveling companion through our deserts and wildernesses this Lent; may his spirit of compassion and his light of wisdom enable us to take on the "tempter" as we seek to live our lives in the fullness of God's grace. (Connections)



In Christ's Peace,  
Father John

## OUR WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS

Today's Gospel holds up a mirror on our own lives. We are not to become guilt ridden about sin and evil. Rather, temptations awaken us to examine our relationship with God. Aware of the abundance of God's love, we have the courage to deal with sin in our lives.

*Adults:* What roots of sin lie at the source of the temptations I deal with on a regular basis?

*Children:* How can I show my love for God this Lenten season?

*A Family Perspective:* When Jesus resists the temptations presented to him by the devil, he draws on his religious upbringing and tradition. Jesus is able to quote from Scripture because he is the Son of God and because he was a human person who lived his Jewish beliefs fully. We who are responsible for raising children are also called upon to immerse them fully in our Catholic Christian tradition so that they too will be able to draw upon this tradition to resist the temptations they will face in their lives.

Use this Sunday as an opportunity to call your family's attention to the importance of Scripture in our lives. Gather your family around the family Bible and read today's Gospel, Matthew 4:1-11. Recall that Jesus rebuked the devil's temptations by quoting Scripture. Take some time as a family to talk about the words that are found in the Bible and the importance of Scripture to our faith.

## PIZZA NIGHT WITH THE BISHOP

Tuesday, March 7, 2017, Pope John XXIII H. S., Sparta 7- 9 P.M. If you are a young man in high school or college, or even older, come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship...and of course, pizza. For more information, please contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, ext 711.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Could you walk a mile in Jesus's shoes? The Stations of the Cross bring us closer to Christ as we meditate on the great love He showed for us in His most sorrowful Passion. Pray the Stations of the Cross with us each Friday of Lent: March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7 at 5:30 p.m. March 10 Children's Stations at 4:00 p.m., March 31 Family Stations at 7:00 p.m., and April 14 Good Friday Stations at 8:00 p.m.

## WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confessions will be held every Monday during Lent, from March 6th to April 3rd, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. in every Catholic Church in the Diocese of Paterson. Don't be afraid! Information will be provided. Ask the priest to help you.

[www.welcomehometohealing.org](http://www.welcomehometohealing.org) Experience the gracious mercy of God!

## TUESDAY EVENING MASS SERIES IN LENT

On Tuesday evenings in Lent we will have an additional Daily Mass celebrated by visiting priests.

- March 7 - Rev. Derek Anderson  
Pastor, St. Mary's, Dover
- March 14 - Msgr. Martin McDonnell  
Pastor Emeritus, Good Shepherd, Andover
- March 21 - Rev. Julio Barrios  
Parochial Vicar, St. Philip, Clifton
- March 28 - Rev. Mateusz Jasiewicz  
Parochial Vicar, St. Cecilia/Sacred Heart, Rockaway
- April 4 - Rev. Raimundo Rivera  
Admin., Our Lady of Victories/Our Lady of Lourdes, Paterson
- April 11 - Rev. Brian Sullivan  
Pastor, Christ the King, New Vernon

Each Tuesday evening Mass will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude around 7:30 p.m. Please reserve Tuesday evenings in Lent on your calendar and plan to join us.

## WHAT ARE YOU GIVING UP FOR LENT?

Maybe it's time to try something different. Don't just give something up for Lent. Do something. Sign up for the BEST LENT EVER email program with Matthew Kelly, America's best-selling Catholic author. It's simple and free. The only cost is your commitment to live better each day this Lent. Sign up at [BestLentEver.com](http://BestLentEver.com)

## JOIN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

You are invited to join the 40 Days for Life prayer campaign from March 1st – April 9th, to peacefully pray for the end of abortion - the leading cause of death in the world - outside the Planned Parenthood in Morristown, a facility that performs over 1,000 abortions each year. Just as Jesus fasted and prayed in the desert for 40 days, so we are called to fast and pray to transform our culture into one that is open to life. Please join us, and those in over 340 cities around the world, to send a powerful message and to pray for the babies and their mothers and fathers, for those who need post-abortive healing, and for those who work at Planned Parenthood. Please register for a time slot at [40DaysforLife.com](http://40DaysforLife.com) and select the Morristown vigil.

