Since 1848 The Parish Family of

The Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Welcomes You

October 14, 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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Pastor: Rev. Msgr. John E. Hart
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Lukasz Wnuk
In Residence: Rev. Jeider Barraza
Deacons: Brian Beyerl, John Brandi, Michael Hanly, Elliott Stein

Trustee: Kathleen Hyland 973-539-2860

Parish Coordinator—Linda Macios Secretary—Liz Rotunno Comptroller—Robyn Morris

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.

Assumption School: 973-538-0590; www.assumptionnj.org
Sr. Merris Larkin, S.C. Principal

Religious Education: 973-267-5638, Fax 973-267-4223
Email: 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
Diana Loughman: Cemetery Director
Emerson Brito, Samuel Brito: Caretakers
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.

Parish 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	Cassandra Nielson	973-452-3857
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	Brian Doherty	973-714-7674
Finance Committee	Dorothy Flynn	973-538-2634
Food Pantry	Claudia Nardi	973-539-2141
Gardening	Eileen 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	215-518-4973
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
Safe Environment	Linda Macios	973-539-2141
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	Moira 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

SATURDAY	**October 13**
8:00 a.m.	James Barron
5:30 p.m.	Linda Walsh
	Edmundo Santos
SUNDAY	**October 14**
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	The Sexton and Tedeschi Families
	Rhonda Riedell
10:00 a.m.	Capt. William E. Poling USN
	Mary Montemurno
12:15 p.m.	Lilian Garcia
	The Kolojeski Family
5:30 p.m.	Rolando Policarpio
	Mary Bowers
MONDAY	**October 15**
7:00 a.m.	Tom Sydnor
12:05 p.m.	Florence and Annette Coppola
TUESDAY	**October 16**
7:00 a.m.	Laura Ansaldo
12:05 p.m.	John Eugene Hyland
WEDNESDAY	**October 17**
7:00 a.m.	V. Anthony Amendola
12:05 p.m.	John C. and John E. Sullivan
THURSDAY	**October 18**
7:00 a.m.	The Maier and Barnes Families
12:05 p.m.	Dorothy Hinckley
FRIDAY	**October 19**
7:00 a.m.	Ronald DeMeo
12:05 p.m.	Josephine Desmond
SATURDAY	**October 20**
8:00 a.m.	Nicholas DeNunzio
5:30 p.m.	Felix Arzola
SUNDAY	**October 21**
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Dede Torres
	Emily Deloatch
10:00 a.m.	John D. Coughlin
	John Lopuch
12:15 p.m.	Juliette Bourland
	Richard Fiolek
5:30 p.m.	Jack Hefferon
	Catherine Rochford Quimby

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: Wisdom 7:7-11

Our first reading praises the pursuit of Lady Wisdom. Those who seek God's way before anything else will find authentic wealth.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

In our second reading, the Word of God, which corresponds to Lady Wisdom in the first reading, is understood as able to penetrate people's hearts.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

In this Gospel passage, Jesus speaks profound wisdom. He declares that attachments to material possessions prevent participation in the reign of God. However, with God's help an addiction to materialism can be overcome.

We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the Readings for the week of October 14

Monday	Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a & 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Friday	Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday	**Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45

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, Nancy Arteglier, Jim Mongey, Sister Marie Graziano, Elaine Metzger, Jack Guerriero, Francesca Kobylarz-Bongiorno, Barbara Ryan, Saletha Corbin, Msgr. Leo Carey, Ray Donovan, Bishop Rodimer, Ellie Morrell, Ada Thigpen, John Golden, Brian Reilly, Caleb Quirk, Kimberly Norwood, Dorothy Santoro, Peg Croain, Norma Jean Jones, Ann Vaughan, Carl Sullivan, Lewis White, Tom Emmer, David Ware, Timothy Green, Pete Benza, Nigel Leoppkey, Sister Clare Tully, Lisa Yarosz, Calvin Zamarelli, Stephanie Trincanello, Pope Benedict XVI, Lyle Leeson, Rob Loia, Gail Muhammed, Harding Corbin, Antoinetta Bernardo, Noel Robinson, Thomas Devlin, Hester Davis, Manuel Regaldo Sydney, Marcia Ann Bowers, Fr. Dan Kelly, , Danielle Cuneo, Mildred Crump, Ronnie Pennimpede, Terri Abrams, Philip Barrett, Louis Cicitta, Fr. Joseph Farias, Bill Duggan, John Jennings, Richard Julianno, Madeline Longo, Paul Jaworski, Baby Genevieve Chitwood, Janet Friedman, Ben Aspero, Patricia Felix, Elijah Sideeq Williams and Jennifer Williams, Paul Staudt Sr., Romilda Chiga, Rebecca Russo, Regent Boisvert, Mary Antosiewicz, Judy Shea, Dave DeMott, Linda Christopoulos, Rowland Lucid, Shirley DeRossi, Bonita Stein, Janet Stiles, Ruth Puotio, Alan Nadler, Michael Grogan, John Hefferon, Doris Bonanno, Kathy DiFiore, Baby Alexander Gedicke, Terrence Wanniski, Louise Fichot, Bob Gebhardt.

