

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  
In Residence: Rev. Dennis J. Crowley  
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	Jeanette Fredericks	973-216-2231
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
Mental Health Liaison	Paul Boehler	973-722-4994
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
Spiritual Direction	Karen Florance	973-476-5542
Ushers	Anthony Romano	973-267-5433
Welcome /Hospitality	Moir Clarkin	973-539-4390
Women's Cornerstone	Louise Johnson	973-975-6651
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



<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 6</b>
8:00 a.m.	The Cullen Family
5:30 p.m.	Charles Seergy Albert Garcia, Jr.
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 7</b>
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Louise Madden Irene Phelan
10:00 a.m.	Katherine Hyck Kara Hyland Pereyra
12:15 p.m.	Richard Quagliano Theresa and Bruno DiPaolo Maria and Sal Paleologo
5:30 p.m.	Raymond Rigoletto Jack O'Brien
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>May 8</b>
7:00 a.m.	Yvonne Cocuzzo
12:05 p.m.	Herbert Miller
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>May 9</b>
7:00 a.m.	Peter Marcketta
12:05 p.m.	Carolyn Kubin
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>May 10</b>
7:00 a.m.	Barbara Snyder
12:05 p.m.	Ralph Fracncavilla
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>May 11</b>
7:00 a.m.	Michael Sottile
12:05 p.m.	Harry Costello
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>May 12</b>
7:00 a.m.	Richard Fernandez
12:05 p.m.	Patrick Woebse
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 13</b>
8:00 a.m.	Jerry Albright
5:30 p.m.	Mercedes Cassidy Eleanor Rezek and Shirley Mulhern
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 14</b>
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Mimi DeLotto The Sexton and Tedeschi Families
10:00 a.m.	Lisbeth Hernandez Mary Carr
12:15 p.m.	Elizabeth McGowan Virginia Rigoletto
5:30 p.m.	Mary Carr Oswaldo Mendez

### 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 Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel, Cedar Knolls.

### **F**irst Reading: Acts 2:14a, 36-41

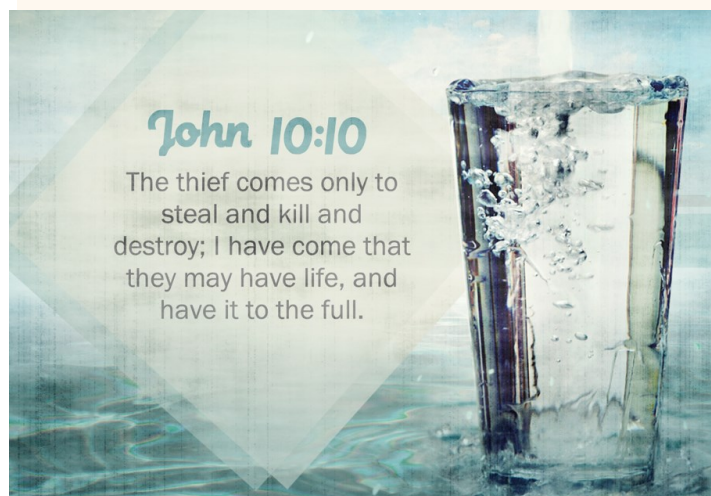
In this first reading, the apostle Peter accuses his fellow Jews of complicity in the death of Jesus in order to prod them into accepting his message. Guilty of denying Jesus himself, Peter seeks to have his listeners repent and be baptized in Jesus' name into a renewed relationship with God.

### **S**econd Reading: 1 Peter 2:20b-25

Our second reading, a portion of the letter attributed to Peter, is addressed to those who are in pain. Suffering believers are told to put their trust in the Shepherd who, in *his* time of suffering, trusted in God.

### **G**ospel: John 10:1-10

This passage from the Gospel of John is thought by some to be a sample of the preaching heard in John's community. Jesus is pictured as a Good Shepherd who guides his sheep to safe pasture.



### **We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the Readings for the week of May 7**

<b>Monday</b>	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:11-18
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 10:22-30
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 12:24—13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8; Jn 12:44-50
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27; Jn 13:16-20
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Our Lady of Fatima</b> Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 14:7-14
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; 1 Pt 2:4-9; Jn 14:1-12



