

Since 1848 The Parish Family of

*The Church of the Assumption  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*Welcomes You*

*February 11, 2018*



*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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In Residence: Rev. Jeider Barraza  
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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 a.m. 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

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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

**Deaf Interpreter** - Kathleen Skaf

**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.

View this bulletin online at [www.DiscoverMass.com](http://www.DiscoverMass.com)



## 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 Ministry	Linda Macios	973-539-2141
Boy Scouts	Dave Lage	201-919-7259
Cub Scouts	John Lago	973-396-7852
Centering Prayer	Fr. Ken Lasch	973-538-2653
Children's Worship	Linda Cannilla	973-540-1683
CYO Basketball	Kevin Bopp	917-861-2876
Divorced Catholics	Deacon Elliott Stein	973-539-2141
Endowment for Poor	Claudia Nardi	973-539-2141
Eucharistic Min.	Marybeth Wooters	973-538-6784
Family Promise	Mary Dougherty	973-538-9003
Finance Committee	Dorothy Flynn	973-538-2634
Food Pantry	Claudia Nardi	973-539-2141
Gardening	Lynnie Tecza	973-539-2141
Giving Tree	Brian Morgan	973-462-6972
Good Samaritan	Jeanette Fredericks	973-216-2231
Home School Assoc.	Jean Jabbour	973-809-8630
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
Men's Group	Peter Zaremba	212-518-4973
Moms and Tots	Henriette Kahn	973-539-1350
Nursing Homes	Mary Dibble	973- 998-0838
Pre-Cana	Ken and Rosa Rose	973-539-9845
RCIA	Fr. John Hart	973-539-2141
Respect Life	Sue and Dave O'Dougherty	973-993-3068
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
Village Angels/Tanzania	Anthony Romano	973-267-5433
Welcome /Hospitality	Johanna Burani	973-610-4856
Women's Cornerstone	Maira 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	Craig Urbanowicz	864-663-3729
	Lisa Sullivan	973-267-8519

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>February 10</b>
8:00 a.m.	James R. DeWitt, Jr.
5:30 p.m.	Pat Moore Valerie O'Connor
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 11</b>
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Stanislaw Huzar Bonnie Hulsy
10:00 a.m.	John Fitzgerald Kevin Hanlon
12:15 p.m.	The Kolojeski Family Geraldine Hogan
5:30 p.m.	Hilda O'Doherty Angela Bittman
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>February 12</b>
7:00 a.m.	Edward Lally
12:05 p.m.	Thelma Reck 1 <sup>st</sup> Anniversary
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>February 13</b>
7:00 a.m.	Michael Kijanka
12:05 p.m.	Kevin Caracola
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>February 14 Ash Wednesday</b>
7:00 a.m.	Beverly Davies
12:05 p.m.	Margaret Goger
5:30 p.m.	Angela Brandi
7:30 p.m.	Leonard Pergentile 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>February 15</b>
7:00 a.m.	The Maier and Barnes Families
12:05 p.m.	Louis Beneduce
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>February 16</b>
7:00 a.m.	V. Anthony Amendola
12:05 p.m.	Thomas Turner
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>February 18</b>
8:00 a.m.	Helen McCarthy Enright
5:30 p.m.	Nancy Garcia Audrey and Robert Roast Sr.
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>February 18</b>
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Joseph Baron 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Bonnie Hulsy
10:00 a.m.	Kevin Hanlon Barbara J. Quillan
12:15 p.m.	Scott Anderson Daniel Sullivan
5:30 p.m.	William Joseph Timney Nunzio Cecere

**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 5:30 p.m.

**First Reading: Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46**

This Hebrew Scripture reading describes the community health precautions to be taken to prevent the spread of leprosy.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1**

In this brief excerpt from one of his letters, the Apostle Paul urges all believers to be motivated by the desire to glorify God.

**Gospel: Mark 1:40-45**

In this passage from early in his Gospel, Mark describes how Jesus heals a leper and instructs him to follow the health codes of Leviticus. Despite an apparent effort to avoid sensationalism, the news of the cure attracts still more interest in Jesus.

