

# Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 91 Maple Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960

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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

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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

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.

<u> </u>	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
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	973-267-7152
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	
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

Lisa Sullivan

Separation / Divorce Soup Kitchen **Spiritual Direction** Ushers Village Angels/Tanzania Welcome /Hospitality Women's Cornerstone Women's Faith Sharing Vocations Young Professionals Youth Ministry

Janet Dedrick 973-539-7811 Deacon Elliott Stein 973-539-2141 Annaliese Rush 973-455-0391 Karen Florance 973-476-5542 Anthony Romano 973-267-5433 Johanna Burani 973-610-4856 Moira Clarkin 973-539-4390 **Chrissy West** 973-809-1646 Gina Hurley 973 460 7241 Deacon John Brandi 973-539-2141 Fr. Lukasz Wnuk 973-539-2141

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**MASS INTENTIONS** 

**SATURDAY** March 16 8:00 a.m. Jeanne Seergy 5:30 p.m. Joan Gebhardt Leah Moore

**SUNDAY** March 17

> People of the Parish 7:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. The Sexton and Tedeschi Families

Owen McCormack George E. Parker, Jr. 10:00 a.m.

Dennis Florance

Deacon William Harty 12:15 p.m.

Brian McNally

5:30 p.m. William Bergen Christopher Groody

**MONDAY** March 18

Jeanne Seergy 7:00 a.m.

12:05 p.m. Msgr. Martin F. Rauscher 1st Anniversary

**TUESDAY** March 19

7:00 a.m. Dorothy Capposella 12:05 p.m. Carol Wojewnik WEDNESDAY March 20

7:00 a.m. Rita Murray 12:05 p.m. William Handley

THURSDAY March 21

The Maier and Barnes Families 7:00 a.m.

The Deceased Members 12:05 p.m. of the Camelotto Family

**FRIDAY** March 22 7:00 a.m. Joseph Baron

> Paul Abrams 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary 12:05 p.m.

SATURDAY March 23

8:00 a.m. **Hugh Prendergast** Linda Walsh 5:30 p.m. Leah Moore

SUNDAY March 24

> People of the Parish 7:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. Tommy Green Nancy Lovenberg

Mary Reisch 10:00 a.m.

Frank Tozzi

John F. Lowder Jr. 12:15 p.m.

Francine DiGiorgio

Peter Marketta 5:30 p.m.

Margaret Morrin

### **GATHER IN PRAYER**

Pray the Rosary weekdays at 11:40 a.m.

• Pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy after the 12:05 weekday 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.

irst Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Our first reading describes a ritual by which a covenant, or binding agreement, is enacted between God and Abram. In ancient Israel, parties entering into a solemn contract with one another would walk between the halved carcasses of animals as a way of saying, "May I be broken in two if I fail to abide by the agreement between us." The procession of the smoke and fire are signs of God's commitment to keep the promises just made to Abram.

C econd Reading: Philippians 3:17-4:1

In this part of one of his letters, the Apostle Paul teaches that our covenant with God requires us to be devoted to the coming of the Lord in glory, and not to pursuits of fame or power or wealth.

ospel: Luke 9:28-36 In this reading from the Gospel of Luke, Peter, John, and James experience a vision of Jesus in transcendent glory. Luke's account stresses the continuity of Jesus with the Jewish tradition by having him speak to Moses and Elijah of his passage or "exodus" to Jerusalem.



We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the Readings for the week of March 17

Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13; Monday

Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday** 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27

and 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22;

Mt 1:16, 18-21; 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16;

Mt 20:17-28

Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6; **Thursday** 

Lk 16:19-31

Friday Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17,

18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, Saturday 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday Third Sunday of Lent

> Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

# 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, 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, Mildred Crump, Ronnie Pennimpede, Terri Abrams, Philip Barrett, Louis Cicitta, Bill Duggan, John Jennings, Richard Julianno, Madeline Longo, Baby Genevieve Chitwood, Janet Friedman, 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, Peter Bardes, Jean Morrow, Audrey Roast, Joan Duggan, Barbara Kiely, David Baime, Roger Manshel, Michelle DeGirolamp, Florida McKoy, Gloria Dabal, Laurie Quinn, Vivian Hart, Debra Phillip, Anthony Maiorca, Maggie Miller, Joseph Jude Fischetti, Parker Ross, Liz Wilkey, Dale Knecht, Lou Henry, Tom Jordan, Andrea Wright, Martina Zuwolinsky, Keisha Smith-Johnson, David Baime, Dorothy Holman, Tyler Rodimer, Joe Garfall, Marla Paillet, James Frisby, Aminah Brister, Rose Champlin, the Mike Cattano famly, Ding Aidi, Leonard Pergentile, J.T. Torisi, Thomas Jordan

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.; 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, 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. Jeramiah Dempsey, USAF, Dr. Casey McCann, Lt. Commander Navy; 1st Lt. J.D. Poling, US Army, Gitmo, Cuba, PFC Peter Mitchell, USMC, Dale G. Potter, Retired Lt. Commander US Navy, and Major US Marine Corps.

# **GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY**

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

# TUESDAY EVENING MASS SERIES IN LENT

On Tuesday evenings in Lent we will have an additional Daily Mass celebrated by visiting priests.

- March 26- Fr. Brian Sullivan
   Pastor, Christ the King, New Vernon
- April 2 Fr. Brian Quinn
   Pastor, St. Matthew the Apostle, Randolph
- April 9 Msgr. Martin McDonnell
   Pastor Emeritus, Good Shepherd, Andover
- April 16– Fr. Thomas Rekiel
   Pastor, Holy Family, Florham Park

Each Tuesday evening Mass will begin at 7 p.m. and conclude around 7:30 p.m. Please reserve Tuesday evenings in Lent on your calendar and plan to join us. \*There will be no Mass on Tuesday, March 19. Please join us that evening at our Parish Mission.

# **CATHOLIC CHARITIES NEW WEBSITE**

Catholic Charities has a new website featuring stories from their 80 year history, individual pages for all of the programs they offer, and ways that you can give back. Visit www.ccpaterson.org for more information.

# THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - THE TRANSFIGURATION

While [Jesus] was praying, his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. (Luke 9: 28b-36)

Today we focus on the Transfiguration as we do every year on the Second Sunday of Lent. Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy.

You'll think it when you're watching your son or daughter play on their school team. You'll see their determination, the skill they have worked so hard to develop that gets better and sharper with every game, and their selflessness to pass the ball or the puck or throw the tough block or hit the sacrifice for the good of the team — and it will hit you. Or you'll realize it when you see your child run to the assistance of someone in need, bend down to help another kid up, or say just the right words to bring peace and healing to a difficult situation.

You may actually see it when you're sitting next to the love of your life as your child makes the same promise to the love of their life that the two of you made to each other when you were their age. In that moment, you will see yourselves in them.

You will see it amid the joys and tears as you meet your first grandchild. As you caress the child, you will look over at the child's mom and dad — still and always, your child. And you will look at your spouse and say, maybe without using words, "You know, we raised a pretty good kid."

Our lives are filled with such moments of transfiguration: when the love of God bursts forth in our lives; when we are aware and assured that we are loved and cared for and about; when the light of the "holy" illuminates the ordinary and every day, breaking through the clouds of fear and darkness of despair that sometimes engulf us. In the event we have come to call Jesus' "transfiguration," the three disciples actually realize the divinity — the very life and love of God — that exists within the person of Jesus. That



"divinity" exists within each one of us, as well, illuminating our perspective with the wisdom of God, inspiring us to embrace Jesus' of humility example and service selflessness in to others. compelling us to realize God's kingdom of justice and peace in this time and place of ours. (Connections)

In Christ's Peace, Father John

### TRANSFORMING FAITH

Only Luke has the three disciples in a semi-sleep, a reminder of their sleep later in the Garden of Gethsemane. Far too often we sleepwalk through our days and fail to see the world we encounter with the eyes of faith.

**Adults:** How has the cross–suffering become a source of faith in my life?

Children: Why is faith so important in my life?