**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, Marva Jean Corbin, Willette Greer, Liam Hanly, Nancy Arteglier, 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, Patricia McBride, Elizabeth Langenohl, Sharyn Zaslofsky, Florence Bryan, Grace Eagan, Baby Benjamin LeFebvre, Marion O'Leary, Miriam Tamburello, Angela Wills, Nilan Family, Melissa Lebron, Jack Guerriero, Olivia Crenshaw, Colin Wisniewski, Laurretta 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, Tim Byrne, Sheryll Stripp, Brian Tilton, Joseph Fiori, Francesca Kobylarz-Bongiorno, Don Giovanello, Denise Robinson, Freddy Garcia, Ellen Hillman, Peter Kelly, Linda Walsh, Rev. Msgr. Martin F. Rauscher, Saletha Corbin, Carlos Luevano, Jamal Hudson, Msgr. Leo Carey, James Preston, Lucille Sanks, Madeline Polombo, Frank Spello, Norton Milecofsky, the Meeks and Stapleton Families, Shea Lukasko and Famly, Doris Shieppe and Family, Eben Myers, Dale Garffalo, Beth Patterson, Msgr. Robert Diachek, Gian Carlo Cafasso, Rebecca Russo, Juanita Venable, Ray Donovan, Pat Crowley, Grace Bornheim, Nigel Loeppky, Rossana Macedo, Beverly Davies, Daniel Fox, Baby Cora Oakley, Bill Rohr, Kay Guiheen.

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.



**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. Jeremiah Dempsey*, USAF.

**GOOD SAMARITANS OFFER  
NEW TELEPHONE VISITATION MINISTRY**

Do you know someone who is disabled or a shut-in? Our Good Samaritan Ministry is adding an additional service to our menu: telephone visitation for anyone who is a shut-in or who just needs a friendly "Hello" on a regular basis. We all need to know someone cares about us, and a silent phone can be almost deafening when you are lonely. If you or someone you know would like a call from Terri, our volunteer Telephone Visitor, please call the Good Samaritan Coordinator of the month (in May it is Jeanette Fredericks, 973-216-2231, with the name and telephone number of the Assumption parishioner to be called. The Coordinator will pass the information to Terri, and conversation between the two will begin on a regular basis for as long as the individual finds it beneficial. As always with the Good Samaritans Ministry, all information is confidential.

And of course our usual ministry is still operating for those who need help. This ministry can assist parishioners with shopping, banking, doctor and dentist appointments, and other errands. Our coordinator for May is Jeanette Fredericks at (973) 216-2231.



## GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

*"I am the gate for the sheep..." (John 10: 1-10)*

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday" because the Gospel is always from John 10 in which Our Lord tells us that He is the Good Shepherd. Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy.

Ten-year-old Ja'kiyah Brooks lives in one of the poorest regions of the country. The prospects for African-American sixth-graders like Ja'kiyah living in the small backwoods area of Franklin County, Mississippi are limited - that is until Ja'kiyah and her schoolmates discovered the game of chess. Ja'kiyah is one of the stand-outs in the district's chess program, a member of the middle-school team that has already ranked nationally. But Ja'kiyah and her teammates have learned more than a game - they're learning how to think.

Their coach and mentor is Dr. Jeff Bulington. "Dr. B." had already launched a championship student chess program in Memphis when an anonymous donor asked him to bring his program to Franklin County two years ago. The benefactor, who wishes to remain anonymous, pays Bulington's salary and program expenses. At first Bulington had hoped for maybe a dozen students to take part, but the number soared, with more than 200 students, from kindergarten through high school, spending hours at chessboards learning the intricate strategies of the game.

Using stories to get the concepts across, Bulington gradually taught students how to play the game, and now incorporates lessons in history, math, and science into his coaching. And students are not only winning in tournament competition but in the classroom, as well. College, once an unattainable dream, is now a real possibility for many of these students.

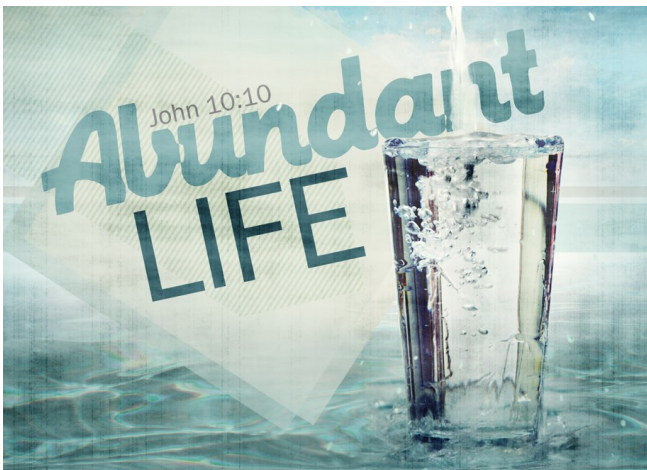
For Dr. B., every game of chess is a learning experience - especially when you lose. "You have to listen to the board," Bulington tells his players. "You have to realize there's someone on the other side of the board, that's trying to cause you trouble," and then asks: "And what do we think about people who try to cause us trouble when playing chess; are they our enemies or our friends?"

"Friends," the team sings out.

Correct, he says, and reminds them that an opponent that "lets you run all over them isn't doing you any favors. It's better to play with someone who points out your mistakes," he says. Failure, "as long as it doesn't become the child's notion of their destiny," isn't a setback. Win or lose, Bulington's most important instruction to his team: "Maintain a poker face." Win and lose with the same grace and humility.

