



5th  
Sunday of  
*Easter*

"I am the vine, you are the branches.  
Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit,  
because without me you can do nothing. "

*John 15:5*



# Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Secretary—Liz Rotunno

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**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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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 Zarembo	215-518-4973
Moms and Tots	Henriette Kahn	973-539-1350
Nursing Homes	Mary Dibble	973- 998-0838
Pre-Can	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
	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
Village Angels/Tanzania	Johanna Burani	973-610-4856
Welcome /Hospitality	Maira 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	Craig Urbanowicz	864-663-3729
Youth Ministry	Lisa Sullivan	973-267-8519

# MASS INTENTIONS

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>April 28</b>
8:00 a.m.	Ruth Downey
5:30 p.m.	Barry Rankin Mary Jo D'Agostino
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>April 29</b>
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Beverly S. Davie Donna Braunlinger
10:00 a.m.	Jane Quinlan Mike Kijanka
12:15 p.m.	Damien Owens Mr. and Mrs. Albuquerque
5:30 p.m.	Ralph Francavilla The Manelski Family
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>April 30</b>
7:00 a.m.	Rev. Msgr. Martin Rauscher
12:05 p.m.	Joan Kobylarz
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>May 1</b>
7:00 a.m.	Denise Ginty
12:05 p.m.	The Connell and Kerwin Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>May 2</b>
7:00 a.m.	Roseanne Monaco
12:05 p.m.	Annie and Gretta
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>May 3</b>
7:00 a.m.	Pawel Kania
12:05 p.m.	Elaine McIntosh
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>May 4</b>
7:00 a.m.	Louis Aprea
12:05 p.m.	Kay Cavanaugh
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 5</b>
8:00 a.m.	Paula Rose Carducci (Living)
5:30 p.m.	Kay Cavanaugh Linda Walsh
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 6</b>
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Jack O'Brien Roseanne Monaco
10:00 a.m.	Beatrice Iannaccone Ameilia and Joe Fonseca
12:15 p.m.	Gerri Hogan, Sharon Pelosi Kara Hyland Pereyra
5:30 p.m.	Bernadette Tardio David Rafferty

# 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: Acts 9:26-31

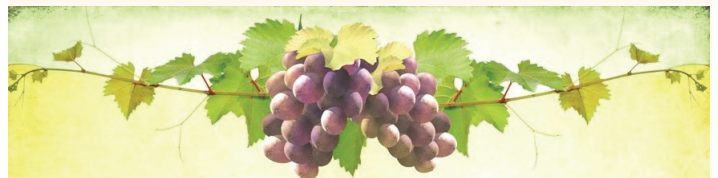
An overall purpose of the Acts of the Apostles is to illustrate the spread of the Church out from Jerusalem as far as Rome, the imperial capital of the known world. This passage introduces Paul, the apostle whom Acts portrays as the leading figure in the preaching of the Christian message to the Gentile nations.

## Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Continuing with our second reading's presentation of the First Letter of John, we learn today that our statements of faith are credible only if we live according to Jesus' commands.

## Gospel: John 15:1-8

This passage from the Gospel of John stresses the need for a personal relationship with Jesus. The depth of that relationship will determine how well Christ's love is manifested in our lives.



## John 15:5

Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches.  
Those who remain in me, and I in them,  
will produce much fruit.  
For apart from me you can do nothing.—NLT

## WE INVITE YOU TO PRAYERFULLY REFLECT ON THE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 29

<b>Monday</b>	Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a (286) or, for the Memorial, Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Mt 13:54-58
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12; Jn 15:12-17
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

**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, Francesca Kobylarz-Bongiorno, Saletha Corbin, Msgr. Leo Carey, Ray Donovan, Bishop Rodimer, Ellie Morrell, Ada Thigpen, John Golden, Russell Burnside, Brian Reilly, Caleb Quirk, Kimberly Norwood, Dorothy Santoro, Peg Croain, Norma Jean Jones, Ann Vaughan, Carl Sullivan, Eunice Taylor, Jose Moises Lainez, Arlene Yuliano, Lewis White, Tom Emmer, 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 Leoppkey, Sister Clare Tully, Lisa Yarosz, Barbara Dougherty, Gloria Dabal, Lorraine Gamcsik, Becky Russo, Dale Meck, Jackie Johnston, Calvin Zamarelli, Stephanie Trincanello, Pope Benedict XVI, Gloria Babal, Tom Tierney, Lyle Leeson, Rob Loia, Gail Muhammed, Rosanna Macedo, Joseph Murphy, Mary Geraldine McHale, Sina McMahon, Paul Staudt, Fr. Kenneth Hewitt, Rosemarie Hunter, Marie O'Hare, John Poncracz, Hilda Egan, Barbara Syvarth, Patrick and Mary Ann Mongey, John Stanton, Bill Moeller, Harding Corbin, Jackie Johnston, Antoinetta Bernardo.

