

# HOPE

*Be vigilant at all times...*

Lk 21:36





# Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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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](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, 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	Kevin Kelly	973-727-7082
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	Maira Clarkin	973-539-4390
Women's Cornerstone	Chrissy West	973-809-1646
Women's Faith Sharing	Gina Hurley	973 460 7241
Vocations	Deacon John Brandi	973-539-2141
Young Professionals	Fr. Luke Wnuk	973-539-2141
Youth Ministry	Lisa Sullivan	973-267-8519

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 1</b>
8:00 a.m.	Marilyn S. DeWitt
5:30 p.m.	Susan Marie Janollari Carmela and Andrew Suozzi
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 2</b>
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Timothy Trebbe Andy Brost
10:00 a.m.	Frank Gildea Frank Tozzi
12:15 p.m.	Brody Edward Hydock John Reilly
5:30 p.m.	Raymond Litwinetz Christopher Kapp
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>December 3</b>
7:00 a.m.	Kathleen Geraghty
12:05 p.m.	Paul V. Cavanaugh
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>December 4</b>
7:00 a.m.	Jeffrey Bearse
12:05 p.m.	Barbara Ciszewska and the Ciszewski Family
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>December 5</b>
7:00 a.m.	Jackie Negri
12:05 p.m.	Owen McCormack
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>December 6</b>
7:00 a.m.	Deceased Friends from the 7 a.m. Mass
12:05 p.m.	Terry Manelski
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>December 7</b>
7:00 a.m.	Robert Alan Swier
12:05 p.m.	Judy Shea
5:30 p.m.	Mary Antosiewicz
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>December 8</b>
8:00 a.m.	John and Kathleen Brosnan and John Jr.
12:05 p.m.	Mary Murray
5:30 p.m.	Frances Tozzi Gerard Hetzel
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>December 9</b>
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Tommy Green Carol Lasch Adamsky
10:00 a.m.	Patricia Pidgeon Frank Tozzi
12:15 p.m.	Tess and Jack Mulvihill Brian McNally
5:30 p.m.	Beth Patterson Mary Alice Beneziano

**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.

**First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16**

In this opening reading from the Hebrew Scriptures, the prophet Jeremiah assures those Jews being exiled to Babylon that God has not abandoned them. Land, Temple, and kingship will all be restored by the just God of all.

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2**

The following reading is from the conclusion of Paul's letter to the Church in Thessalonica. He encourages that early church, just as he would encourage our own parish family, to continue to grow in the Christian faith.

**Gospel: Luke 21:25-28, 34-36**

Our Gospel passage is composed in a style of writing called apocalyptic, in which vivid symbolism and catastrophic events dominate. Since believers know that God's justice and peace must inevitably prevail, we must strive to behave justly and peaceably even in the sinful world of the present.



**We invite you to prayerfully reflect  
on the Readings for the week of December 2**

<b>Monday</b>	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
<b>Friday</b>	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>The Feast of the Immaculate Conception</b> Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Second Sunday of Advent</b> Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

**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, 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, Ann Vaughan, Carl Sullivan, Lewis White, Pete Benza, Nigel Leoppkey, Sister Clare Tully, Lisa Yarosz, Calvin Zamarelli, Stephanie Trincanella, 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, Mildred Crump, Ronnie Pennimpede, Terri Abrams, Philip Barrett, Louis Cicitta, Bill Duggan, John Jennings, Richard Julianno, Madeline Longo, 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, Dave DeMott, Linda Christopoulos, Rowland Lucid, Shirley DeRossi, Bonita Stein, Janet Stiles, Ruth Puoti, Alan Nadler, Michael Grogan, John Hefferon, Doris Bonanno, Kathy DiFiore, Baby Alexander Gedicke, Terrence Wanniski, Louise Fichot, Bob Gebhardt, Della Corbin, David Alston, Ricardo Gonzales, Jenny Reed, Tim Hart, Marla Paillet, Dawn Tezino, Rossana Wright, Wanda Barnett, George Corbin, Harry Widmeier, Peter Bardes, Jean Morrow, Audrey Roast, Piotr Nowak, Genny Reed, Jessica Rodriguez, Baby Gianna Rodriguez, Marion Roman, Carmen Galdieri, Rey Caudillo, Gabriella Lourdes Calello.