## ASSUMPTION SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Assumption School is happy to welcome new students at any time when space is available. Pre-registration forms for the 2017-2018 school year are available at [www.assumptionnj.org](http://www.assumptionnj.org) under "forms".

Call the school at 973-538-0590, or stop by the school office for further information. If you would like to visit the school, please call to set-up an appointment.



### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP SERIES STARTS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

Assumption's Bereavement Group Series will take place on Wednesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m., starting April 19th and running for 6 weeks. The meetings will be 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

Register online at [www.assumptionparish.org](http://www.assumptionparish.org) or contact Michele Cameron by phone at 973-769-9634 or by email at [MicheleCameron123@gmail.com](mailto:MicheleCameron123@gmail.com).

### DIVORCED CATHOLICS MINISTRY

Our Divorced Catholics Ministry has scheduled Dr. Sharon Ryan Montgomery, PsyD., to speak on the subject of the "Effects of Divorce Upon Children of the Marriage" at 7:00 P.M. on March 13, 2017, in Rauscher Hall. Please make plans to join us.

### ASSUMPTION COLLEGE FOR SISTERS' 16TH ANNUAL CARING BASKET GALA!

**Save the Date - March 23, 2017.** Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, NJ, is proud to honor Father Brian Plate, Eileen and Les Quick and Terry and Prudence Pigott for their service to Church, family and community.

### MASS ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 25/26

5:30 p.m.	263
7:00 a.m.	107
8:30 a.m.	195
10:00 a.m.	380
12:15 p.m.	353
5:30 p.m.	261
Total:	1,559

### FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

#### Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The collection total for the weekend of February 25/26 was \$22,797. The collection total for this weekend last year was \$23,553.

**Pastor's Note:** Thank you so much for your constant generosity and your enthusiastic participation in the vibrant life of Assumption Parish. Your warm welcome of new families and visitors reveals the face of our Lord and Savior to all who come here.

### MORRIS CATHOLIC ST. PATRICK'S 5K RUN

Morris Catholic High School is holding it's 6th Annual Crusader Challenge 5k Run on Saturday, March 18 at 9:00 a.m. at it's Denville, NJ campus. Proceeds benefit the Morris Catholic scholarship and athletic programs and the Denville Public Assistance Fund. \$25 registration fee up to March 8, 2017. \$30 registration fee after March 8 and day of race. For information, email [MC5KRace@gmail.com](mailto:MC5KRace@gmail.com) or visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Denville/CrusaderChallenge5K>.

### BUS DRIVERS NEEDED AT VILLA WALSH

Villa Walsh Academy, located in Morristown, NJ, is looking for part-time school bus drivers. Interested candidates must possess a CDL with both the passenger (P) and school bus (S) endorsements. Most trips are late afternoon/early evening. There are also some weekend trips available. Please contact Jen Fleury, Athletic Director, at [fleuryj@villawalsh.org](mailto:fleuryj@villawalsh.org) or call [973-538-3680 x145](tel:973-538-3680).

### CALLING ALL MORRIS PLAINS BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PLAYERS!

Registration is now open. Players between ages 4 and 12 years old are welcome. We're looking forward to a great season and we need you to make it happen! Sign up today! [www.mpbbaseball.assn.la](http://www.mpbbaseball.assn.la)

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



**Brianna Marie Barnes**  
*Daughter of Lee and Christine*

**Parker Douglas Brengel**  
*Son of Christopher and Megan*

**Dane Franklin Goss**  
*Son of Alexander and Allison*

**Samantha Aubrey Seibold**  
*Daughter of Scott and Melissa*

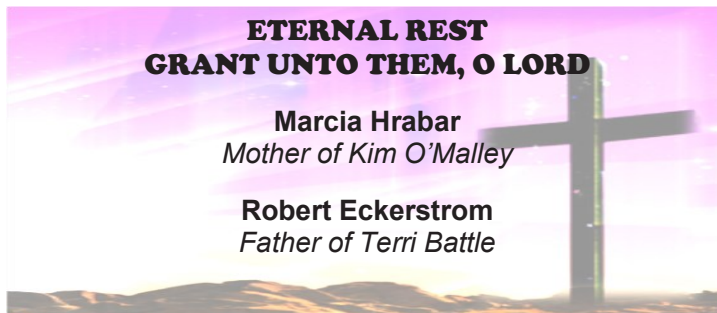
**Conor Shawn McCaughey**  
*Son of Shawn and Jennifer*