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 THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

May your continual pity, O Lord, cleanse and defend Your Church; and, because without you she cannot endure in safety, may she ever be governed by Your bounty. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, world without end. Amen.

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; *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; *Capt. Andrew Pineda* and *Capt. Laurence Pineda,* US Air Force, SM*Sgt. 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, *PFC Peter Mitchell,* USMC.

GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

Need help? Our ministry can assist registered parishioners with various errands and services. Contact our October coordinator, Jeanette Fredericks, at 973-267-7152.

ALL SOULS ROSARY AT HOLY ROOD

Holy Rood Cemetery will be celebrating All Souls Day with an Open House on Saturday, November 3. Msgr. John Hart will lead us in the Rosary at 2:00 p.m. Please join us for an afternoon of remembrance, prayer, and visitation. Light refreshments will be served.

ALL SOULS MASS

The Friendly Sons of St. Patrick of Morris County is celebrating our All Souls' Mass in memory of our deceased members and supporters of the organization on Thursday, November 8, 2018 at 7:30 PM at The Church of the Assumption, 91 Maple Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey.

Music will be provided by The Singing Sons and by The Guard Pipe and Drum Corp. A repast will follow in the Rev. Msgr. Martin F. Rauscher Hall.

All ARE WELCOME.

TREASURE IN HEAVEN

Jesus, looking at the rich young man, loved him and said to him, "You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. (Mark 10: 17-30)

Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy. A couple came before Jesus: "Good teacher, we have raised two beautiful children. We cared for them, taught them and loved them through all the twists and turns of childhood. We got them through college and they are now on their own. What must we do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus looked at the couple and loved them. He said to them, "Go, use your new freedom to help other families struggling with all the issues you struggled with. Be a source of wisdom and guidance for them as they raise their families. Then come, follow me." And the couple's faces fell, because their flight to the Bahamas was beginning to board.

The CEO of a large corporation came before Jesus: "Good teacher, my company employs hundreds of people. We conduct our business honestly and ethically. We meticulously keep every employment, safety and environmental regulation - even though it costs us a lot of money. What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus looked at the CEO and loved him. He said to him, "Go, redirect the greater share of your profits to providing for your employees. Take the lead in the responsible care of the environment by businesses like yours. Make your company a model of ethical advertising and consumer protection. Then come, follow me." The CEO's face fell, because he knew this would never fly with his board.

A politician came before Jesus: "Good teacher, I serve my district 24-7. I listen to the voters and act in their best interests. I've been a dependable and consistent vote for policies and programs that will guarantee the future of our city and state. What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus looked at the politician and loved him. He said to him, "Go, support an initiative that will be unpopular with your voters, that may cost you your office, but will benefit the poor, the powerless, the vulnerable. Then come, follow me." And the politician's face fell, because it was an election year.

A teenager came before Jesus: "Good teacher, I study hard in school. I get good grades. I have a part-time job after school. I'm on the basketball team and play in the band. I try to be a good daughter and sister. I'm working hard to get into a good college. What must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus looked at the teen and loved her. "Go, befriend the student in your school who is alone. Give your mom and dad a break by taking on some responsibility around the house. Give time to a charitable work of your church or community service agency. Then come, follow me." And the teenager's face fell, because her schedule was full.