A Family Perspective: As you gather as a family, count the number of pieces of equipment in your home that produce sound: televisions, radios, CD players, computers, video games, etc. Observe if sometimes more than one piece of equipment is playing simultaneously and how this might communication. Discuss the question: What is it like to try to talk with one another when this equipment is on? Read aloud today's Gospel, Luke 9:28-36. Consider whether the noise and pace of your family life allows family members opportunities for quiet prayer. During Lent, it may be appropriate for your family to choose a time for quiet in the household by turning off televisions, radios, and CD players. Consider whether your family would like to establish such a time during this Season of Lent and suggest that it might allow you the opportunity to listen more attentively to one another and to find time for quiet prayer. Spend a few such moments as a family, asking God to help you listen well to one another and to Jesus.

# **FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**

It has always been an important custom of our Catholic Church to fast and abstain. These are valuable and important activities that are meant to include our bodies with our spiritual and motivational goals. Fasting and abstaining cannot be merely in our thoughts or intentions.

Every Friday in Lent is a day of abstinence, which means we do not eat any meat. This is done to acknowledge that Christ died for us on a Friday. Every baptized Catholic over the age of 14 years should abstain from meat on all Fridays of Lent.

# STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

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

# **ALTAR SERVER TRAINING**

Assumption Church will be conducting Altar Server training sessions for boys and girls in the fourth grade and up on Tuesday March 19, 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 <a href="mailto:Linda.macios@assumptionparish.org">Linda.macios@assumptionparish.org</a>, or by calling the parish office at 973-539-2141.

### WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

Catholics in the <u>Diocese of Paterson</u>, especially those who have been away from the Church, are invited to experience God's healing love and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. Here at Assumption, as well as at catholic churches in Morris, Sussex and Passaic Counties we will be open for Confession every Monday, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

## **SAVE THE DATE FOR 2019 VBS**

This Summer, from **August 5 - 9, 2019,** VBS will be on an epic African adventure engaging the whole herd. Campers will explore God's goodness and celebrate a ferocious faith that powers them through this wild life. Camper and Teen registration will open April 28th.

## **LENTEN FISH BAKE March 29**

The Assumption Men's Group is hosting its 5th Annual Lenten Fish Bake on Friday evening, March 29 at The Kellogg Club and *you* are invited. 100% of the proceeds raised from this event will benefit *Sr. Dativa's Village Angels* - a program that employs at-risk village youth to care for elderly poor in Tanzania.

Our silent auction table needs to be stocked; for example, can you donate tickets to a sporting event, a round of golf at your club, or your services? Can you make a cash donation to help build a gift basket for the auction table and/or a donation to help defray the costs of the event? All your donations are tax deductible. Please reach out to Paul Boehler (973.722.4994) to learn more. Thank you for your consideration! www.thevillageangels-tanzania.org

# **40 DAYS FOR LIFE**

Come Pray with Us for the Unborn Children who are being lost through abortion. We also peacefully pray for all those harmed by the loss of these precious gifts – our children.

When: March 6 to April 13, 7 a.m. to 7 p,m. daily. Volunteers usually pray an hour a week. Where: 196 Speedwell Ave, in front of Planned Parenthood

Sign up by sending an email to 44lifeus@gmail.com or going to the website https://40daysforlife.com. If you have any questions, please call Frances Spilman at 973-627-1654. We encourage you to sign up so that we know that each hour is covered for a particular day. Spontaneous visitors are also welcome. Your presence may save a life – please come and join us!

# WE WELCOME INTO THE CHURCH THROUGH THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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Henry Louis Cole Son of Victor and Lindsay

Lucas Pasquale DeGeorge Son of Christopher and Soleil

### **HEALING MISSION WITH PAUL RYMNIAK**

Healing is not just for the physically impaired. Mental and emotional stresses and strains can take a heavier toll on our lives, even more than the worst of diseases. So, if you or your family are in need of healing in these areas, come and experience the Lord, and what He can do for you. Come and meet Jesus by worshiping Him. Come and see what Our Lord has for you. **Come and be healed.** 

Join us, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, March 18, 19, and 20. Each evening will begin at 7:00 p.m. The Sacrament of Confession will be offered on Monday, March 18.