"We're using chess to open some doors and to help people maybe see themselves in a way they didn't see themselves before," Bulington says, "to develop a kind of intellectual, cultural identity that didn't exist before." [60 Minutes, CBS News, March 26, 2017; **The Clarion Herald**, Jackson, Mississippi, March 2, 2017.]

The voice of Christ the Good Shepherd speaks in every opportunity we're given to realize something new and better and good in our lives, in every challenge that moves us beyond our safe isolation in order to become part of a world so much bigger than ourselves. For the young chess team of Franklin County, Christ "speaks" on that chess board, calling forth from them the intellectual gifts God has instilled in them to make their lives complete and purposeful. In Christ the Good Shepherd, God's limitless, unconditional love takes on a human face, becomes a real presence in our midst. In God's eyes, love is never absent; in God's heart, forgiveness is never impossible; in God's embrace, no one is ever alone or forgotten.



In Christ's Peace,  
Father John

### SAVED FOR ABUNDANT LIFE

If we are very busy—and so many of us are—we may never stop and take a look at our deepest needs. If we do not recognize our needs, we may not recognize that we need a savior, the Good Shepherd who leads us.

*Adults:* How do I take stock of my life and come to understand my deepest needs and, ultimately, my complete reliance on the Lord?

*Children:* Where does Jesus, the Good Shepherd, lead me and guide me in my life?

*A Family Perspective:* Even though we have less experience with sheep and shepherds today in our society, we can still identify strongly with the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd and as the gate for the sheep. Psalm 23 remains a popular and favorite psalm for prayer. In the image of the Good Shepherd, we know ourselves to be protected and cared for by a loving God. As your family gathers, ask what each person knows about sheep and shepherds. Recall that shepherds and sheep have a close relationship. Sheep will only follow their own shepherd; they recognize his voice and will not follow a stranger. The shepherd's job is to protect his sheep. In some ways, the relationship between the shepherd and his sheep is like that of a parent and child. Read together this Sunday's Gospel, John 10:1-10. Talk about how Jesus tells us that he is the gate for the sheep. The sheep enter the protection of the sheepfold through the gate. In Jesus we find protection and abundant life. Conclude by thanking Jesus for being our Good Shepherd and by praying today's psalm, Psalm 23.

### HOLY ROOD CEMETERY MEMORIAL DAY MASS

The annual Memorial Day Mass will be held at Holy Rood Cemetery on Monday, May 29 at 9:00 a.m., honoring our loved ones and all those who died for our freedom. A Veteran's Memorial dedication will begin at 8:00 a.m. Mass will be followed by light refreshments. All are welcome to attend. Please join us for a time of remembrance, prayer and visitation.

### WOMEN'S FAITH SHARING MEETS TONIGHT

Women's Faith Sharing Group will meet on Sunday, May 7th at 6:45 p.m. on the Campus of Villa Walsh. Please join us as we deepen our faith together. Faith Sharing is open to all women and please bring a friend! Any questions or directions, please contact Gina Hurley at 973 460 7241.

### DIOCESAN MAY CROWNING

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM, our diocese will honor the Mother of God. All are invited to our Annual May Crowning at Our Lady Queen of Peace Parish, Branchville.

### SPENDING TIME WITH FATHER MARTIN

Social Networking is not just online! We would like to build a person to person social network for Father Martin Rauscher. Father Martin, our beloved Pastor Emeritus, is now residing at Sunrise Assisted Living in Madison, and he loves to have visitors. Most visits are short, 15-20 minutes. While Father is no longer as conversant as he once was, he understands and enjoys the connection with others. Simply reminiscing with him is wonderful. He also enjoys having the sports pages and current events read to him. He also loves to have companionship while watching a ball game or golf match. There are also two private dining rooms that you can share a meal with him. Simply call ahead to Sunrise to make a reservation. There is an additional fee of approximately \$12 per person for meals. Some of the best times to visit with Father are after meals, 9-10:30 a.m., 1:00-2:30 p.m. and 6:00-7:30 p.m.



Last week, one of our parishioners visited with Fr. Martin. Here is what Laura had to say:

*"I had a wonderful visit with Father Martin. His smile is infectious. To reminisce, I brought the 2009 Assumption Yearbook which was dedicated to him. I read him the farewell poem that was written in his honor and he was all smiles! What a blessing to have shared this precious time with our dear Father Martin!"*

If you have any questions about visiting Father, please do not hesitate to contact Ann Marie Manahan at 201-454-5400 or [amanahan@optonline.net](mailto:amanahan@optonline.net).

### DEACON BRIAN BEYERL SPEAKING OF FAITH

Join Fr. Paul Manning on Wednesday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m., at St. Paul Inside the Walls in Madison, as he interviews Deacon Brian D. Beyerl, M.D. Dr. Beyerl is an Attending Neurosurgeon at Morristown Medical Center and Overlook Hospital in Summit. He is also a Permanent Deacon for the Diocese of Paterson and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Morristown. Dr. Beyerl specializes in the treatment of patients with brain tumors, with both surgery and stereotactic radiosurgery (focused radiation). He is the Co-director of the Cyberknife Stereotactic Radiosurgery program at Overlook Hospital. To register visit [www.insidethewalls.org/events-1](http://www.insidethewalls.org/events-1).