Please call the Parish Office at 973-539-2141 with the names of who you would like included in the prayers for the good health of the sick and homebound.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH COMMUNITY AND THEIR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE SERVED, OR ARE SERVING, IN THE ARMED FORCES**  
*CW3 Michael Benkosky* Green Beret, Special Forces, Airborne Joint Forces; *Commander William H. Shipp*, Military Professor, Naval War College, Newport, RI; *Andrew Vasquez* US Army; *Andy Soucy* US Army; *Dan Lessnau* Former Marine and Veteran of the Viet Nam War; *Kevin Felix* US Military Colonel; *Lt. Tim Fleury*, US Navy; *Staff Sergeant William J. McSweeney* Retired Marine Served Around the World; *Matthew Gonabe*, Lt. US Navy Pilot Serving in the Persian Gulf; *David Ribardo*, 1st Lt. US Army Serving in Afghanistan; *Capt. Brendan Griswold* 82nd Air Borne in Afghanistan; *Capt. Patrick Flynn*, US Army 1st Infantry, Afghanistan; *Sergeant Richard Galluzzo* Serving in Afghanistan, *Lt. Thomas Keyes Jr.*; *Cpts. Scott and Meghan Harra*, US Army in Afghanistan; *Captain Timothy Newcomb*, US Army Special Forces; *Col. Jason M. Barrett*, USMC in Iraq and Afghanistan; *Capt. 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, 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, *PFC Peter Mitchell*, USMC.

**GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY**

Need help? Our Good Samaritan Ministry can assist registered parishioners with various errands and services. Contact our December coordinator, Dot Baron at (973) 538-6451.

**START YOUR ADVENT WITH PRAYER  
ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
MON. DEC 3 5:30 P.M.**

We invite all parishioners to join us in Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Monday of every month at 5:30 p.m. and first Saturday of every month at 8:30 a.m., Please, join together in the presence of our "Prince of Peace" for Jesus' inspiration to guide each of us to find a way to actively work for peace and understanding in our Town, our County, our State, our Nation and our common home the Earth.

**DECEMBER 8  
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

This year the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation, is on Saturday, December 8. Masses will be celebrated at Assumption at 5:30 p.m. December 7, and at 8:00 a.m., and 12:05 p.m., on December 8.





## THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**“But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” ( Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36)**

Advent begins today and so does our Church’s liturgical year. We will be proclaiming the Gospel according to St. Luke on Sundays until the year ends with the Solemnity of Christ the King in 2019. During the first two weeks of Advent we focus on the Second Coming of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We call this the Parousia. During the last two weeks of Advent we prepare intensely to celebrate His Birth, the Incarnation of God, at Christmas. With that, the Christmas season begins and does not conclude until we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord in January.

It had been a horrible day at the office, one crisis after another. He spent the day saving deals that were coming apart, reassuring angry customers whose orders had been messed up, going to the mat with vendors — putting out one fire after another.

Just as he was about to leave for the day, he remembered: it was his family’s night to volunteer at the soup kitchen. He called his wife, apologized for forgetting, and said he would meet her and the kids at the church hall in a half hour.

Once there, he slowly managed to put the stress of the day behind him and got into the rhythm of the busy kitchen. His job that night was making the soup, with his daughter helping cut the vegetables.


At 6 p.m., the doors opened. He took his station at the steaming caldron of chicken noodle soup. The first guest was an elderly woman in a torn coat and ripped sneakers. He ladled the soup into a bowl, and gently handed it to her.

“Thank you so much,” she said. “Thank you and bless you.”