We know how the rich young man feels in today's Gospel. Yes, Jesus asks everything of us as the cost of being his disciple - but Jesus asks of us only what we have, not what we don't have. Each one of us possesses talents and resources, skills and assets that we have been given by God for the work of making the kingdom of God a reality here and now. Authentic discipleship demands more than token contributions and the rote following of rituals and traditions; our baptism into the life of Christ compels us to focus every dimension of our lives on the things of God. To be the disciple of Christ we seek to become means a reordering of our priorities, a restructuring of our days to make time for the things of God. May we return to God the gifts he has given us in order to embrace eternity in the time to come. (Connections)

In Christ's Peace,
Father John

THE WAY OF WISDOM

The difficulty for the rich to enter into the Kingdom of God is like the impossibility of a camel going through the eye of a needle. Jesus responds to the confusion of the disciples over this puzzling statement by explaining that "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." (Mark 10:27)

Adults: In what impossible situations have I experienced God's wondrous intervention?

Children: When has God helped me through a difficult circumstance?

A Family Perspective: Today's Gospel might make us uncomfortable about our possessions. This discomfort offers us an opportunity to consider our possessions and our family's commitment to the poor. Material possessions are a necessity in our culture. Our use of these possessions and our attitude about their importance is our choice, however. It is a choice we can make with the awareness that our faith in Jesus commits us to show our care for the poor.

As you gather as a family, consider together these questions: Would it be possible to inventory our possessions? Are there things in our house that we no longer need or use? What might we do with these things? Read together today's Gospel, Mark 10:17-30. Talk about the warning about material possessions that Jesus gives in this Gospel. How does this make you feel? Choose an action that helps your family show its commitment to the poor.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK OCTOBER 28

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered to those baptized Catholics needing to be anointed after the 12:15 p.m. Mass on Sunday, October 28.

Often, when people are sick, they get discouraged, depressed, angry, annoyed, and afraid. The Church believes that the sacrament offers a special grace to calm the spirit. If physical recovery is God's will, so be it. If not, then the person needs the grace, strength, and encouragement to bear the illness with dignity.

In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising.

The Catholic belief of redemptive suffering, that is, uniting your own suffering with the crucified Jesus, gives a person's unavoidable suffering meaning and purpose. This notion is explicitly and implicitly expressed in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

RESPECT LIFE MASS NOVEMBER 17

Bishop Serratelli will celebrate a Respect Life Mass on Saturday, November 17, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. at Saint John the Baptist Cathedral, Paterson This Mass is sponsored by the Paterson Federation Knights of Columbus Councils. All clergy, staff, parishioners, friends and families are encouraged to attend. Please share this information with all. Following the Mass, there will be light refreshments. The Mass is a wonderful way for our faithful to come together in prayer and in mutual support for protecting all of our children - born and unborn. Please save this date on your calendar.

ASSUMPTION MOMS AND TOTS GROUP

Moms and Tots provides an opportunity for moms (and dads too) with infants and toddlers to socialize, meet new friends, and discuss topics of interest (including child-rearing, leaving the work force, school concerns, etc.) While the adults socialize, the children are provided with toys and snacks, and learn to interact with one another. Although we are a very casual group, we support our members in times of need with meals and babysitting.

Contact Henriette Kahn at 973-539-1350 if you are interested in our Moms and Tots group.

ASSUMPTION PACK 34 POPCORN SALE FUNDRAISER

Please support the Assumption Cub Scout Pack annual Popcorn Sale Fundraiser We are raising money for a new First Aid Kit, Camping Kitchen and Pinewood Derby supplies. Please go to www.popcornordering.com and click on order here. The Assumption Pack 34 Keycode is 4858013471. Sale ends October 23rd. 30% of all sales go directly to our Scouts. Thank you for your support!

THE 177 PROJECT

The 177 Project is an initiative from Adoration Artists designed to help spark a renewal in parishes across the country. On Monday, October 29 at Our Lady of the Magnificat, Kinnelon will host the 177 Project for the Paterson Diocese. Doors open at 6:00 pm

Each evening will be centered around a Holy Hour. Upon conclusion of the Holy Hour, attendees will have the chance to enjoy a concert put on by the musicians traveling as part of the 177 Project. During the event, attendees will have opportunities for confession, to pray for others, to hear about the importance of (and even respond to) vocations, to say the rosary, to engage with local and national ministries, and to interact in a variety of other ways.

This is a FREE EVENT but you need tickets to attend. Tickets are available at www.the177project.com click "Dates/Tickets" at the top of the web-page, and choose October 29—Paterson Diocese.

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL FASHION SHOW

The Assumption School HSA cordially invites you to join them for their 38th Annual Dinner, Auction and Fashion Show, "Hollywood's Golden Era: A Tribute to its Leading Ladies". Your participation at this event directly benefits the students of Assumption School and is a wonderful evening for all!