**A leper came to Jesus... and said "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, He stretched out His hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." Mark 1:40-41**



**We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the Readings for the week of February 11**

<b>Monday</b>	Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13
<b>Tuesday</b>	Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17; 2 Cor 5:20—6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
<b>Thursday</b>	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; Lk 9:22-25
<b>Friday</b>	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
<b>Saturday</b>	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

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



Charles Arnolt, Charles Arteglier, Greg, John, and Tom Baxter, Paula Rose Carducci, Jim Cavanaugh, John Hyland, Kenneth Krause, Mary Reisch, Marva Jean Corbin, Nancy Arteglier, Jim Mongey, Sister Marie Graziano, William Moeller, Elaine Metzger, Jack Guerriero, Barbara Ryan, Hedda Sivertsson, Francesca Kobylarz-Bongiorno, Rev. Msgr. Martin F. Rauscher, Saletha Corbin, Msgr. Leo Carey, Ray Donovan, Grace Bornheim, Karen Chiapinni, Bishop Rodimer, Gus Mitchell, Patricia LeFebvre, Steve Keown, Ellie Morrell, Ada Thigpen, John Golden, Russell Burnside, Iris Perkins, Brian Reilly, Caleb Quirk, Kimberly Norwood, Dorothy Santoro, Peg Croain, Norma Jean Jones, Ann Vaughan, Carl Sullivan, Eunice Taylor, Jose Moises Lainez, Arlene Yuliano, Susan Rothauser, Zuri Govan, Dr. Melvin Johnson, Patty Isidro, Leon Bailey, Andrew Manns, Weldon Bazemore, Joan Michaelson, Rosa Zegarre, Lewis White, Tom Emmer, Charlotte Resz, David Ware, Miah Tully, Timothy Green, Barbara Dempsey, Patricia Cummings, Kathleen Vargas, Caroline Comerford, Pete Benza, Helen Hoyt, David Ravill, Kathy Anderson, Tim Byrne, John Gibbons, James Meeks and Family, Rosa Zegarra, Doris Schieppe and Family, Shea Lukasko and Family, Olivia Crenshaw, Rev. Dr. Jeffrey Trexler, Mary Ann Woods, Msgr. John Demkovich, Nigel Leopkey, Sister Clare Tully, Lisa Yarosz, Barbara Dougherty, Gloria Dabal, Lorraine Gamcsik, Becky Russo, Dale Meck, Thomas Cassidy, Jackie Johnston.

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.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

As always, we invite all parishioners to take special advantage of our celebration of Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Monday of every month, at 5:30 p.m. and on the first Saturday of every month at 8:30 a.m.

*"When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now." St. Teresa of Calcuta*



### 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; Capts. Scott and Meghan Harra, US Army in Afghanistan; Captain Timothy Newcomb, US Army Special Forces; Col. Jason M. Barrett, USMC in Iraq and Afghanistan; 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, Dr. Casey McCann, Lt. Commander Navy; 1st Lt. J.D. Poling, US Army, Gitmo, Cuba, RTC Peter Mitchell, USMC.

### SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018!

Get geared up and mark your calendars for VBS Summer 2018, "Shipwrecked" Rescued by Jesus, anchored in God! Venture onto an uncharted island where kids survive and thrive. Anchor kids in the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.

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 6th-10th, from 9-11:30 a.m. Camper and Teen registration will open April 22nd.

Campers must be in grade preK4 - 3rd grade (fall '18), and Teen volunteers in grade 6 (fall '18) and older.

### GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

Need help? Our ministry can assist registered Assumption parishioners with various errands. Contact our February coordinator, Audrey Geraghty at (973) 538-3134.

**JESUS HEALS THE LEPER**

*A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said,  
"If you wish, you can make me clean." Mark 1: 40-45*

We have another beautiful, powerful account of Our Lord's healing power today. Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy.

Luke is a 21-year-old college student studying to be paramedic; he also works for the fire department in a small town in Oregon. Not long ago, he went to Portland to celebrate his girlfriend's birthday. He parked in a paid garage. When he returned, he found the window smashed. His backpack and computer were gone. Everything important to him was on that computer: his class notes, papers, and job applications. He felt sick.