Her smile was the brightest thing he had seen all day.

And, he realized that he was, indeed, blessed.

A busy dad comes to realize his blessedness in the unexpected “sign” of a homeless woman’s gratitude. In the course of our days, we all encounter such “signs”: indicators of the realities of God’s presence that we do not readily see or appreciate or have stopped seeing or would rather ignore altogether. These “signs” urge us to look deeper, to see beyond ourselves and our needs and expectations, to confront issues before they become disasters. In the “signs” of the good we give and receive, we “stand erect” to behold God’s Spirit of humility and wisdom, transforming our lives in the justice and peace of Advent. (Connections)



For the powers of the  
heavens will be shaken.  
And then they will see the  
Son of Man coming  
in a cloud with power  
and great glory.

In Christ’s Peace,  
Father John

**BE VIGILANT; BE READY**

A Family Perspective: In our Gospel, Jesus warns his disciples against the fatigue that can emerge if one becomes consumed by the anxieties of daily life. Many families are too familiar with the kind of fatigue Jesus refers to here. We may be concerned about a family member's health, our job security, our children's education, or any number of other concerns. All these are important matters. Jesus does not promise an end to daily worries and fears, but he does teach his disciples that they will have the strength to withstand anxiety if they stay focused on him, remaining vigilant for his return and praying for strength to endure all tribulations. Through prayer, God helps us stay focused on that which is most important in our lives.

As you gather as a family, recall the tradition of making New Year's resolutions in preparation for the new calendar year. Observe that today is the first Sunday of Advent, which is the beginning of the new Church year. During the season of Advent, our Gospel readings ask us to consider what is most important to us as we prepare for Jesus' coming, at his birth and at the end of time.

Jesus describes signs that may disturb many people, but he says that these should not disturb his disciples. Why? Because these signs indicate that redemption is near. What does Jesus say that his disciples should do? Be vigilant and pray for strength. At this start of the new Church year, consider as a family what "Advent resolutions" your family might make to help you stay focused so that you will be prepared to receive the salvation we celebrate at Jesus' birth and anticipate at Jesus' second coming.

**WELCOME NEW RCIA CANDIDATES**

This Sunday we celebrate the Rite of Acceptance which is the formal entry point into the RCIA process for our Catechumens Robert Savacool and Eric Spector. This first ritual step provides a firm foundation upon which we can build.

During this prolonged period of formation, the entire class of candidates which also includes Kristen Blauvelt, Kristen Brady, Sarah Carty, Jennifer Freslone, Alyssa Freslone, Jahn Garcia, Jose Quiceno, Rachel Quiceno, Sean Wingerter will have the opportunity to be opened to the mystery of God's presence in their lives and in the Christian community. Through catechetical, liturgical, spiritual, and apostolic formation, the candidates – along with their sponsors, the RCIA team, and the Assumption community as a whole – journey in faith, discerning God's call to authentic life and discipleship. Please pray for them as they make this faith journey.

**CARMELITE SISTERS BAKE SALE  
TODAY**

The cloistered Sisters are devoted to praying more than eight hours a day for peace in our community and the world, and are dependent on the goodwill of the community to meet their basic needs. With their increase in vocations, they have many needs that accompany their growing community. Thank you in advance for your generous support!

**THE NATIVITY STORY  
ON CHRISTMAS EVE**

Children of the parish: Join us on Sunday, December 24th at 3:30 p.m. at Assumption Church as we reenact the nativity story. Immediately following at 4:00 p.m. will be the Children's Christmas Eve Mass. Children are needed to volunteer for the various parts of this special parish-wide event.

Sign up at at [www.assumptionparish.org](http://www.assumptionparish.org). If you have any questions, email [Christmas@assumptionparish.org](mailto:Christmas@assumptionparish.org).