This event takes place on Thursday, October 18th at The Birchwood Manor in Whippany. The auction begins at 6 p.m. and dinner is served at 8 p.m. Tickets are $75.00. To register online please go to https://cbo.io/assumption/tix. To register by mail, send a check for $75 per person and the names and mobile phone numbers of each person in your party to: Assumption School, c/o Fashion Show Reservations, 63 Macculloch Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960.

COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN HUNGER WALK 2018 OCTOBER 14TH @ 1 P.M.

The walk starts at the Community Soup Kitchen at 36 South Street in Morristown. Bring your family, friends (and even your dog!) to the Hunger Walk! It's a fun filled day that has a huge impact on your community! Your participation will help our homeless and working poor neighbors, 365 days a year. Each student who participates receives 4 hours of community service.

Find more information and links to register at www.cskmorristown.org.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP SERIES STARTS WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Assumption's Bereavement Group Series will take place on Wednesday nights from 7:30-9:00 p.m., starting Wednesday Oct 17– through Nov 28. Among the topics discussed will be:

- Expectations and myths about the grieving process
- Anger and loneliness
- Feelings of guilt
- Handling pain and sadness
- Communications with family and friends, and more.

Register online at www.assumptionparish.org or contact Michele Cameron by phone at 973-769-9634 .

SANGRIA & SISTERHOOD

Have you ever wondered about the annual Women's Cornerstone Retreat? Come to an information session and social event to learn all about this sharing and supporting group of women. Gifts, raffles, and a gathering of women you will be glad to have met. Join us for lite fare and home-made sangria Wednesday, October 24, 2018 6:00pm – 9:00pm at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 13 South Street, Morristown. RSVP to Chrissy West, Lay Director – Assumption Women's Cornerstone. 973-809-1646 - costa1112@yahoo.com

MASS ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 6/7

5:30 p.m.	202
7:00 a.m.	91
8:30 a.m.	149
10:00 a.m.	269
12:15 p.m.	221
5:30 p.m.	389
Total:	1,321

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The collection for the weekend of October 6/7 was $29,907. The collection for this weekend last year was $20,337.

Pastors Note: Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your outstanding and generous support of Assumption Parish. Your sacrificial giving enables us to carry out the mission given to us by Jesus who is "the Face of the Mercy of God."

2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Here I Am, Lord!

One of the benefits of giving to our Bishop's Annual Appeal is the knowledge that the funds support important needs in Morris, Passaic and Sussex Counties. This local connection means that you may be helping your next-door neighbor, your co-worker, the store owner you see each day as you shop in your community - perhaps even a family member. Please consider making a pledge today. www.20l8appeal.org

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

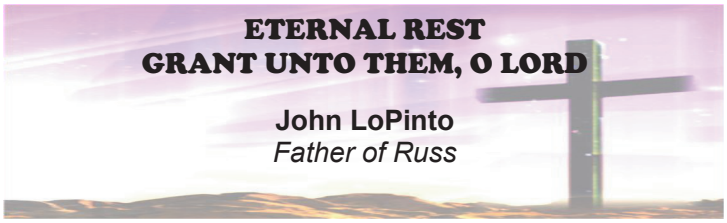
Assumption Church will be conducting Altar Server training sessions for boys and girls in the fourth grade and up on Tuesday, October 23 and Wednesday, October 24 from 4-5 p.m. If you are in the fourth grade or older, and would like to become an Altar Server at Assumption, please sign up by emailing Linda.macios@assumptionparish.org, or by calling the parish office at 973-539-2141. You only need to attend one of the sessions.

WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Frederick Robert Carson
Son of Robert and Marieke

Tristan Joseph Kowalski
Son of Joseph and Kiersten

Makayla Jamie Miley
Daughter of Gerard and Michelle



9TH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS MARKET

Our 9th Annual Christmas Market will be held Saturday, Dec. 8 (2-7 p.m.) and Sunday, Dec. 9 (7a.m.-2p.m.) in Rauscher Hall. All proceeds go to Africa Surgery and the Village Angels of Tanzania.

We need:

- Individuals with social media and local advertising skills – to help with local communications
- Crafters willing to donate at least 50% of their profit to this fundraiser
- Bakers willing to prepare and deliver homemade Christmas baked goods
- Individuals willing to help during Market hours

If you are interested or for more information, please contact Johanna Burani jburani@gmail.com or 973-610-4856.