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  
SATURDAY, MAY 5 AND MONDAY MAY 7**

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



**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, serving in Korea; *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; *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, *Dr. Casey McCann*, Lt. Commander Navy; *1st Lt. J.D. Poling*, US Army, Gitmo, Cuba, *RTC Peter Mitchell*, USMC.

**SHARE YOUR FAITH - BECOME A CATECHIST**

With more than 750 children of the parish to serve, we encourage you to please consider becoming a catechist—someone who echoes the faith—for one of our many Religious Education programs.

Volunteer catechists are needed for all age levels. This includes The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, grades K through eight, and Confirmation prep for grades nine and ten. Classes meet on Sunday mornings, Sunday evenings, and after school. Fridays, Faith and Family meets one Friday night per month. We are also seeking volunteers for Service of the Word for Children held at the Sunday 10:00 a.m. and Saturday 5:30 p.m. Masses.

Please contact the Religious Education office at [RelEd@assumptionparish.org](mailto:RelEd@assumptionparish.org) or call 973-267-5638.

**GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY**

Need help? Our ministry can assist registered Assumption parishioners with various errands. Contact our coordinator, Jeanette Fredericks at 973-216-2231.



**JOINED TOGETHER IN HOLY MATRIMONY**

Jed Ziegler and Amy Maier

## REMAINING IN JESUS

*"I am the vine, you are the branches.*

*Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit . . . " (John 15: 1-8)*

Jesus tells us that our primary responsibility is abiding or remaining in our relationship with him. Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy.

**The Crown** is the acclaimed Netflix series on the life and times of England's Queen Elizabeth II.

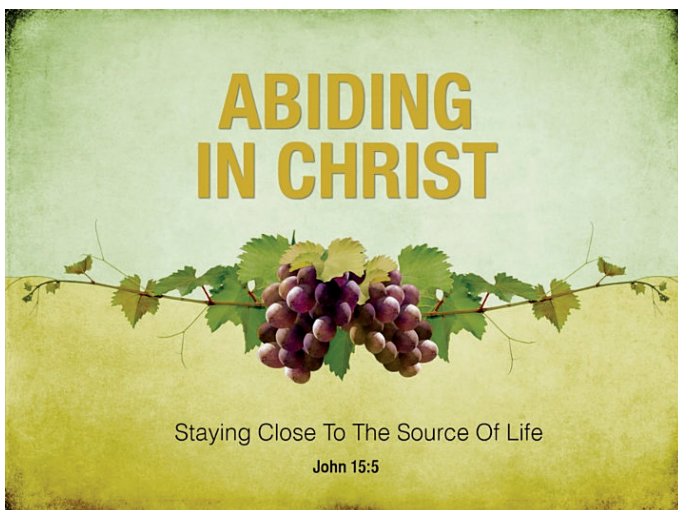
A particularly revealing moment takes place in the first season of the series. Elizabeth's father unexpectedly becomes king when his brother, Edward VIII, abdicates the throne in 1936. King George VI was revered by his people for his humility and courage in leading England through World War II. In 1952, George VI dies after a long battle with cancer, and he is succeeded by his 26-year-old daughter, Elizabeth. The young princess confides to her grandmother, the dowager Queen Mary, her fear that she is totally inadequate and unprepared to succeed her father, that she is terrified that the nation and commonwealth will not accept her as their queen.

The dowager queen tells her beloved granddaughter that to be king or queen is about service, service that is centered in God. The person and personality of Elizabeth, Mary explains, cedes to God's greater good - the monarchy.