### JOINED TOGETHER IN HOLY MATRIMONY



Scott Greene  
and  
Blair Sittmann



### APPALACHIA FUNDRAISER WINE DONATIONS NEEDED!

As part of our annual fundraiser for the Youth Group's Appalachia summer trip, we will be doing a wine pull and are in need of bottles of wine/champagne valued over \$20. Donations can be dropped to the parish office. We really appreciate your support!

### SAVE THE DATE

On **Sunday June 25th** we will celebrate the gift of having had Fr. Przemek with us at Assumption for four years. Join us at 12:15 Mass and at a reception afterward to wish him well as he continues to answer God's call at Catholic University.

### SPIRITUAL DIRECTION CAN HELP YOU FIND A DEEPER RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

Feeling a "tug" to deeper your relationship with God? Spiritual direction is a way to deepen your relationship with God. The spiritual director assists the individual in noticing and responding to God's Presence in daily life. Spiritual direction is offered free of charge for our parishioners. Please contact Karen Florance, certified spiritual director at [kdflorence@optonline.net](mailto:kdflorence@optonline.net) or 973 476 5542.

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### SATURDAY, MAY 13TH ANNIVERSARY

Come celebrate the **100th Anniversary** of Our Lady's First Apparition to the three shepherd children in 1917. All are welcome at Our Lady's Blue Army Shrine, 674 Mountain View Road, Asbury, NJ. 08802. Celebrant: *Most Rev. James Checchio*; Guest Speaker: *Rev. Frederick Miller*. Confessions 10:30; Rosary Procession Noon; 12:30 Guest Speaker; 1:00 p.m. Mass followed by Eucharistic Procession, Fatima Farewell Procession, Enrollment in the Brown Scapular, concluding with Divine Mercy Chaplet. Visit the Holy House USA, a replica of the Holy House at Loreto, Italy; the Capelinha (little chapel) with three roof tiles from the original built in Portugal but destroyed in 1922. Info (980) 689-1700 x210 [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com).

### QUO VADIS DAYS "WHERE ARE YOU GOING?"

On June 27-29, young men ages 15-25 are invited to participate in a time of recreation, fellowship, prayer and discussion with priests and seminarians of the Diocese to help them explore the Lord's call in their life. The retreat will be held at Sacred Heart Spirituality Center 20 Old Swartswood Road, in Newton, NJ 07860

To register, or to discuss the retreat weekend, please contact Fr. Edgar Rivera or Fr. Luis Hernandez in the Office of Vocations in the Paterson Diocese at 973-777-8818, ext. 711.

### MASS ATTENDANCE APRIL 29/29

5:30 p.m.	244
7:00 a.m.	124
8:30 a.m.	243
10:00 a.m.	441
12:15 p.m.	233
5:30 p.m.	186
Total:	1,471

### FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

#### Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The collection for the weekend of April 28/29 totaled \$23,331. The collection for this weekend last year was \$20,274. The Easter collection to date is \$97,331.

**Pastor's Note:** Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your outstanding generosity, your sacrificial giving and all the ways you welcome new families to our parish. On average we register over 20 new families every month. Praise the Lord!

### FINANCIAL CONTROL ASSISTANT

Financial Control Assistant – Part-time Position (15-18 hrs/week) – requires accounting/bookkeeping experience including but not limited to: journal entry preparation, recording cash receipts and disbursements, bank reconciliations, petty cash reporting, and preparation of 1099's. Minimum 2 years accounting experience, proficiency in MS office application. Must be team oriented and have a "can do" attitude. Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth, PO Box 476, Convent Station, NJ 07961 Attn: Financial Control Assistant. Please respond by: May 17, 2017 to e-mail: [secretary@scnj.org](mailto:secretary@scnj.org)

### DIOCESE SETS DATE FOR PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE IN WASHINGTON, D.C.

Bishop Serratelli has set Oct. 21, 2017 as the Paterson Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception. In October 2014, more than 2,400 pilgrims journeyed from around the Diocese to Washington in more than 50 buses to participate in a number of spiritual activities. The highly successful day included the Diocesan Mass with Bishop Serratelli as the main celebrant, with nearly 40 priests as concelebrants; reconciliation; talks at different saint shrines; the Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

Details about Assumption's participation in this pilgrimage will be published in the bulletin and on our website when available. For now, save the date - October 21, 2017.

### MORRIS CATHOLIC OPEN HOUSE MAY 7

Morris Catholic High School will host an Open House on Sunday, May 7, 2017 2 p.m.- 4 p.m. Tour our campus. Meet our faculty and students. For more information call contact us at: (973) 627-6674 ext. 136.