SISTERS OF CHARITY HARVEST FESTIVAL

The Sisters of Charity of Saint Elizabeth are hosting a Harvest Festival at The Madison Hotel, Morristown, NJ, on Thursday, October 25, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Guests will enjoy cocktails, dinner, and dancing . Cost for the dinner is $200 per person. For dinner or raffle tickets, please contact the Sisters of Charity Development Office at 973-290-5409.

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1968 or 1993? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Serratelli will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held **Sunday, November 4, 2018 at 3:30 p.m.**

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to register is Monday, October 15, 2018**. *Congratulations on this joyous occasion!*

PIZZA NIGHT WITH THE BISHOP

Come join Bishop Serratelli and priests from the Diocese of Paterson for adoration, reflection, fellowship and of course, pizza. On Tuesday, October 23 at DePaul; High school in Wayne, from 7 – 9:00 p.m. For more information, please contact the Vocation Office at 973-777-8818, ext 711. For young men in high school or college, or even older.

PROTECT VIABLE BABIES

Did you know that in New Jersey, abortion is legal throughout all 9 months of pregnancy? In 2014 alone 720 babies past 21 weeks gestation were aborted in NJ.

On the weekend of November 3/4 we are asking parishioners to support the "Pain Capable Unborn Child Protection Act" by filling out postcards which we will mail to our legislators from District 25. Please take the time to fill out these postcards and add your support and prayers to protecting viable babies in the womb.

MEN'S DAY OF PRAYER & HEALING

Men's Day of Prayer & Healing: A retreat day, Directed by Fr Mariusz Koch, CFR, for men who have suffered the loss of a child through abortion will be held on Saturday, November 3 in Paterson. To find out more information or to confidentially sign up for the retreat please call Theresa at 877 486 4621 or email lumina@postabortionhelp.org There is healing after abortion!

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Assumption's Young Professionals Ministry strives to provide opportunities for participants to gather and socialize in a Christian environment. It is intended for Catholic Young Adults and their friends, in their 20's and 30's, married or single. We meet together at local bars, restaurants, and parish halls to listen to a speaker, share conversation, and gain new insights into God's place in our daily lives.

Visit www.assumptionparish.org if you would us to contact you about joining the Young Professionals., or email Fr. Luke lwnuk@assumptionparish.org.

FAITH AND REASON

"Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth—in a word, to know himself—so that, by knowing and loving God, men and women may also come to the fullness of truth about themselves."

— Pope St. John Paul II

KILLING THE PAIN—NOT THE PATIENT
Palliative Care vs. Assisted Suicide

Assisted Suicide is radically different from end of life care and palliative care.

Assisted suicide is in the news and on lawmakers' agendas. Supporters call it "aid in dying" and claim it is just another option for ending intolerable pain as part of end-of-life care. But assisted suicide is radically different from end-of-life care and the practice of palliative care, the healing art of relieving pain and other distressing symptoms for patients who are seriously ill. In fact, these two agendas are at war with each other.

Different Drugs, Different Results

When properly prescribed for the pain of serious illness, powerful pain medications like morphine and other opioids are safe and effective. Patients can have their pain well-controlled without risk to life, and generally stay alert as well. Assisted suicide is very different. Where it has been legalized, doctors can prescribe a lethal overdose of pills to patients whom they think will die within six months, so they can kill themselves. The patient then intentionally swallows a massive overdose of barbiturates to cause unconsciousness and death.

The Importance of Intent

Besides having opposite results, these two approaches express different intentions. While pain medication is generally safe under medical supervision, it may have side-effects. For example, barbiturates may be used in rare instances to sedate an agitated patient in the final stage of dying if other pain control methods are inadequate, though this poses some risk of shortening life. In such cases, the doctor and patient must assess the good they intend and proceed only if this good outweighs the unintended adverse effects. As risk cannot always be eliminated , modern medicine would be impossible without this "principle of double effect." The key is that no one involved intends the bad effects, especially the bad effect of killing the patient. Assisted suicide, by contrast, directly intends the patient's death, which is never morally permissible. The doctor prescribes an intentionally lethal overdose, with instructions on how to use the pills to cause death. (Interesting y, there is no record that any patient accidentally surviving the overdose has ever tried it again.) Medical organizations like the American Medical Association and the American College of Physicians oppose doctor-assisted suicide, in part because it destroys this essential distinction between intended and unintended effects of treatment. Patients need to be able to trust their doctors to always care for their lives and never deliberately cause death .