The parts are as follows:

**Sheep** - Open to all children grades Pre K 4 and older. Costume cut-outs are available. Children decorate and add their own finishing touches at home. Contact us to acquire one.\*

**Angels** - Open to all children First grade and older. Parents are responsible for providing costumes.\*

**Shepherds** - Open to all children Second grade and older. Parents are responsible for providing costumes.\*

**Greeters** - Open to all children Third grade and older. No costume. Children stand at the doors of the church and hand out programs.\*

**Bell Choir** - Open to all children Third grade and older and given on a first-come, first-served basis. No costume required. Your child must be able to attend a rehearsal on Thursday, December 14 at 4:00 p.m. in Assumption Church.

**Readers and Costumed Main Cast** - A limited number of readings and main cast parts are available for children Fifth grade and older and will be selected in advance by lottery. Your child must be able to attend a rehearsal on Thursday, December 14 at 4:00 p.m. in Assumption Church.

**Candle Bearers** - Sixth grade & older - Candle bearers will take part in a special procession during the Silent Night meditation. Your child must be able to attend a rehearsal on Thursday, December 14 at 4:00 p.m. in Assumption Church. Questions? Email us at [Christmas@assumptionparish.org](mailto:Christmas@assumptionparish.org).

\*No rehearsal required

**BOY SCOUT GREENARY SALE**

Assumption Church's Boy Scout Troop 34 will have Christmas Wreaths, Hanging Baskets and Grave Covers for sale after all Masses this weekend. Troop 34 thanks you for your support.

### ASSUMPTION YOUNG PROFESSIONALS WE NEED YOUR HELP

Our next meeting is Friday, December 7 at 7 p.m., where, among other things, we will be packing up the cookies for the troops.

If you are interested in joining our group, or learning more about the young professionals, please email Fr. Luke at [lwuk@assumptionparish.org](mailto:lwuk@assumptionparish.org) or visit our Facebook page (search for Assumption Young Professionals Ministry.)

### ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Once again we are in the wonderful time of Advent - preparation for the solemn celebration of Christ's birth. Individuals, friends, couples, and families are invited to help us light the candles of our Advent Wreath. A sign-up sheet is on the table of the rectory side doors for you to choose which Mass you would like to participate in lighting the Advent Wreath. The only requirement is that you arrive ten minutes before the Mass in the Sacristy for instructions. This is a Sacred and wonderful way to deepen your participation in this Holy Season of Advent.

### MANY THANKS FOR YOUR THANKSGIVING GENEROSITY

Here at Assumption your Turkey Envelope donations enabled us to provide abundant Thanksgiving boxes to our parish families in need. In addition, many food vouchers and pantry items were distributed. Special thanks to Lois and Joe Corigliano for their help in packaging the food and making all the basket deliveries. And thanks to all who donated, it is through your consistent and thoughtful generosity that we are able to provide help where needed not only during the holidays, but throughout the entire year.

Also through the generous donations of the entire community, the Interfaith Food Pantry was able to supply more than 1,500 families with a complete Thanksgiving meal, making the difference between hunger and hope for our friends and neighbors for the holiday!

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



**Finnegan James Humphreys**  
*Son of Ryan and Lindsay*

**Vincent Francis Maresco**  
*Daughter of Adam and Anna*

**Charles Joseph Morales**  
*Son of Aris and Elizabeth*

**Collin Everett Peterson**  
*Son of R.J. and Elizabeth*

**Valentina Belle Torres**  
**Camila Jasmine Torres**  
*Daughters of Enrique and Yorbelid*

### MASS ATTENDANCE

	November 17/18	November 24/25
5:30 p.m.	198	258
7:00 a.m.	96	92
8:30 a.m.	219	175
10:00 a.m.	344	363
12:15 p.m.	217	299
5:30 p.m.	379	109
Total:	1,639	1,296

### FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

#### Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The collection total for the weekend of November 17/18 was \$20,966. The collection total for that weekend last year was \$22,949. The collection for Catholic Home Missions totaled \$3,945.