**Jonathan Vergara**  
*Son of Francisco and Lorena*

### ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

**Marcia Hrabar**  
*Mother of Kim O'Malley*

**Robert Eckerstrom**  
*Father of Terri Battle*



### **ASSUMPTION CHURCH HAS PURCHASED A GIFT FOR YOU**

Enjoy a free subscription to [formed.org](http://formed.org) - an incredible online gateway to the best Catholic content, all in one place! With FORMED, you can: – Prepare for Sunday Mass by watching an insightful five-minute video by renowned Catholic teachers – Enjoy a movie with your family that is both nourishing and entertaining – Enrich your marriage with the award winning video series *Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage* – Help your children grow in character and embrace the beauty and wonder of the Faith. FORMED provides amazing content 24/7 for you to grow in your faith! It's EASY and FREE to Register! – Visit [formed.org](http://formed.org) with a web browser, click on **Register** (lower right of page,) enter **Parish Access Code: PRNMFC**, enter your email and create a password (you need this to login later.) Then you can enjoy and share FORMED with others in our local community!

### **MORRIS HABITAT FOR HUMANITY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR CONDOMINIUMS IN MORRISTOWN**

Applications are now being accepted for 2 lower income condominiums to be built on Willow Street, in Morristown, New Jersey. Once completed, the homes will be sold as affordable homeownership to the selected applicants. Applicants should check online at [www.morrishabitat.org/homeownership/apply-for-home-ownership](http://www.morrishabitat.org/homeownership/apply-for-home-ownership) for details on qualifications.

### **CRS RICE BOWL HUNGERING FOR A BETTER LIFE**

Since its creation in 1975, CRS Rice Bowl has raised \$250 million to assist the hungry around the world. Catholic News Agency spoke with Thomas Awiapo, a CRS staffer and past beneficiary of the program, who described his personal experience with CRS Rice Bowl:

*“Many years ago when I was a hungry boy in Ghana and living without parents or family, the smell of food lured me to the village school. There I was nourished and lifted off the path of likely death,” Thomas Awiapo said Jan. 16.*

*“That school food program existed because of the little box we call rice bowl.” “You can call me the poster child for CRS Rice Bowl, but we’d be closer to the truth if you called my children your poster children,” he said. “They have never experienced hunger in their lifetime, and today they attend university, high school and secondary schools without missing a beat.”*

Rice Bowls will be available at the Church exits. Please take a Rice Bowl home and pray for all those who are hungry around the world, especially those who are children, that they receive the nutritious food they need to live healthy, productive lives.

### **PILGRIMAGE TO PORTUGAL AND SPAIN**

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### **LENTEN FISH BAKE**

The Assumption Men's Group is hosting its 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Lenten Fish Bake on Friday evening, March 24<sup>th</sup> at The Kellogg Club and *you* are invited. Details will follow over the weeks ahead. 100% of the proceeds raised from this event will benefit *Sr. Dativa's Village Angels* - a program that employs at-risk village youth to care for elderly poor.

**We need your help.** Our silent auction table needs to be stocked; for example, can you donate tickets to a sporting event, a round of golf at your club, or your services? Can you make a cash donation to help build a gift basket for the auction table and/or a donation to help defray the costs of the event? All your donations are tax deductible.

Please reach out to Paul Boehler (973.722.4994) or Jeff Paguirigan (908.591.8510) to learn more. Thank you for your consideration!