**Paul Rymniak** conducts his Healing Mission in approximately 30 churches a year, and is known throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Puerto Rico, and throughout many countries in the world. He is not a medical doctor or ordained minister or priest, but he sees Christ working through him. He possesses several hundred testimonies from medical doctors and lay people which confirm healings that God has used him to perform. He makes no claim that all who come to him are cured and he theorizes that anger within the ill person may prevent healing. God's healing touch is available to all.

# BEING A MAN FOR OTHERS

# An Evening of Recollection with Fr. Geno

All men are invited to join Msgr. Geno Sylva on Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at St. Paul Inside the Walls for this time of food, fellowship and prayer during Lent. Monsignor Geno Sylva, a dynamic speaker and founder of St. Paul Inside the Walls, will inspire participants to grow closer to God and serve others. The evening will include a dinner of hearty soup and fresh bread. Please visit isidethewalls.org to register.

## **FIND YOUR GREATNESS**

### FOUR HABITS THAT WILL TRANSFORM YOUR LIFE

What if each Catholic prayed for ten minutes and read five pages of a great book every day? What if every Catholic did one thing each week to intentionally share God's message with others?

Come and discover how four life-changing habits can point you towards discovering incredible possibilities for your life. You will leave the event with a personal plan to help you become the best version of yourself.

Please join Dynamic Catholic and speaker Dr. Allen Hunt Saturday, March 30th, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at St. Virgil Parish, in Morris Plains. Call 859-980-7900, or visit <a href="DynamicCatholic.com/events">DynamicCatholic.com/events</a> for tickets.

The event is appropriate for ages 12+; youth are encouraged to attend! Husbands and wives, boyfriends and girlfriends, single or married, young or old, Catholic or non-Catholic: you are invited. When was the last time you invested in your life? It's time. You are worth it!

# MASS ATTENDANCE MARCH 9/10

5:30 p.m.	216
7:00 a.m.	58
8:30 a.m.	122
10:00 a.m.	273
12:15 p.m.	238
5:30 p.m.	450
Total:	1.357

# FINANCIAL BLESSINGS Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The collection total for the weekend of March 9/10 was \$19,438. The collection total for this weekend last year was \$21,651.

<u>Pastor's Note:</u> Thank you for tithing and for your sacrificial gifts to Assumption in our weekly offertory and at Christmas and Easter. You enable us to accomplish the Lord's work here in Morristown and beyond. Thank you from the bottom of my heart

# ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY TRIP TO WEST VIRGINIA

This summer, the Assumption youth group will make our annual trip to West Virginia to build a home for a family through Habitat for Humanity. This year we have an exciting new way to support the trip! Please visit this link for more details: https://Appalachia.givesmart.com

From this link, you can easily purchase tickets to our annual Spring Fling which will be held on April 12th from 7-10pm at Spring Brook Country Club. You can also see the faces of all of the kids coming on the trip and contribute to an individual participant's fundraising efforts! Just click on the "view items" tab. You can also easily donate to the trip. Thank you in advance for your support-we couldn't do this trip without our amazing community behind us!

# **SHALL WE DANCE?**

The College of Saint Elizabeth, 2 Convent Road, Morristown, presents the Music Faculty in "Shall We Dance?" Music that will make the heart, mind, and soul dance.

Along with the talented CSE Music Faculty, Dr. Fran Covalesky, pianist, will perform some works by Chopin.

Mark your calendars: Friday, March 29, at 7:00 p.m. in Dolan Performance Hall. All are invited to attend and there is no admission fee. A "Meet and Greet" follows the concert. Contact: 973-328-2850

# LOYOLA DAY OF PRAYER RADICAL COMPANIONSHIP WITH JESUS

Tuesday, April 9, 2019, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Loyola Jesuit Center in Morristown. The cost of \$40 includes breakfast and lunch. There will be an opportunity for reconciliation and Mass will be offered. Led by: Rev. George Collins, S.J., *Register at www.loyola.org* 



## **SEPARATION AND DIVORCE**

You are invited to Assumption Parish's <u>Separated and Divorced Support Group</u> which meets every second Monday of the month from 7-8:30 p.m. in Rauscher Hall Community Room just off the parking lot and up the stair case at the rear of the church. In whatever phase of the experience you find yourself, we welcome you. Visit <a href="https://www.assumptionparish.org">www.assumptionparish.org</a> for more info.