The collection total for the weekend of November 24/25 was \$21,639. The collection total for this weekend last year was \$22,171.

The Pastor's Note: Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your continued outstanding generosity in our weekly offertory. When we tithe we express our gratitude to the Lord for all His gracious blessings. Even our desire to thank the Lord comes from God. I am so grateful to you.

### 2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

#### Here I Am, Lord!

As the year comes fast to an end, and many are planning on how to make a final year-end charitable contribution that has the most impact, please consider the many lives that are helped because of the support given to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. These are your neighbors, your friends, our senior priests and seminarians and urban school students. All of us can play a part in the Bishop's Annual Appeal - as either a contributor to the cause or as a recipient of its mission - and all are blessed as a result. Please make the Bishop's Annual Appeal a priority in your year-end philanthropy. Gifts can be made by check, credit cards, through gifts of securities or on-line at [www.2018appeal.org](http://www.2018appeal.org). If you are 70 ½ or over and have an IRA, you can receive a tax benefit by instructing your IRA investment manager to donate your required minimum distribution to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please consult your tax or financial advisor for more information.

### SEPARATED AND DIVORCED

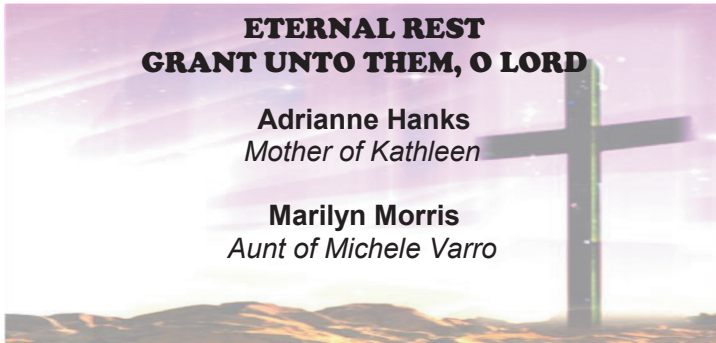
No marriage is free of changes, tensions, and disruptions and all members of marriages that may finally come to separation and divorce are deeply affected. Experience Assumption Parish's Separated and Divorced Support Group which gathers each second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Parish Center. Visit the [www.assumptionparish.org](http://www.assumptionparish.org) for more information.



### ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

**Adrienne Hanks**  
Mother of Kathleen

**Marilyn Morris**  
Aunt of Michele Varro



### BRING US YOUR CHRISTMAS COOKIES FOR THE TROOPS

Assumption's Young Professionals Ministry is once again looking to send dozens of Christmas cards and cookies to our troops. You can help in the following ways:

- Provide homemade cookies, and lots of them! You do not need to bake from scratch; the refrigerator type of cookie dough is just fine. Please bring your cookies to the parish office on Thursday and Friday, December 6 and 7.
- Donate money to cover the cost of shipping. You can bring in your donation to help offset the cost of shipping to the parish office or mail it to Assumption Young Professionals 91 Maple Ave, Morristown NJ 07960.
- Write a note of thanks and encouragement; or draw a picture, or send a Christmas card. Let's show our troops how much they are loved! Bring your cards or letters to the parish office or mail them to Assumption Young Professionals 91 Maple Ave, Morristown NJ 07960.

### BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER

Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey hospice volunteers provide terminally ill patients and their families with practical and emotional support. VNA offers a free comprehensive training program where volunteers learn the philosophy of hospice and become prepared for this rewarding work. Contact Rachel Enderle, Volunteer Coordinator, at 973-451-4128 or [renderle@vnannj.org](mailto:renderle@vnannj.org).

### FRIENDLY VISITORS NEEDED

Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey's Friendly Visitor program provides volunteers with a rewarding volunteer opportunity and homebound neighbors with a break from the social isolation that often comes from living alone or being homebound. Volunteers visit on a regular basis and participate in activities such as playing board games, arts and crafts projects and reading. For more information, please contact Rachel Enderle, Volunteer Coordinator, at 973-451-4128 or [renderle@vnannj.org](mailto:renderle@vnannj.org).