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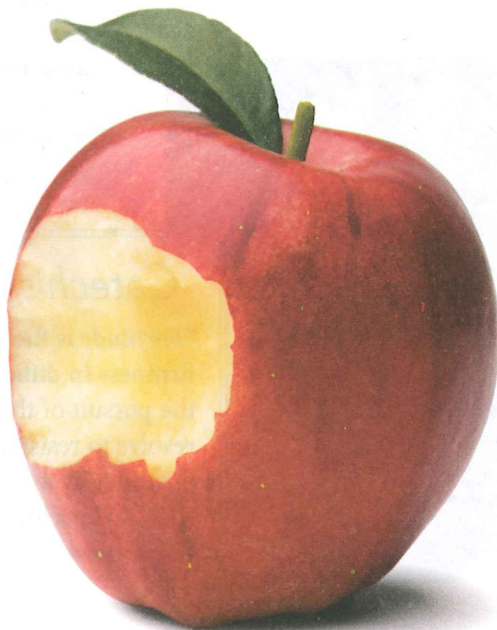
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# PROCLAIMING CHRIST

Meditations for the Season of Lent



*"To be attracted by power, by grandeur, by appearances, is tragically human. It is a great temptation that tries to insinuate itself everywhere.*

*But to give oneself to others, eliminating distances, dwelling in littleness and living the reality of one's everyday life: this is exquisitely divine."*

— POPE FRANCIS, JULY 28, 2016

## Temptations

Matthew 4:1-11

It's no accident that the Gospel reading for the First Sunday of Lent tells the story of Jesus being tempted by the devil. Jesus was divine, but he was also human. The temptation to put personal comfort, power, and pride ahead of what God wants is a struggle every human being faces at some point in life.

Being tempted is not a sin, but temptations can lead to sin. So it is important to recognize when we are being tempted. Our response must be an immediate "No!" The longer we allow temptations to linger in our minds, the more difficult they are to reject.

As we become more experienced in resisting temptations, their intensity usually weakens. St. Paul tells us

### FOR REFLECTION

- › What is one temptation you have experienced?
- › How did you overcome that temptation?
- › What have you learned about God and yourself by overcoming temptation?

that God allows us to be tempted, but God also offers us the grace we need to overcome temptations. "God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your strength, but with the temptation will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it" (1 Cor 10:13).



### DID YOU KNOW?

- There are forty days in the season of Lent because Jesus fasted for forty days in the wilderness.
- The word "Lent" comes from an Anglo-Saxon word that means "lengthen," a reference to the lengthening days as spring approaches.
- The first day of Lent is Ash Wednesday, one of the most popular days in the Church year.



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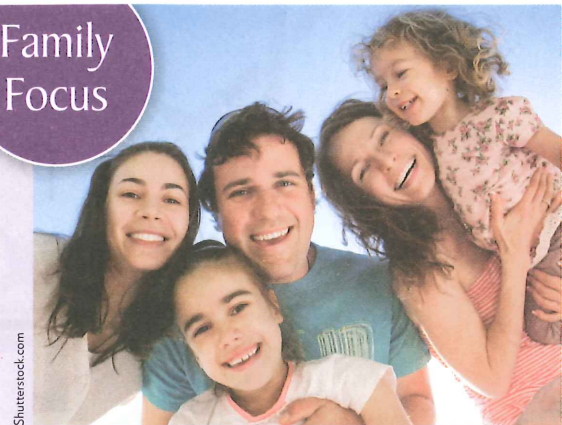
# "Bless Me, Father ..."

A great way to deal with temptations — and the times when we were not successful in overcoming temptations — is in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