Eliminate the Problem, Not the Patient

Palliative care also addresses symptoms beyond physical pain , in ways that go beyond medication. Patients facing serious illness may feel hopeless and depressed, as though their lives have lost meaning. Addressing psychological, emotional, and spiritual problems is essential to palliative care. Assisted suicide alleviates none of these problems, but gives in to them. Consider that about half of patients who had requested assisted suicide under the Oregon law in its first three years changed their minds when the doctor provided palliative care. Yet in Oregon, almost none of the patients receiving lethal drugs are evaluated to assess whether their wish for death arises from treatable depression - and over half say they requested the drugs partly because they feel they are becoming a "burden" on others. Offering assisted suicide can only confirm and strengthen that feeling. It ignores the underlying problems, instead abandoning and eliminating the patient who has the problems.

True Love and Mercy

Do we see people as the problem , such that our responsibility begins and ends with helping patients kill themselves? Or, do we see seriously ill patients as fellow human beings who deserve our love and solutions for their problems? Will we succumb to the "false mercy" of assisted suicide, or will we endorse what Pope St. Joh n Paul II called "the way of love and true mercy"? Will we dedicate ourselves to providing genuinely compassionate care, as a society and for our own loved ones? Our answer today determines the care available now and for years to come.

Act Now

On Monday, October 29, 2018, the New Jersey General Assembly very likely will vote on the Aid in Dying for the Terminally Ill Act (A1504). The bill would allow physicians to prescribe drugs to end the lives of terminally ill individuals considered to have six months to live. Please contact your state legislators and tell them that you oppose A1504. Visit www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/M9sVFHhazjRNqIplazczew to log in and send your message.

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OCTOBER IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY
A MESSAGE FROM POPE FRANCIS

The Holy Father has decided to invite all the faithful, of all the world, to pray the Holy Rosary every day, during the entire Marian month of October and thus to join in communion and in penitence, as the people of God, in asking the Holy Mother of God and Saint Michael Archangel to protect the Church from the devil, who always seeks to separate us from God and from each other.

The Holy Father met with Fr Fréderic Fornos, S.J., international director of Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network and asked him to spread this appeal to all the faithful throughout the world, inviting them to conclude the recitation of the Rosary with the ancient invocation "Sub tuum praesídium" and with the prayer to Saint Michael Archangel that he protect us and help us in the struggle against evil. (cf. Revelation 12, 7-12.)

The prayer is the weapon against the Great Accuser who "goes around the world seeking to accuse." Only prayer can defeat him. The Russian mystics and the great saints of all the traditions advised, in moments of spiritual turbulence, to shelter beneath the mantle of the Holy Mother of God pronouncing the invocation "Sub tuum praesídium". The invocation Sub tuum praesídium" is recited as follows: ***We fly to Thy protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our petitions in our necessities but deliver us always from all dangers, O Glorious and Blessed Virgin.***

With this request for intercession the Holy Father asks the faithful of all the world to pray that the Holy Mother of God place the Church beneath her protective mantle – to preserve her from the attacks by the devil, the great accuser and at the same time to make her more aware of the faults, the errors and the abuses committed in the present and in the past and committed to combating without any hesitation, so that evil may not prevail. The Holy Father has also asked that the recitation of the Holy Rosary during the month of October conclude with the prayer written by Pope Leo XIII: ***Saint Michael Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil, may God rebuke him, we humbly pray and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen***

THE BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

On Saturday, October 6, 2018, parishioners of Assumption Church in Morristown gathered with their furry friends to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis with a special Blessing of the Animals. Fr. Lukasz Wnuk was the celebrant. In attendance were several guinea pigs, an African Clawed frog, a rabbit, a hamster, and of course many wonderful dogs and cats.

Everyone gathered by the Statue of St. Francis and we began our celebration with the hymn based on the words of St. Francis, "All Creatures of Our God and King". A few of the dogs in the parish joined their voices to those of the Assumption Family!

Special thanks goes out to Tara Speer, and students in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level III program, who prepared gifts given to our parish pets. The children made 100 gift bags for the celebration which contained the prayer of St. Francis as well as pet treats.