"Monarchy is God's sacred mission to grace and dignify the earth," the venerable queen explains to Elizabeth, "to give ordinary people an ideal to strive towards, an example of nobility and duty to raise them from their wretched lives. Monarchy is a calling from God. That is why you are crowned in an abbey, not a government building; why you are anointed, not appointed. It's an archbishop that puts the crown on your head, not a minister or public servant. Which means that you are answerable to God in your duty, not the public."

Queen Mary instructs her granddaughter that the crown she is about to take on is not about her but about her people; the crown is not just a form of government but a nation's identity centered in God and the Gospel of Jesus. Jesus leaves a similar instruction to his disciples at

the Last Supper: that whether we are a queen or king or a poor farmer or shop owner, our lives are meant to manifest the goodness of God, that in all things and at all times we "remain" in Christ. As branches of Christ the vine, we are part of something greater than ourselves, something which transforms and transcends our unremarkable "smallness" to define the meaning and purpose of our lives. (Connections)



In Christ's Peace,  
Father John

### BEARING GOOD FRUIT

Jesus calls us to discipleship, to abide in him, and to bear abundant fruit. What efforts are you willing to make this week to abide in Jesus or to bear good fruit?

*Adults:* What is one thing I can do this week to improve my relationship with Jesus and to let Christ bear good fruit through me?

*Children:* How can I live this week so that I can be a witness to others of what it means to abide in Jesus?

*A Family Perspective:* The goal of our life of prayer is to increase our awareness that Jesus lives with us always. Prayer is more than a dialogue with God; prayer is a lifting of our minds and hearts to God so that God might dwell and act within us and through us. The pinnacle of our life of prayer is our communion with Jesus in the Eucharist. Through this sacrament, we receive Jesus himself, and he remains with us.

Place a plant in your gathering space. Invite everyone to look at the plant, noting the connection between the plant and its leaves. Talk about the integral connection between all the parts of a healthy plant. Introduce today's Gospel by saying that Jesus talked about his relationship to his disciples using this metaphor. Talk about the ways in which we are invited to relate to Jesus as his disciples today—prayer, Scripture, the Eucharist, and so on. When we do these things, Jesus promises to remain with us and to lead us to serve others well. Pray together that we will continue to be attentive and open to Jesus as he works in our lives today.

### BENEFIT CONCERT FOR LITHUANIAN EDUCATION ASSISTANCE RELIEF FUND

Please join us Saturday, April 28th at 7 p.m. at Assumption Church where Dr. Fran Covalessky, pianist, will perform a benefit piano concert for Lithuanian Education Assistance Relief Fund and Saint Vincent Kudirka School in Elizabeth, NJ, two causes supported by this artist. Fran will dazzle us with beautiful piano works by Bach and Chopin and more!

No tickets: Free will donations will be gratefully accepted at the door.

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

September 23 - October 4, 2018. Visit the cities of London, Canterbury, Cambridge, Cardiff, Lindisfarne (Holy Island) and Edinburgh, and see famous sites including Houses of Parliament, Tower of London, Westminster Cathedral, the Changing of the Guard at Buckingham Palace, and holy sites including the Shrine of the Sacred Heart & Tyburn Martyrs. Email [msgrgjohnhart@assumptionparish.org](mailto:msgrgjohnhart@assumptionparish.org), call the parish office at 973-539-2141, or visit our website at [www.assumptionparish.org](http://www.assumptionparish.org) for more information.

### RESPECT LIFE ASSUMPTION

Respect Life Assumption is a positive, uplifting voice for the value and joy of human life, at every stage, for the unborn and their mothers and fathers, for the very young, the elderly and everyone in-between. We hope you know the value of your life and your infinite worth as a child of God. How can we build up the value of life in our parish?

- Pray – Even one Hail Mary a day for life does more than we know.
- Hope – Where there is life, there is hope.

To learn more about this ministry, which is being renewed, contact Sue and Dave O'Dougherty 973-993-3068, [odougherty@live.com](mailto:odougherty@live.com).

### STAMP OUT HUNGER MAY 12



Please Help Stamp Out Hunger By Taking Part in the Letter Carriers Annual Food Drive – Saturday May 12th.