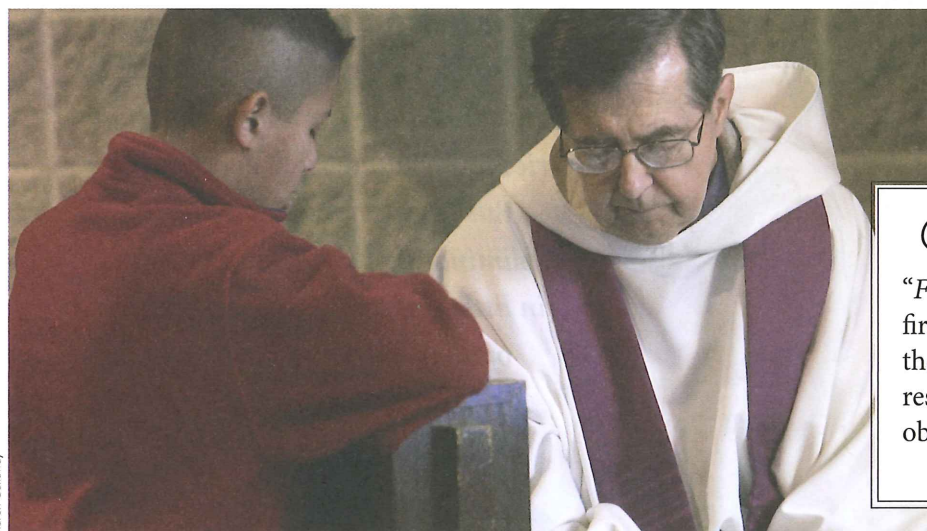
Prepare for confession by examining your conscience, which simply means thinking back on your temptations and the sins you have committed. Most people start their confession by saying: "Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (the amount of time) since my last confession."

If you can't remember the words or you don't recall how long it's been, don't worry. Just tell the priest it's been a long time, and he will guide you through the process. What you will experience is the healing gift of God's love, a clear conscience, and an overwhelming sense of gratitude!

## Family Focus



St. Francis de Sales says, "A temptation disclosed is a temptation half-vanquished." Talk to your kids about temptations. Let each family member mention a problem area that he or she would like to pray about in a special way. Talking about temptations helps to overcome them.



Karen Callaway

## Catechism CONNECTION

"Fortitude is the moral virtue that ensures firmness in difficulties and constancy in the pursuit of the good. It strengthens the resolve to resist temptations and to overcome obstacles in the moral life."

— Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1808

## Lenten Prayer

A traditional prayer to help us overcome temptations invokes the assistance of St. Michael the Archangel:

*St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.*



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## Why Do Catholics Fast?

In today's Gospel, Jesus fasts for forty days in the wilderness. Fasting has always been an important part of Lent. We abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday during Lent. Many people also give up chocolate, potato chips, ice cream, or anything else that is really loved but isn't all that great for us! When we resist the temptation to eat treats during Lent, we strengthen our will. But the real purpose of fasting is to create in ourselves a feeling of longing that helps us recognize our deep spiritual hunger for God. You might want to decide as a family what to give up for Lent. Maybe you could fast from television or video games. Maybe you could fast from gossip or saying unkind things. Maybe you could fast from complaining, or jealousy, or irritability. The possibilities are endless!







# THE BEACON

JANUARY 5, 2017



**NEW CARS** Father Matthew Twiggs (left), pastor of St. Thomas Parish, Oak Ridge, and St. John Vianney Parish, Stockholm, and Scott Milliken, (fourth from left) executive director of the Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) with staff and clients of the DPD stand in front of new cars, which were purchased with a grant from Partners in Faith. Father Twiggs blessed the new cars for the DPD.

## REASONS TO BE THANKFUL

# DPD purchases eight new cars with the help of Partners in Faith donors

**By CECILE PAGLIARULO**  
REPORTER

**OAK RIDGE** The Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD), a Catholic Charities agency of the Paterson Diocese, is beginning the New Year with eight big reasons to be thankful. Due to the generosity of the thousands of faithful Catholics in the Paterson Diocese, the agency recently received a check from Partners in Faith, the Diocesan capital and endowment campaign.

With the check, DPD purchased eight new Toyota Prius' to transport

residents living in its group homes. These vehicles are used mostly for clients' medical visits but also to get them around community and take them to weekend Masses and other religious programs.

Tom Barrett, diocesan coordinator of special projects, said, "Partners in Faith came to the rescue. DPD desperately needed to replace 10-year-old vehicles used for transporting clients on medical visits. The cars that the agency has been using had high mileage and were frequently breaking down with repair bills mounting."

Previously, DPD placed most of its

new vehicle purchases into its contract from the State. However, the State is no longer funding vehicles and this funding must be paid through fund-raising, donations or grants. In prior years, DPD was able to secure funding from private or public grants, but this time, they could not find any funding sources for this need.