Two days after the break-in, an exchange student from the United Arab Emirates named Masoud was approached by a man who said he had a computer for sale. Only \$200. Masoud had been in this country only a year; he admits he was naïve. But he needed a computer, and this was a good deal. He handed the man the cash and took the computer home. Within seconds of turning it on, Masoud saw Luke's files and photographs. *Who would sell a computer with all this on it?* Masoud realized it was stolen.

So Masoud called Luke on the cell number Masoud found on the computer. Luke remembers the call: "This guy with a thick accent told me he had my computer. He told me the story and said it was his fault. With his accent, I thought it was a scam. I told him if he really had the computer, he should take it to the police. I knew that would be the end of it." But it wasn't. Masoud took the computer to the police and the police called Luke to come to the station to reclaim his computer. The police were as surprised as Luke - this just doesn't happen. The police also passed along Masoud's number.

Luke called Masoud immediately to thank him and insisted on repaying the \$200 that Masoud was out. But Masoud refused. Masoud said it was his mistake to buy a computer from someone he didn't know. More important, it was his honor and duty as a Muslim to return the property to its rightful owner. "I saw a photo of this man in his paramedic uniform," Masoud explains. "Those are great people. They help people. He is a good man. I don't want my money back."

For Luke, the experience meant more than the return of his computer. Luke had never met a Muslim before. He had a new awareness and perspective of immigrants like Masoud. Masoud, meanwhile, has had a rough first year in America. Shortly after arriving in Oregon, he was physically assaulted by a man who shouted at him to "go home" (the man was later arrested). Now the encounter with the computer thief.

When the president of the university of Portland State University, heard what happened, he arranged a new MacBook Pro for Masoud. "We're very proud of you," the president told him. "You did the right thing." And Luke later took Masoud to dinner to thank him. [The Oregonian, January 27, 2017.]

"If you wish, you can make me clean," the leper says to Jesus. The leper's request is a challenge to each one of us, as well. We can transform our lives and world in the goodness of God - if we "wish." We can perform our own miracles of healing and reconciliation, we can restore to health and community those society considers

"lepers," we can be vehicles of God's grace to the broken-hearted, the lost, the despairing - if we choose to embrace the compassion of Jesus. Despite the cost and even though he had no legal obligation to do so, Masoud elects to do what is right and just; he embraces the principles on which his own faith in God is centered. Christ the Healer and Reconciler promises us the grace to be imitators of his compassion and forgiveness whenever we are ready to take the first step in healing the wounds and cleaning the "leprosy" that isolate us from others. (Connections)



In Christ's Peace,  
Father John

## HEALED AND RESTORED

All of us have encountered illness either in our own lives or in the lives of those who are close to us. We can recognize the impact of illness. We know it takes physical toll but also a social and spiritual toll as well.

*Adults:* How do I understand the "integral healing" and the restoration that only God can offer, as I reflect on my own experience of illness and limitation?

*Children:* When has God helped me to feel better?

*A Family Perspective:* Today's Gospel invites us to think about the choices we make as individuals and as a family. Jesus was faced with a choice in today's Gospel. By choosing to heal the man with leprosy, Jesus showed God's compassion for the sick and the outcast. The sick and the outcast of our world are watching us, to see if we as Christians will choose to extend ourselves to others in need of healing and compassion.

Gather with your family and talk about some of the choices you have made as a family. (where to go on vacation, what activities to do together, how to spend our evenings, and so on) How does your family go about making these decisions? What do your choices communicate to others about your family's values?

### ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14

Ashes will be distributed at Masses on Wednesday, February 14; at 7:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 5:30 p.m., 7:30 p.m. Ashes will also be distributed at a Mass for Assumption School Children at 9:00 a.m. in the Church and at a special children's prayer service at 4:00 p.m.



## FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

Lent begins with the celebration of Ash Wednesday on February 14 this year. It has always been an important custom of our Catholic Church to fast and abstain. These are valuable and important activities that are meant to include our bodies with our spiritual and motivational goals. Fasting and abstaining cannot be merely in our thoughts or intentions.

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.

## WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

Catholics in the [Diocese of Paterson](#), especially those who have been away from the Church, are invited to experience God's healing love and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. Here at Assumption, as well as at catholic churches in Morris, Sussex and Passaic Counties will be open for Confession every Monday, starting February 19, 2018 to March 19, 2018 from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As we begin our Lenten journey, participation in Stations of the Cross is a wonderful way to help deepen our awareness of his suffering and lead us to a better understanding of Christ's passion and death.