### CATECHIST RECRUITMENT

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### FUNDRAISER FOR THE VILLAGE ANGELS OF TANZANIA (TVAT)

Last March The Assumption Men's Club and Assumption parishioners helped raise over \$14,000 for TVAT at the Lenten Fish Bake. This spring TVAT will be part of the town-wide Mendham Garage Sale, Saturday, June 10, 2017. We are currently collecting donations. We can use houseware items, kitchen appliances, Christmas items, clean, gently used clothes (especially zippered fleeces, blouses, athletic pants, flip flops), children's items and toys, lightweight duffle bags, CD players, jewelry, toiletries, handbags. Please **do not** donate books, CDs/DVDs, furniture, or picture frames.

To arrange to drop off your items call Johanna Burani (973) 610-4856 (32 DeHart St., Morristown) or Janet Cicariello-Cook (908) 239-4146 (21 Phoenix Drive, Mendham). We will be accepting donations until May 27 only. Thank you for your generosity.

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Food collected will be donated to local food pantries including the Interfaith Food Pantry (IFP). In 2016, the Interfaith Food Pantry helped almost 10,000 Morris County residents (35% were children) and distributed over one million pounds of food... thanks to your help!

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Visit our website at [www.quellenspiritualcenter.org](http://www.quellenspiritualcenter.org) or contact Sister Teresa or Sister Carol at 973-543-6528. Applicants must be in Spiritual Direction for at least 1 year before applying.

### BLOOD DRIVE MAY 17

There will be a Blood Drive at the Saint Francis Residential Community, 122 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 from 1:00 PM to 7:00 PM, sponsored by the Sunrise Rotary Club of Denville, the Denville Rotary Club, and New Jersey Blood Services. All are welcome. Any questions? Email [nancy0925@aol.com](mailto:nancy0925@aol.com).

### ASSUMPTION SENIORS

Our April 25 meeting was a success. Thanks go out to Sheriff Jim Gannon, who spoke informatively on scams that affect seniors. Our last meeting before the summer break will be held on May 23 after the 12:05 Mass.

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Serving the Paterson Diocese as New Jersey's premier Catholic healthcare provider, St. Joseph's and its family of over 5,000 employees counts on your prayers and the prayers of others.

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## Drawing Near to Our Lady

### MARIAN DEVOTIONS: THEIR HISTORY AND ROLE IN STRENGTHENING OUR FAITH

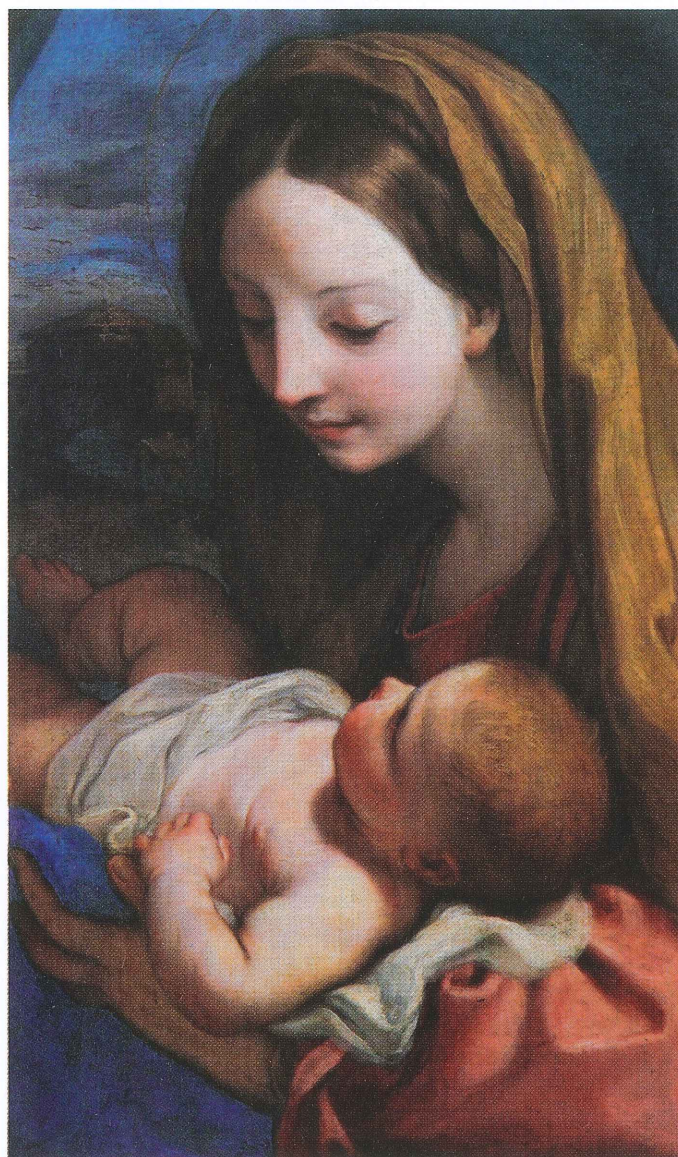
CAROL MONACO

In the prayer Hail Holy Queen, we call Mary, our Mother of Mercy, “our life, our sweetness, and our hope.” This simple message tells us that Mary is here for us, ready to help us and guide us in our daily living if we choose to place ourselves in her care.