Bishop Serratelli said, "I am grateful to the parishioners of our Diocese who came together as people of faith to help their brothers and sisters. Our

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## FROM FRONT

Department for Persons with Disabilities does a tremendous job in serving the needs of the most vulnerable among us. Knowing that Partners in Faith is there for them by strengthening and enhancing this ministry is something we can all be proud of. This is just one example of the great work being done through Partners in Faith. I thank all who worked as volunteers for the campaign, as well as those who are continuing to financially support it through the fulfillment of their pledges. Our Church is blessed by your generous spirit."

Having reliable cars is a necessity for DPD. Last year, the agency transported its residents more than 52,000 miles for more than 2,200 community medical visits, which include annual check-ups, specialists, emergencies and dental visits.

"PIF has helped Catholic Charities assist people with disabilities live in the community through our group homes and have access to healthcare in a community setting rather than in an institutional setting," said Scott Milliken, executive director of DPD.

DPD values its mission to allow its clients to live in group homes in the community which has proven to be beneficial for those with disabilities. DPD's group homes provide a family atmosphere and loving environment for its clients.

The purchase of these new vehicles shows Partners in Faith at work. The capital and endowment campaign held its active fundraising phase from 2012 to 2013 with a campaign goal of \$40 million. Through the hard work and efforts of pastors, priests and lay leaders, more than \$61 million was pledged. The pledge fulfillment will continue through 2018.

Tim Potter, diocesan director of development, said, "The active phase of the Partners in Faith campaign was conducted in 2013. Many people made one-time gifts while others made pledges to give over time and

continue to faithfully follow-through on their pledges. Even though Partners in Faith began several years ago — its positive impact on the lives of so many continues today. It is great to see how the developmentally disabled clients now have reliable vehicles to take them to their regular

doctor visits. What many of us take for granted becomes a challenging task for those with special needs. Thanks to the generosity of so many parishioners throughout our Diocese, their burden has been made a little bit lighter."

Through the campaign, the St. Luke's Fund was established

with \$500,000, specifically raised to assist with providing care and transportation addressing the medical needs of people with developmental disabilities and other vulnerable populations.



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**“The donors to Partner’s in Faith made many vulnerable people comfortable, safe and very happy.”**

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— TOM BARRETT

In addition to DPD and diocesan Catholic Charities agencies — Catholic Family and Community Service and Straight and Narrow, the campaign extends its reach to the poor, each of the parishes in the Paterson Diocese, important Catholic values to school children in diocesan schools, assists priests in need of special health care and will restore the Mother Church of the Diocese — the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. PIF also supported the 2013

Bishop's Annual Appeal, which assisted in the annual operating costs of diocesan Catholic Charities, Nazareth Village, the retired priests' residence, seminarian education and elementary school education.

Msgr. James Mahoney, diocesan vicar general and pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Chatham Township, said, "This story highlights just how important Partners in Faith is to the life of people in the Paterson Diocese. Catholic Charities has been able to do more good for people, our cathedral restoration is nearing completion, new school initiatives are being planned, the healthcare needs of our priests are being addressed and our parishes are receiving financial support. So many things that were impossible to imagine just a few short years ago are becoming a reality thanks to all who participated in this campaign. I thank all those who contributed to Partners in Faith and those continuing to fulfill their pledge. The Church is alive and well because of their stewardship."

"This is such an important donation to meet critical transportation needs. It's one of those things that we might not think about all the time, but this population has many daily struggles to overcome," said Barrett. "Medical care is so important for the wellbeing of the people that DPD cares for. The mechanics of getting to and from medical appointments and emergencies are critical pieces of the care puzzle. While transportation is just one aspect of meeting medical needs, it is vital. DPD makes sure that the people are always treated with dignity while they provide gentle care that often involves physically assisting people in and out of these vehicles — it is wonderful to know that they can count on improved safety and efficiency, and without worrying about vehicle breakdowns. This is a gift to many special people who receive care and comfort every day from Catholic Charities. The donors may not necessarily see all that is involved, but just imagine having the responsibility for providing thousands of medical visits — the donors to Partner's in Faith made many vulnerable people comfortable, safe and very happy."





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