You can help stamp out hunger and make a difference by placing unopened canned and boxed items such as shelf-stable milk, soup, stews and chili, canned fruits and veggies, peanut butter, beans, tuna fish, pasta, sauce, rice and cereal - in a bag next to your mailbox. (Low salt and low sugar items are always welcome!). Letter Carriers will be picking up these items when they deliver your mail on Saturday May 12th!

Food collected will be donated to local food pantries including the Interfaith Food Pantry (IFP). In 2017, the Interfaith Food Pantry helped over 10,000 Morris County residents (35% were children) and distributed over 1.1 million pounds of food... thanks to your help!

### OPERA COMES TO PARSIPPANY

The event "Opera Comes to Parsippany" will take place on May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018, the show will start at approximately 7:00 p.m., at the Parsippany Hills High School, 20 Rita Drive, Morris Plains (Parsippany), Tickets - \$25.00 General Admission, \$15.00 Seniors and Children under 12, \$10 for Honored Veterans (with ID)...**FREE PARKING!** Tickets are on a first come first serve basis at [KofC3680.org](http://KofC3680.org), or calling 973-264-721, if any tickets ARE left, they will be sold at the door...There will be an intermission, with non-alcoholic beverages.

For additional information contact – Stephen J. Roman Sr. 973-540-9889, or [Stephenjroman@hotmail.com](mailto:Stephenjroman@hotmail.com).

### YANKEE STADIUM BUS TRIP

St. Catherine of Siena Church invites you to see the NY Yankees take on the reigning World Series champions, the Houston Astros, on Tuesday, May 29 at 7:05 pm. Cost is \$85 and includes **field level seats and bus**.

Please contact Whitney DuBose to reserve your seat! 973-586-2777, [queendubose@aol.com](mailto:queendubose@aol.com).

### BANNS OF ORDINATION

Rev. Mr. Jader Avila is scheduled to be ordained to the Sacred Order of Presbyter on Saturday, May 26, 2018. Should you know of any reason why Deacon Jadert should not be ordained a priest, please contact Msgr. John Hart.

### 2019 MASS BOOK OPENS MAY 4

The Assumption Church 2019 Mass Book will open Friday, May 4, at 10:00 a.m. Please come to the Parish Office to schedule your Masses. Only those confined to the home should make requests by phone. No requests will be taken before May 4.

Parishioners wishing to schedule more than 3 Masses must call for an appointment to meet with the Parish Office staff. To schedule an appointment, please call the office at 973-539-2141.

The donation for announced Masses remains \$10.00.

### CONSIDER DONATING YOUR FIRST COMMUNION DRESS OR SUIT

Would you consider donating your child's First Communion outfits and donate them to those less fortunate? Donating families will know that their special outfits will be given to a child receiving their First Communion, whose family can't afford to purchase a new dress or suit, and recipient families will know the goodness of God through the generosity of his people.

Please bring your clean dresses or suits to the Assumption Parish office. All donations will be brought to the Father English Center in Paterson, where they will be made available to families in need at no cost.

### MORRIS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Come to the Spring Open House at Morris Catholic High School, Sunday, May 6, from 2 to 4 p.m. Visit our campus, meet our faculty, and learn about student life directly from our Student Ambassadors. Register to attend at [www.morriscatholic.org/OpenHouse/](http://www.morriscatholic.org/OpenHouse/)

### "YOU AT LEAST TRY TO CONSOLE ME."

World Apostolate of Fatima, Blue Army Shrine, invites all to Honor Our Lady's plea requesting Five Consecutive First Saturdays of Reparation.

Join us on Saturday, May 5 at 674 Mt. View Rd East, Asbury, NJ, 08802. *Speaker/Celebrant: Fr. James Walling.* 10:00 a.m. Confessions; 11:30 Rosary w/15 minute meditation; 12:00 Holy Mass; 1:00 pm Enrollment in Brown Scapular, Confessions; 2:00 Talk on Last Vision of Fatima; Fatima Video; 3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet. Bring your family and friends to answer the call of the Child Jesus: "And have you spread through the world what our heavenly Mother requested of you?" [www.bluearmy.com](http://www.bluearmy.com) (908) 689-1700 Ext 210.