When we see Mary depicted in a marble statue, a tiny medal, or an image in a stained-glass window, it’s important to remember that Mary was completely human. While the Bible gives us few details about our Blessed Mother, we learn from the Scriptures that Mary—in all her humanness—is the most perfect model to guide us on our spiritual journey. “He who finds Mary,” said St. Louis Marie de Montfort, “finds life—that is, Jesus Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life.”

Mary is indeed the role model for all times and our times. We should not mistake Mary’s meekness for weakness or her humility for a lack of importance. Mary was—and is—our strong and faithful advocate. The fact that our Lady was born without the blemish of original sin should not intimidate us nor impose fear that devotion to her could somehow overshadow the adoration owed to the Holy Trinity. Although Mary was born without sin, which sets her apart from the rest of us, Mary never separated herself from humanity. Through her entire life and her apparitions, Mary reaches out to show us how to adhere to God’s rules and obey God’s will with a loving and open heart. Devotion to Mary can only enhance our reverence to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Gentle and modest by all accounts, Mary had a love for God that was the driving force in her entire existence. That love, fueled by her faith, gave Mary the courage to assent to God’s call to be the Mother of our Savior. From that beginning, Mary has been open to those in search of salvation—her cousin Elizabeth, the shepherds, the Magi, Simeon and Anna, and the first disciples. Even at the foot of her Son’s cross, Mary opened her loving heart wide—to be mother to us all.



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## Mary Reaches Out to Us

Throughout the centuries, Mary has been given many devotional titles that illustrate the enormous role that God our Father gave to our Blessed Mother to help us on our journey to heaven. Mary is everything to us, including: Advocate, Coredemptrix, Mediatrix, Comforter of the Afflicted, Refuge of Sinners; Queen of: All Saints, Apostles, Martyrs, Peace, Prophets, and the Universe; Mother of: God, Perpetual Help, Grace, Mercy, Good Counsel, the Church, the Unborn, All

be built there. To fulfill the mission bestowed upon him, he was required by the bishop to prove the validity of his communication with the Lady who identified herself as the “Mother of God.” Juan Diego’s quest to provide proof (a “sign”) was waylaid by the sudden and critical illness of his uncle, Juan Bernardino. Uncle Juan pleaded with his nephew to call for a priest in preparation for his imminent death. As related in *Our Lady of Guadalupe: A New Interpretation of the Story, Apparitions, and Image* written by José Luis Guerrero (Liguori 2008), Juan Diego’s effort to fulfill his uncle’s believed-to-be

## Mary is everything to us: Advocate, Comforter of the Afflicted, Refuge of Sinners, and Mother of all, as well as Star of the Sea, Seat of Wisdom, Reconciler of Nations, and Cause of Our Joy.

People, and of Sorrows; as well as Star of the Sea, Seat of Wisdom, Reconciler of Nations, and Cause of Our Joy.

Of course, devotion to Mary means more than offering prayers and petitions. Opening our hearts to Mary can transform our entire existence, enabling us to be true children of God and live accordingly with the faith, hope, and love that is most pleasing to our Father in heaven. We also learn from Marian devotions and apparitions that Mary shares in the work of healings, reparation, and redemption with her Son, Jesus Christ, to bring us closer to him and to assure our salvation.

How we express our devotion can come in a variety of ways. Scapulars, medals, and the rosary—made known to us through traditions and apparitions of Mary—all play important roles in committing us to our Blessed Mother and all that our Lady holds dear.

Perhaps the most popular scapular is the brown scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel. According to the story, Mary, in an apparition in 1251, gave St. Simon Stock of Aylesford, England, the scapular in answer to his prayers for the protection of the Carmelite Order. Wearing the scapular requires a special commitment—entrusting oneself to Mary and persevering in faith, hope, and love for salvation.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel also appeared during the miracle of the sun on October 13, 1917, in Fatima, Portugal. Providing refuge for those seeking salvation was Mary’s call. It was in Fatima that our Lady asked that a devotion to her immaculate heart be established as a way to lead people to God. Mary teaches us how to love God fully—without hesitation and with full faith and trust in his word, his way, and his mercy.

Mary appeared before Juan Diego on multiple occasions in 1531 on Tepeyac Hill in Mexico, where she asked that a sanctuary

final request reveals Mary truly as our refuge who dispenses God’s graces of healing: “Don’t fear this illness, nor any other form of illness or pain. Am I not here, I who am your Mother? Are you not under my shelter? Are you not held in my arms? Is there anything else you need? Now let nothing else disturb you, and do not be sorrowed by the illness of your esteemed uncle. He will by no means die now from this illness. I assure you that he is well even now,” said Mary (Our Lady of Guadalupe), whose image was imprinted on St. Juan Diego’s tilma, representing the immaculate conception of Mary.