### BE AT PEACE IN THE SEASON OF PEACE Penance Service December 10

*Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. Saint John Paul II*

Receive the grace and forgiveness of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confession) this Advent. On Monday, December 10 at 7:30 p.m., there will be a penance service followed by an opportunity for individual confession.

### PLEASE HELP REPEAL THE PARKING LOT TAX

Urge your Representative and Senators to repeal the "Parking Lot Tax!" A provision in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017 would impose a new tax on parking and transit benefits provided by nonprofit organizations, including churches. This change, also known as Section 512(a)(7) of the law, taxes nonprofit organizations - including houses of worship - for the cost of parking and transit benefits provided to employees. The provision forces nonprofits and houses of worship to shoulder burdensome accounting and regulatory compliance costs, and it will hopelessly entangle the IRS with houses of worship. Moreover, according to the Joint Committee on Taxation's score of a full repeal of Section 512(a)(7), the provision would extract \$1.7 billion from the non-profit sector over 10 years. While non-profit organizations and houses of worship will pay these taxes, it is the people these organizations serve who will ultimately suffer from this massive diversion of funds from civil society to the government. Contact your U.S. senators and representatives today and ask them to repeal Section 512(a)(7) and stop this new tax on churches and nonprofits!

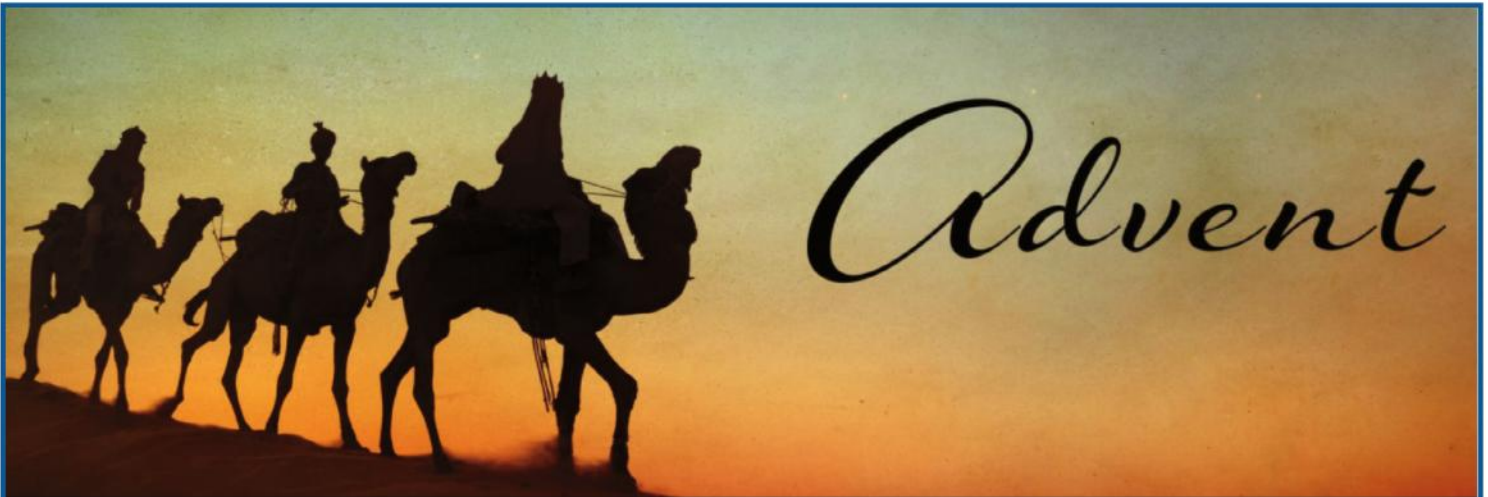
### LOSE YOURSELF ON THE CROSS

"He will provide the way and the means, such as you could never have imagined. Leave it all to Him, let go of yourself, lose yourself on the Cross, and you will find yourself entirely."