### MASS ATTENDANCE APRIL 21/22

5:30 p.m.	392
7:00 a.m.	93
8:30 a.m.	202
10:00 a.m.	433
12:15 p.m.	269
5:30 p.m.	197

Total: 1,586

### FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

#### Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The collection for the weekend of April 21/22 was \$22,242. The collection for this weekend last year was \$25,271.

**Pastors Note:** Thank you for the Easter joy people find when they come to Assumption Parish. Visitors always tell me how much they enjoy our Masses and the warm welcome they receive from parishioners. It is a joy to serve the Lord here with people like you.

### FROM THE DESK OF TIM POTTER

#### DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT, PATERSON DIOCESE

I am pleased to report that over \$4.6 million has been pledged to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal from over 19,700 donors. This is the highest amount that has been pledged to our Annual Appeal in its history.

On a goal of \$68,355.00, your parish pledged \$239,420.60 to the 2017 Appeal. For your information, the statistics for our parishes will be included in an upcoming Beacon article about the 2017 Appeal.

Thank you for all your support of the Bishop's Annual Appeal. It is a great blessing to the people we serve each year!

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



**Dillon James Almeida**  
*Son of Philip and Stacey*

**Theodore Kaiser Beneduce**  
*Son of William and Kelly*

**Sophia Lorraine Kirchner**  
*Daughter of Michael and Shannen*

**Brody James Kosmin**  
*Son of Michael and Jeannie*

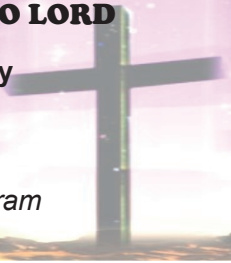
**Saorise Meadhbh Brigit O'Connor**  
*Daughter of William and Kerry*

**Owen Gregory Papp**  
*Son of Gregory and Kristen*

## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

Barbara McCarthy  
Sister of Elaine

John Poggio  
Cousin of Scott Bertram



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

Vocations Discernment for young men 15-25. **"Quo Vadis – Where are you going?"** Where is the Spirit acting in your life? Where is the Lord encouraging you to go? Quo Vadis Days is a time of recreation, fellowship, and prayer to help you explore the Lord's call in your life. Activities will include prayer, Mass, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Hours, Rosary, games, sports, talks, great food, and discussions. It is a time to share our faith and meet other young men seeking God's will. Quo Vadis Days will be held **June 27 - 29, 2018** at the Saint Mary's Abbey Retreat Center in Morristown, New Jersey. There is no cost. For more information and/or registration, contact the coordinators Fr. Edgar Rivera and Fr. David Monteleone in the Vocations Office at (973) 777-8818, ext. #711, by email: [revedgar@patersondiocese.org](mailto:revedgar@patersondiocese.org).

## HEALING AFTER ABORTION

Though abortion is a serious sin, we know that all sins can be forgiven. But there still remains regret, questions, guilt and other feelings long after someone has had an abortion. These, too, can be healed.

The Sisters of Life work not only with those contemplating abortion but also those seeking healing. There is help and hope available, and the pain and sorrow of abortion need not endure for a lifetime. A "Day of Prayer and Healing" offers the opportunity to experience the love and mercy of God and to heal the wounds of abortion. They have only one Saturday session left before summer: May 26, 2018. For location and confidential registration, or to talk to a Sister, please call the Sisters of Life at (866)-575-0075 (toll free) or email [hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org](mailto:hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org).

And for men who have been involved in an abortion, sign up for a Day of Prayer and Healing for Men: contact Lumina at [Lumina@postabortionhelp.org](mailto:Lumina@postabortionhelp.org).

## RECOVERY MASS 2ND SATURDAY EACH MONTH AT NOON

The Shrine of Saint Joseph hosts a monthly Recovery Mass and Prayer Session In the chapel, pray in community for loved ones still enslaved by addictions, and give thanks for those who have found recovery! For Information call the Shrine Office at 908-647-0208 1050.

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## SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

No marriage is free of changes, tensions, and disruptions and all members of marriages that may finally come to separation and divorce are deeply affected. You are invited to experience Assumption Parish's **Separated and Divorced Support Group** which gathers each second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center just off the parking lot. Our Group's focus is on the unique challenges we face in Separation and Divorce that touches upon our personal, familial, and spiritual wellbeing as well as on civil and Church related concerns. We look forward to being there with you.

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