Her immaculate conception also was the focal point when Mary appeared in the Chapel of the Rue du Bac in Paris before Catherine Labouré, a novice in the Daughters of Charity, in 1830. The apparitions to St. Catherine Labouré led to the production of the medal honoring Mary’s immaculate conception, also known as the Miraculous Medal because of the miracles that became associated with the devotion to the immaculate Virgin Mary.

Mary’s immaculate conception came into the light again when our Lady appeared before Bernadette Soubirous in Lourdes, France, in 1858. “I am the Immaculate Conception” was Mary’s answer when Bernadette asked our Lady’s name.

With Mary redeemed from the moment of her conception—free from sin and full of God’s grace—we can faithfully seek our Lord’s healing and redemption through

her. “Penance!” our Lady said to Bernadette. “Pray to God for the conversion of sinners.” Saint Bernadette’s faithfulness brought us the healing spring of Lourdes, where millions have paid homage to Our Lady of Lourdes and where miraculous physical healings as well as spiritual healings have occurred throughout the decades.

In addition to physical, emotional, and spiritual healings, making reparations for sins in order

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How can we more fully incorporate Marian devotions into our faith life?

What can we learn from our Blessed Mother’s unwavering faithfulness?

Do we fully embrace Mary’s admonition: “Do not be afraid”?



to achieve peace and eternal salvation are central to Mary's purpose. As we commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Blessed Mother's appearances in Fatima, we can learn a lesson from ten-year-old Lucia and her cousins, Francisco and Jacinta. On May 13, 1917, the children said "yes" when Mary asked if they were willing to offer themselves up to God and bear sufferings for the conversion of sinners. Lucia would later recall that at the time she did not understand the full implications of their acceptance, but she obliged willingly, without hesitation and without regret.

Because of Mary's responsibility as the Mother of God, our Lady knows the power and importance of prayer; she experienced it firsthand. In her earthly time, our Lady dedicated her life to prayer. That is why the Fatima message is clear: We should pray often. On October 13, 1917, in Fatima, Mary identified herself as the Lady of the Rosary. Devotion to the rosary, as we know it, has spread throughout the centuries. Tradition tells us that the rosary was made known after our Lady appeared before Domingo de Guzman (St. Dominic) at Prouille in France in the early 1200s.

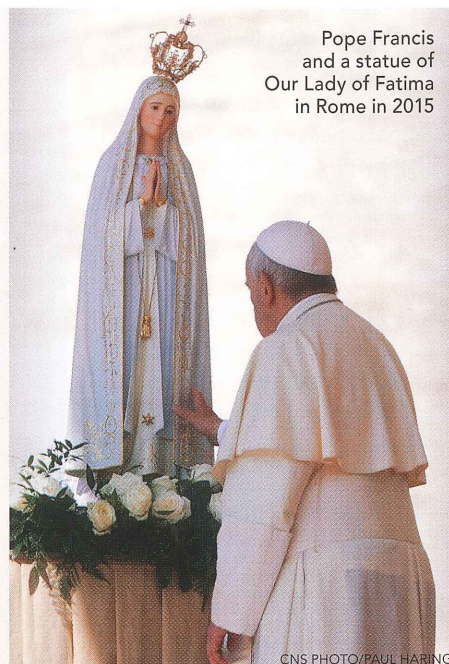
Mary does more than come to us in answer to our prayers. Mary calls on us to pray the rosary every day and meditate on its mysteries. Our Lady reaches out with loving and open arms and calls on us to partake in bringing peace and salvation to our world. Humble and modest even in her apparitions, Mary does not impose herself on anyone with her straightforward message: To enter the kingdom of heaven, we must amend our ways with faith, hope, and love. Marian devotions show us the way.

## Mary Leads Us to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit

While Mary's life was in the background during the first coming of Jesus Christ, as illustrated in the Bible, St. Louis Marie de Montfort explained that as we approach the Second Coming of Christ, Mary must be known. "Mary then must be better known than ever for the deeper understanding and the greater glory of the Blessed Trinity," de Montfort wrote.

By devoting ourselves to the Blessed Mother, bringing Mary into our homes, loving her, and embracing her as our Mother, we embrace what our Lady loves with her heart and soul—God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Rest assured, Mary can help us in our daily lives and struggles so we do not stray from the path to heaven that our Lord has laid out for us.

We know from Mary's earthly life—with the journey to her cousin Elizabeth, the journey to Bethlehem, the journey to Egypt, the journey to Jerusalem, and the journey to her Son's crucifixion—that the road to salvation is not paved with convenience. Mary said "yes" to God's call without fully understanding what was in store for her. Yet Mary always remained faithful to God. We are asked to do the same.