## **RECOVERY MASS**

The Shrine of Saint Joseph, 1050 Long Hill Road, Stirling, NJ, hosts a monthly Recovery Mass on the second Saturday of each month from 12:00-1:30 p.m. Following Mass, there is an Intercessory Prayer Session in the chapel where you can pray in community for loved ones still enslaved by addictions, and give thanks for those who have found recovery. For more information, call 973-370-DRUG (3784).

# 18th ANNUAL CARING BASKET GALA

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, NJ will hold The 18th Annual Caring Basket Gala on Thursday, April 4, 2019. The gala raises scholarship funds for the education of Catholic Sisters from the developing world who do not have such an opportunity in their homelands. For more information: 973.597.0188 x101; email gala@acs350.org or visit www.acs350.org.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CHESS TOURNEY

The Florham Park/Madison Knights of Columbus will be hosting its annual Chess Tournament for all local students in grades 3 to 8, on Saturday, March 30, from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Holy Family Gym, on Tucker St., Florham Park.

Pre-Paid Registration Fee: \$8.00/player, \$15- 2 players/family, \$20- 3 players/family by 3/25. If registering at the door it's at 8:00 a.m. sharp, \$10.00, and no family discount. Remember 30-player limit per division. Checks: Payable to "Knights of Columbus", PO Box 540, Florham Park, NJ 07932, and include parents' names, player's name, address, phone #, grade and school. Email address encouraged. Questions? Call Joe O'Brien, Chess Chairman at 973-301-1864.

### CINDERELLA AT VILLA WALSH

The timeless tale of a young girl with a wish, a glorious ball, and a pair of magical glass slippers comes to life with the beautiful music of Rodgers & Hammerstein!. Performed by a group of talented Villa Walsh Academy students and a few guests, the production will feature such classic songs as "In My Own Little Corner," "Impossible!," and "The Stepsisters' Lament." Performances will run approximately two hours, plus a fifteen minute intermission. Friday, March 29 at 10 a.m., Saturday, March 30 at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 31 at 3 p.m. For ticket information please contact Villa Walsh Academy, (973)538-3680 www.villawalsh.org.

# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - MORRISTOWN

The Knights of Columbus, George Washington Council 359, at 13 South Street in Morristown, NJ welcomes all Catholic Men age 18 and older to come join our growing council. Our council serves our Church's; Religious orders and Community charities throughout the year! We are an active council and have a lot to offer men of 18 and older by way of social contacts and events that will foster your relationship with our Church and our community! Come join us! Contact: Grand Knight William C. Duggan, Jr. at 973-960-6417, wcdugganjr@hotmail.com.

## **BLOOD DRIVE ON MARCH 20**

There will be a Blood Drive at the Saint Francis Residential Community, 122 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, on Wednesday, March 20, from 1:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. sponsored by the Sunrise Rotary Club of Denville, the Denville Rotary Club, and New Jersey Blood Services.

# **BECOME A HOSPICE VOLUNTEER**

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# LEUKEMIA AND LYMPHOMA SOCIETY STUDENT OF THE YEAR CAMPAIGN

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I wanted to congratulate the 4 Assumption Teams led by Gabrielle Christie, Aiden Philbrick, Julia Vallario, and Samantha Sczepanski & Marissa Aloia-who participated in the 2019 Student of the Year Campaign for LLS.

They each organized a team of peers who helped them to raise money over a 7 week period, competing with other students all over the state. The teams did fundraisers, bake sales, organized parties and asked for community support as they competed for the top

fundraising team. I am so proud that all of our 4 Assumption teams were the top 4 fundraising teams in NJ, with our very own Gabrielle Christie being named Student of the Year after



her team raised over \$90,000!!! All together, the teams in NJ raised \$483,847 for LLS! It is amazing what these high school kids did, so please join me in congratulating these super star students!