Please join us each Friday evening during Lent at 5:30 p.m. in the church for this beautiful and moving liturgy.

## 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)

## YOU'RE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN CRS RICE BOWL THIS LENTEN SEASON!

Our parish will be participating in CRS Rice Bowl, Catholic Relief Services' Lenten program, as a way to encounter Jesus through others, especially through the most vulnerable in our world. Rice Bowls will be available at the doors of the church on Ash Wednesday. Please be sure to take one home and use the easy and fun resources to deepen your family's Lenten experience. Your prayers, fasting and almsgiving this Lenten season will help CRS continue to provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries. CRS works on our behalf to care for the poorest in our world and to end global poverty.

## DON'T PACK AWAY YOUR UNUSED CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!

Africa Surgery is calling for and collecting any unused presents (tags still on or unworn) that you or yours may have received and just can't possibly think of a way to use. We will turn them into income at our next Market to support the services that Africa Surgery provides to those in need of medical/surgical care in Sierra Leone ([www.AfricaSurgery.org](http://www.AfricaSurgery.org)). Please contact Johanna Burani (973-610-4856) or Janet Cicariello-Cook (908-239-4146) for more information or to coordinate collection.

**PIZZA NIGHT WITH BISHOP**

February 27 at Pope John XXIII High School in Sparta from 7 to 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

**ASSUMPTION SENIOR GROUP**

Our next meeting will be held after the 12:05 p.m. Mass on February 20 in Rauscher Hall. As usual, bring your lunch and coffee and dessert will be provided. We are looking forward to seeing all of you on the 28th.

**JOIN ST. MARGARET'S CHURCH  
TO SEE AMAZING GRACE THE MUSICAL**

Join with parishioners of St. Margaret's on Friday, March 16 to see the "Amazing Grace, the Broadway Musical" at Long Island University's Tiles Center for the Performing Arts. The cost is \$109 per person and includes transportation to and from St. Margaret's. The bus departs at 5:30 p.m. and returns at approximately midnight. For more information call Joyce Schlosser at 973-455-0636.

**DIVORCED CATHOLICS MINISTRY**

Our Divorced Catholics Ministry will meet on February 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Rauscher Hall. Please make plans to join us.

**SUPPORT THE ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE**

The Morris County St. Patrick's Day Parade is just around the corner on March 10th. This parade is a great tradition in Morris County and provides a safe fun-filled day for Morris County residents and their families each spring at no cost for 36+ years.

The day starts off with a 10:00 a.m. Mass here at Assumption and this year the Parade will be led by fellow parishioner, John Murphy, who is our Grand Marshal. Please support the Parade by purchasing a car magnet for \$5.00. We will be selling the car magnets after the 10 & 12:15 masses on Sunday, February 11th.

**AN EVENING WITH THE SISTERS**

Save the Date for "An Evening with Sisters" - Friday, February 23rd from 7 - 8:30 PM at Morris Catholic High School (200 Morris Avenue, Denville). This event is open to high school and college aged women to enjoy an evening of conversation, prayer, food and fun! To RSVP and for more details, please email Sister Bernadette McCauley on or before February 20th: [sbernadette@scceast.org](mailto:sbernadette@scceast.org).

**MASS ATTENDANCE FEBRUARY 3/4**

5:30 p.m.	245
7:00 a.m.	86
8:30 a.m.	219
10:00 a.m.	349
12:15 p.m.	317
Total:	1,216

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

The collection total for the weekend of January February 3/4 was \$21,484. The collection total for this weekend last year was \$20,254.

**Pastors Note:** I am most grateful to you for your sacrificial gifts in our weekly offertory and all our appeals for your assistance. When we tithe we express our gratitude to the Lord for all his blessings to us. Everything we have comes from the hand of the Lord. We are building God's reign of justice, love and peace in this portion of the Lord's vineyard entrusted to us.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH  
IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE**

In February, parishes throughout our Diocese take up a special collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. I hope you are able to participate in this worthy cause.

Through your generosity, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe Collection funds important projects in 28 countries. These projects include seminarian education, youth ministry, social service programs and church construction and renovation. With your support, great strides are being made to bring the faith to generations lost under Communist rule. I ask you to please be as generous as possible when this collection is taken up in your parish.