Family & ProLife News Briefs for Catholics

October 2018

October Dedicated to Dignity of All Human Life

We Can Take Steps, Big or Small, To Affirm Our Commitment to Life

- *Become better informed* If you listen to radio, tune into a great Catholic station, **Relevant Radio**, for interesting talk shows. If you use **Alexa**, **Siri** or your smart phone, download the free app and listen live or to their podcasts.
- ***Life Chain*** Held nationally this year on October 7th, we can spend 90 minutes praying and witnessing in front of an abortion facility. Evil prevails when good people do not act.
- ***40 Days for Life*** This project extends all month through November 4th. Find your local coordinator online and sign up to participate, even if only for an hour a week. Saying the rosary during that hour is an added bonus.
- ***Smile.Amazon.com*** One thing many of us can do anytime we want to buy something on Amazon is use SmileAmazon instead. It is the identical service but provides for a small contribution by Amazon to any charity of your choice. The editor & his wife donate to the educational program *LifeNet*.
- *Change your **mobile phone** provider* We get the benefit of great mobile phone service by using Charity Mobile that makes a monthly contribution to a pro-life cause of our choosing.

- *Attend seminars or **programs** that promote a culture of life* Some dioceses and parishes take the opportunity of this Respect Life Month to offer informative and interesting programs. Make a decision to attend one of them.
- *Support pro-life political action groups* There are some groups that support pro-life candidates from either party. One we like is the **Susan B. Anthony List**. So far this year their college and young adult canvassers have visited over two million homes, peacefully promoting pro-life candidates.
- *Donate to a local home for pregnant women* There are many of these throughout the nation such as **Several Sources Shelters** and **Good Counsel Homes**.
- *Ask your pastor to invite a speaker from **Priests for Life*** There are devoted clergy, including the director Fr. Frank Pavone, who are available to visit your parish.
- *Read Catholic sources* Try **Our Sunday Visitor** or the **National Catholic Register** for Catholic views on the news.

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New Book: How I Stayed Catholic at Harvard

A Harvard graduate, Rhodes Scholar, and devout Catholic tells young adults everything they need to know about keeping their faith at a modern university.

Drawing on her recent experience, **Aurora Griffin** shares forty practical tips relating to academics, community, prayer, and service that helped her stay Catholic in college. Throughout the book, she shows how being Catholic in college did not prevent her from having a full "college experience," but actually enabled her to make the most of her time at Harvard. [EWTN paperback, 184 pp.]

States Finding Ways to Restrict Abortions

The Supreme Court let stand Arkansas' law that prohibits prescription of abortifacients unless the doctor has admitting privileges at a local hospital. Mississippi and Louisiana have enacted bans on abortion after the 15th week of pregnancy. A few states have **banned selective abortions** based on gender, race or disability. Iowa's new law prohibits abortions after a fetal heartbeat can be detected, usually about six weeks into pregnancy. [*National Review*, 6/25/18] New Jersey pro-lifers are waging a 20/20 campaign to have the state **prohibit abortions after 20 weeks** pregnancy, and they are hoping to have this accomplished by 2020.

"The basic way in which any society is built depends on marriage. Wherever two people give themselves to each other and, between them, give life to children, this touches the holiness, the **mystery of human existence**. It says: I do not belong to myself alone."
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Abortion Workers Being Asked to Quit

And Then There Were None (ATTWN) helps abortion clinic workers leave the abortion industry. While it wholeheartedly supports all peaceful prolife efforts, ATTWN seeks to end abortion from the inside out by providing job search resources, financial assistance, free legal counsel, emotional and spiritual support, and no-cost healing retreats.

"I don't know what the pro-life movement would do without ATTWN. It provides the means for abortion workers to safely **transition out of the abortion industry** and into a life of freedom with immense support and without fear of exploitation. Our sidewalk counselors have been able to confidently offer help to workers because of the multitude of resources available through ATTWN. This is a game-changer in the battle for life!" Lauren Muzyka, Exec. Director, Sidewalk Advocates for Life [www.AbortionWorker.com]

Even the Incurable Have a Right to Life

One month after Alfie Evans' death, a Rome hospital released the "Charter of rights of the Incurable Child," including the proposition that every family should have the right to choose their child's doctors and hospital, even in another country. Alfie's parents, like those of Charlie Gard last year, were **prevented by British courts** from transferring their severely ailing child to Bambino Gesu Pediatric Hospital which in both cases had offered to treat the infant after his doctors recommended removal of life support.