Pope Francis  
and a statue of  
Our Lady of Fatima  
in Rome in 2015

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What Mary did not understand, she pondered in her heart, particularly when Jesus seemed to distance himself from others, such as the time when Mary and Joseph found young Jesus in the Temple after searching for him for three days. Jesus' response to Mary's question on his whereabouts was, "Did you not know I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:49). Later in life, Jesus said: "Who is my Mother?" indicating that whoever does the will of his Father is Jesus' mother, brother, and sister (Matthew 12:48–50). How do we respond when we think Jesus is distant from us? Do we have the courage to remain as faithful as Mary did and do what the Lord wills when he wills it?

Like Mary, we must do what our Lord tells us, even when we do not understand his purpose. Having faith in

God is more important than completely comprehending God's plan. We think like people, not like God. Thus, let us accept that much of God's work remains a mystery to us, otherwise we create barriers between our salvation and ourselves. Mary was always unwaveringly true to her faith. For example, when Gabriel brought her the good news at the annunciation, she stated, "May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38).

Where would we be if Mary had said "no" to God's will because she did not understand? What would have happened if Juan Diego, Bernadette, the children of Fatima, and other visionaries had denied our Lady's requests because they did not understand? The seers of Mary's apparitions faced many trials and tribulations for their devotion, but they also had reason to be joyful.

Truly, our Lady is the Cause of Our Joy. "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior" (Luke 1:46–47). Our Lady shared that joy in her lifetime by bringing Jesus into the world, and Mary continues to do so when we welcome her into our lives. Mary's motivation was and is to guide us safely toward our Lord's loving embrace.

We have no better advocate than the Mother of our Savior. Christ listens to his Mother when she intercedes on our behalf, just as she did at the wedding feast in Cana. Mary knew when to step in and when to step back. Our Lady asked Jesus for help when the wedding party ran out of wine. Although Jesus said it was not yet his time, his Blessed Mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you" (John 2:5). Then, Mary stepped back. Jesus performed his first miracle at his Mother's request.

Receiving the answer you pray for is always a joyful moment, but what do we do when our faith is truly tested? How often do we turn our backs on God when life does not go our way? Mary never closed her heart to God, not even as she stood at her Son's cross and saw him die. All generations call Mary blessed because our Lady believed. That is why we need to turn to Mary and learn from Mary to strengthen our faith and allow the Holy Spirit to dwell within our souls.



Mary received the Holy Spirit twice in her life—the first time after the annunciation and then at Pentecost with Jesus’ apostles. A person could argue that Mary did not need to receive the Holy Spirit twice, given that she was the Mother of God. Doing so reflects the importance of having the Holy Spirit in our lives. Through Mary, the Holy Spirit brings us into communion with Jesus Christ, who leads us to God the Father.

## Conclusion

Although we may not be blessed with witnessing a Marian apparition, we are blessed with knowing that when we pray to Mary, she will answer, and when we fully commit ourselves to our Blessed Mother, our lives will be transformed forever. Understand that this transformation will most likely not happen overnight. Instead, the changes will come gently, modestly, quietly, and most meaningfully.




When we devote ourselves to Mary, we commit ourselves to the Holy Trinity with faith, hope, and love. Like Mary, when we answer “yes” to God’s call, we open the door to all that is good and true. Good works replace sinful acts, selflessness overcomes selfishness, and hope is given to the hopeless. Let there be no hesitation on our part. And, as Mary said to her visionaries, do not be afraid.

Our Blessed Mother will give us the strength and companionship we need on our spiritual journey. When we open our hearts to Mary, we open

our hearts to God, who fills our souls with his loving graces, assuring us of his presence every day of our lives and for all eternity. #

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## Marian Devotions, May–December

Saturday, May 13: **Our Lady of Fatima** (optional memorial)

Wednesday, May 31: **The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (feast)

Tuesday, August 15: **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (holy day of obligation)

Tuesday, August 22: **The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (memorial)

Friday, September 8: **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (feast)

Tuesday, September 12: **The Most Holy Name of Mary** (optional memorial)

Friday, September 15: **Our Lady of Sorrows** (memorial)

Saturday, October 7: **Our Lady of the Rosary** (memorial)

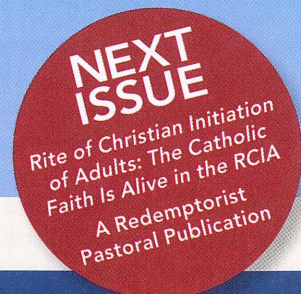
Friday, October 13: **100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the miracle of Fatima** celebrated

Tuesday, November 21: **The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary** (memorial)

Monday, November 27: **The Miraculous Medal** feast celebrated

Friday, December 8: **The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** feast celebrated (holy day of obligation)

Tuesday, December 12: **Our Lady of Guadalupe** (feast)



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