I AM SO PROUD!

Lisa Sullivan, Youth Minister

# Conversion of Heart

# Lenten Reflections on Mercy and Forgiveness

Week 2

**READINGS:** Genesis 15: 5–12,17–18; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 9:28b–36



# Transfigure toward mercy by accepting it

In this week's reading, three of the apostles experience something they do not quite understand. As Jesus was transfigured before them with Moses and Elijah at his side, Peter thought it right to build tents for each, to contain this moment that he knew to be good.

But the voice of God interrupted him and said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him" (Lk 9:35). It turned out that Peter's plans weren't God's plans at all.

All of sudden, it was over. Jesus was found alone, and the light that emitted from him was dimmed. The disciples, especially Peter, were left with more questions than answers. They "fell silent and

did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen" (v. 36).

We oftentimes don't understand God's mercy in our lives. We are limited in our understanding, and our perception of our motives and those of others can only go so far. We try to live lives of peace and order, but sometimes our own plans don't work out and we end up hurting others.

As Catholics, our job isn't to understand God's mercy; it is to accept it. When we do this well, we come to a deeper understanding of how God works in our lives. It is only through this acceptance that we can truly see as God sees,

which enables us to do as God does by offering that same mercy to those who are most in need of it, none needier than ourselves.

# For Reflection

- > Is God's will for your life clear to you right now?
- Have you seen God work through the unplanned events in your life?
- Do you find it easy to accept God's mercy?

# How happy I am to see myself imperfect and be in need of God's mercy.

~ St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus



# Attach yourself to GOD

Detachment has always been a means by which people have come closer to God. We witness Jesus' constant detachment from worldly things every time he climbs a mountain to pray, preaches about the Kingdom, and heals the poor and outcast. He is the model par excellence of detachment.

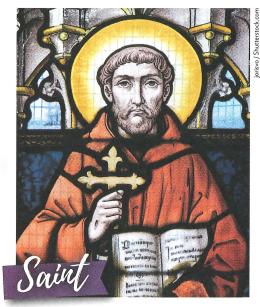
When it comes to accepting God's gift of mercy, our first step is to mimic the saints who followed Christ's call to detachment. The first reaction of every holy man or woman after they accept this reward reacts the same way — with a sense of unworthiness that is followed by acts of fasting to make up for the sins they committed. In other words, we

disassociate ourselves with our former life and detach from our old ways. We are then a "new creation" (2 Cor 5:17) and thus better equipped to complete our God-given mission.

What do you need to detach from so as to *attach* yourself to God more intimately?

# Fasting TIPS

Consider making a fast from technology this week. Apart from abstaining from meat on Friday, try going off social media, streaming videos, or other forms of digital entertainment. If you really want to go all out, try fasting from all screens and take that time to pray and reflect.



# Become an instrument of peace

Francis of Assisi was a man lost in the darkness of sin. He was selfish and determined to gain honor as a soldier and popularity as a frequent partygoer. It wasn't long before he hit rock bottom as a constant consumer of worldly pleasures. He realized his life was not well-lived, and God told him in a dream to return from war and convert his life. He spent several months attempting to live a good, holy life, oftentimes spending nights in a nearby cave where he would weep for his sins.

It wasn't until he became completely detached from worldly desires that he found true peace and a reason for being — serving the poor. After years of service and founding many like-minded communities, he would become one of the greatest saints the Church has ever known.

As you continue your Lenten journey, take a page from St. Francis's book and accept the mercy from God that will transform you into something greater than your own desires for yourself. God is the potter, and we are the clay. May he make of you a beautiful instrument of his peace.



Lord, I am not worthy to be called your servant, but, nevertheless, I am. Allow me to accept your mercy with humility and purity of heart so that I may teach others to do the same. Strengthen me in my weakness and allow me to overcome my imperfections so that I might better imitate your Son to whom I am forever in debt.



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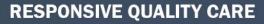


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