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### PREPARE THE WAY

"It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas," or at least that's the assumption based on that familiar holiday song. But what does that look like at your house? Most everyone anticipates the great sales at the mall on the day after Thanksgiving, strings lights on the trees outside, and decorates the inside of their homes. But how exactly are we preparing our hearts for the greatest gift we've ever been given? This study addresses secularization and how it has infiltrated the wonder and holiness of Christmas. In contrast to that catchy and popular Johnny Mathis song is the classic Christmas carol "O Holy Night," which reminds us of the beauty, wonder, anticipation, and preparation of our Lord Jesus. Advent is a holy season in which we prepare for Jesus' birth and are reminded to watch and prepare for Christ's second coming. Prepare yourself for our Savior's coming by visiting [formed.org/study](http://formed.org/study) and scroll to the Advent link. Join Formed for free, using our Parish code PRNMFC.

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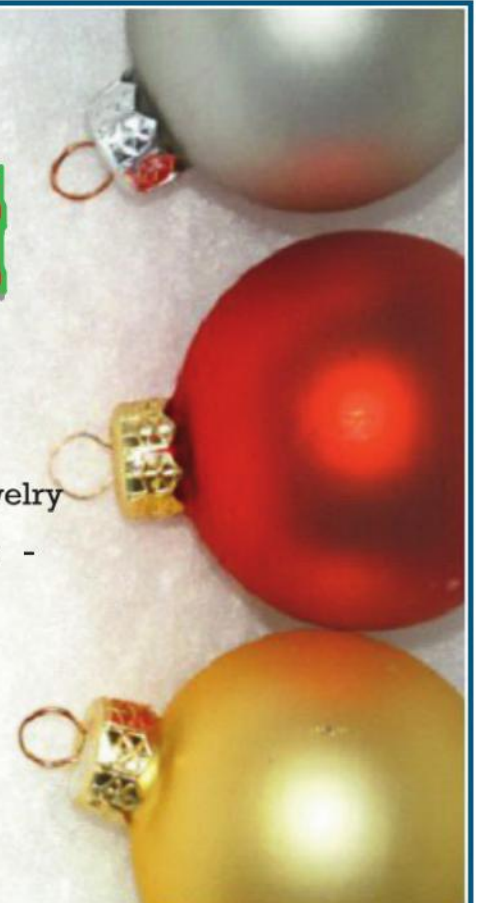
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## ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS 2018

### INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

Saturday December 8 – 4:15 to 5:00 p.m.

Monday December 10– 7:30 p.m. Penance Service

Followed by Individual Confessions

Saturday December 15 – 4:15 to 5:00 p.m.

Saturday December 22 - 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Monday, December 3 – 5:30 p.m.

### FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday, December 7 – 5:30 p.m. Vigil Mass

Saturday, December 8 – 8:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m.

### CHRISTMAS EVE - DECEMBER 24

3:30 p.m. Children's Nativity Story

4:00 p.m. Children's Mass of Christmas

5:30 p.m. Mass of Christmas

7:30 p.m. Mass of Christmas

9:30 p.m. Choir Carol Program

10:00 p.m. Mass of Christmas

### CHRISTMAS DAY – DECEMBER 25

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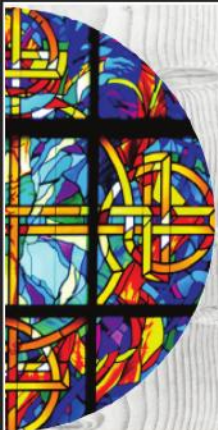
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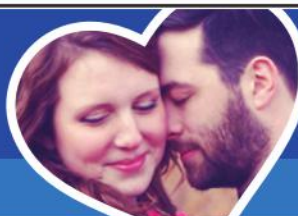
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