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
Most Reverend Arthur J. Serratelli  
Bishop of Paterson

**17<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CARING BASKET GALA**

Making the education of a new generation of Catholic Sisters possible, Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, NJ will hold The Seventeenth Annual Caring Basket Gala on March 22, 2018. The gala raises scholarship funds for the education of Catholic Sisters from the developing world who do not have such an opportunity in their homelands.

Please consider attending the gala, held at the Hanover Marriott, Whippany, NJ or placing a congratulatory message in the journal for the honorees and the Sisters! Your support will make a difference in the lives of many through the education of Catholic Sisters. Teach a Sister...touch the world!

For more information: 973.597.0188 x101; email [gala@acs350.org](mailto:gala@acs350.org) or visit [www.acs350.org](http://www.acs350.org).

### ENGLAND, WALES AND SCOTLAND WITH MSGR. JOHN HART

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### LENTEN MISSION AT ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA

This year, St. Catherine of Siena in Mountain Lakes will be hosting a Lenten Mission from February 25-28. Fr. Ken Beale from *Faith on Fire Missions* will lead the four day Mission. Each evening begins at 7pm in the church followed by refreshments. The Mission begins Sunday evening with a concert entitled *Go Into the World: Faith on Fire Missions Concert*. Three evenings of scripture woven with story and song will follow on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings. All are invited to participate. Visit [www.stcatherine-ml.org](http://www.stcatherine-ml.org) for more information.

### FORTY DAYS FOR LIFE

Join Morris County Right To Life at for 40 Days for Life, a peaceful demonstration at Planned Parenthood, 196 Speedwell Avenue, Morristown, from 7a.m. to 7 p.m., seven days a week. Beginning Ash Wednesday, February 14, and ending March 25 we invite pro-lifers as individuals or groups to participate. Please register through 40 Days For Life web site <https://40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/morristown/>. You may email: [info@morriscountyrighttolife.org](mailto:info@morriscountyrighttolife.org) or call 973-933-2800 or 973- 627-1654 if you have trouble navigating the 40 Days For Life web site.

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

Morris Catholic High School is holding it's 7th Annual Crusader Challenge 5k Run on Saturday, March 17 at 9:00 a.m. at it's Denville, NJ campus. Doors open at 7:30 a.m. Proceeds benefit the Morris Catholic scholarship and athletic programs and the Denville Public Assistance Fund. \$25 registration fee up to March 9, 2017. \$30 registration fee after March 9 and day of race.

For more information, visit <https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Denville/CrusaderChallenge5K> or contact [MC5KRace@gmail.com](mailto:MC5KRace@gmail.com).

### FUNDRAISING FOR THE LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY

Ryleigh Flinn, Patric Hyland and Lily Adami have teamed up to form *Team Triumvirate* for the LLS Student of the Year Campaign. They will be in Rauscher Hall at the end of all masses this weekend selling bouquets for Valentine's day. The bouquets will be \$30 with a fee of \$15 dollars extra if you like them to be delivered, if not you may pick them up by 4pm in the Parish office on the 14th. They thank you for your support in advance!

### HOLY LAND - WALK WHERE JESUS WALKED

Join with Fr. Przemyslaw J. Nowak on a Pilgrimage to The Holy Land & Rome Dec 26, 2018 through Jan 4, 2019. All proceeds from this pilgrimage will be going to the Archdiocese of the Military Services in honor of all the men and women in our country who are serving or have served in the Armed Forces. We are grateful for their service and pray for them and their families. Visit <http://www.pilgrimages.com/frnowak/> for details.

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To register visit [www.assumptionparish.org](http://www.assumptionparish.org), or call Theresa Miller at Immaculate Conception School of Theology at (973) 761-9575.

## Assumption Religious Education 20th Annual Pasta Supper and Basket Raffle

Join us on **Saturday, February 24** for good food and great company at our annual Pasta Supper and Basket Raffle. Enjoy pasta, meatballs, salad, bread, beverages and dessert, and take a chance or two on our incredible basket raffle. All proceeds from the evening benefit our Religious Education program.



**Saturday, February 24 at Assumption School  
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