The hospital will send the charter to the European Parliament & the European Union. No one expects quick & easy acceptance, but it is good that pediatricians there continue to affirm that even the incurable have a right to fight for as much time as they can. [*National Review*, 6/25/18]

Most Americans Don't Accept What *Roe v. Wade* Permits

Gallup (6/11/18) asked whether abortion should be legal in all circumstances, just a few circumstances, or not at all. It found that 53% said abortion should be legal in only a few circumstances or in no circumstances. Thus, most Americans oppose *Roe* that **permits unlimited abortion.** But Gallup did not report this to the public.

An older (2013) *NBC/Wall Street Journal* poll asked whether there should be any exceptions to abortions:

abortion always legal-31%; abortion legal most of the time-35%; abortion illegal, with exceptions-23%; Illegal, no exceptions-9%.

The media did not report that only 31% wanted abortion to be legal without exceptions. Put together, the reasons why and when abortion should be allowed are at odds with the Supreme Court ruling in *Roe*. [www.CatholicLeague.org]

NJ Should Reject Assisted Suicide Bill

As a person with Cerebral Palsy and clinical depression, Kate Blisard has been a disability advocate for over 30 years. "Those I have served are vulnerable because, like people who are seriously ill, they must rely on others to bathe, to dress, to eat, to travel—in short, to live." She writes that the NJ Legislature is considering assisted suicide legislation known as A1504. Modeled after the law enacted in Oregon in 1997, proponents claim it is compassionate and limited in scope with safeguards. **It is no such thing**.

Adults with disabilities fear that an insurance provider may promote assisted suicide when patient expenses are high. Cases where treatments for cancer have been denied while coverage of the lethal suicide "medicine" was offered have already been exposed. Though **great strides** have been made in the ways we can **manage pain and various conditions**, one doctor or even several may not be aware of all the treatment and support options available to a patient.

The proposed legislation has no real requirement for mental health or depression screening, even where depression or suicidal thoughts are considered normal side effects for certain medications. As rising suicide rates continue to shock us, why are we considering a law that proposes suicide as a solution? There are **no safeguards** to protect a patient who may be in a vulnerable situation. The wording of the law is so flawed that people who have a direct conflict of interest not only can be a witness to sign a patient's written request, but also, after the lethal prescription, there is absolutely **no oversight**. The patient is supposed to self-administer the drug, but there are no procedures to ensure this happens. Minimal "reporting" requirements virtually ensure that wrongdoing won't be uncovered.

Given the bill's many flaws, it would tragic for the state legislature to endanger the people of New Jersey with its passage. [Kate Blisard, https://www.northjersey.com,9/22/18]

What Are the Suicide Facts for the U.S.?

A recent national study found that the share of 12- to 20-year-olds who "suffered major depression in the prior year" increased by 37% from 2005 to 2014. Social scientists have been particularly baffled by the **tripling of the suicide rate among girls aged 10 to 14**. Suicide is now the second leading cause of death among adolescents and young adults.

Since the 1980s, reported loneliness among adults increased from 20% to 40%. Loneliness is associated with increased health risks. Princeton's Angus Deaton has studied the alarming rise of "deaths of **despair**" from drugs, alcohol abuse & suicide. The rise in suicides, he says, depends "on **family**, on **spiritual fulfilment**, and on how people perceive meaning and satisfaction in their lives in a way that goes beyond material success." Divorce rates remain high for those without a college degree, and many Americans now opt out of marriage entirely. A declining belief in God, prayer and church attendance contribute to personal "despair."

Harvard's Robert Putnam finds a dramatic decline in the fabric of **connections to family, friends, neighbors** and mediating social institutions, and excessive absorption in TV and the internet. Another Harvard study found that women who attend religious service weekly are five times less likely to commit suicide. Of the Catholic women who attended Mass more than once a week, none committed suicide.

In our industrial age, we are valued not for our humanity but for our economic usefulness. We have got to make society more human. [excerpted from Aaron Kheriaty, "Dying of Despair," *First Things*, Aug/Sept 2018.]

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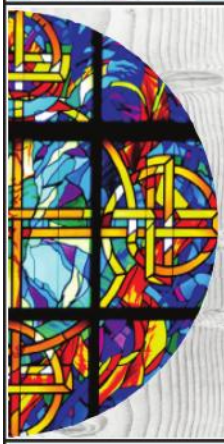
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