

# Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 91 Maple Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 973-539-2141, Fax—973-984-0632

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Our office is currently closed but we are responding to voicemail and emails.

<u>Parish Registration:</u> Call 973-539-2141 or visit the parish

website at www.assumptionparish.org.

Assumption School: 973-538-0590; www.assumptionnj.org

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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.

<u>Music Ministry</u>—973-539-2141, extension 19 Claudia Nardi: Director, Dr. Fran Covalesky, Organist Adult Choir, Youth Ministry Choir, Children's Choir

<u>Holy Rood Cemetery</u>—973-539-7501 Website: <u>www.holyroodcemeterynj.com</u> Diana Loughman: Cemetery Director Emerson Brito, Emerson Pavezzi: Caretakers

<u>Church Sexton</u>—Doug Reisch <u>Deaf Interpreter</u> - Kathleen Skaf

### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday—4:15 to 5:00 p.m. or by appointment

<u>Marriage:</u> 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.

<u>Baptisms:</u> 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.

<u>Visitation of the Sick and Elderly:</u> 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 Altar Linens Altar Servers Bereavement Bethany Ministry Boy Scouts Cub Scouts Centering Prayer Children's Worship CYO Basketball Endowment for Poor	Tom Johnson Mike Cherello Fr. John Hart Michele Cameron Linda Macios Kevin Kelly Cassandra Nielsen Fr. Ken Lasch Linda Cannilla Kevin Bopp Claudia Nardi	973-292-3320 973-267-6825 973-539-2141 973-769-9634 973-539-2141 973-727-7082 973-452-3857 973-538-2653 973-540-1683 917-861-2876 973-539-2141
Eucharistic Min. Family Promise	Marybeth Wooters Brian Doherty	973-538-6784 973-714-7674
Finance Committee Food Pantry	Greg Kurlander Claudia Nardi	973- 984-9516 973-539-2141
Gardening	Fr. Lukasz Wnuk	973-539-2141 973-539-2141 973-462-6972
Giving Tree Good Samaritan	Brian Morgan Jeanette Fredericks	973-267-7152.
Home School Assoc. Holistic Health	Jean Jabbour Michele Cameron	973-809-8630 973-769-9634
Homeless Solutions Knights of Columbus	Ralph Ferrara William C. Duggan, Jr	973-769-6418
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Men's Group Nursing Homes	Peter Zaremba Mary Dibble	215-518-4973 973- 998-0838
Pre-Cana RCIA	Ken and Rosa Rose Fr. John Hart	973-539-9845 973-539-2141
Respect Life	Sue and	
Safe Environment	Dave O'Dougherty Linda Macios	973-993-3068 973-539-2141
Senior Citizens	Janet Dedrick	973-539-7811
Separation / Divorce Soup Kitchen	Deacon Elliott Stein Annaliese Rush	973-539-2141 973-455-0391
Spiritual Direction	Karen Florance	973-476-5542
Ushers Village Angels/Tanzania	Anthony Romano Johanna Burani	973-267-5433 973-610-4856
Welcome /Hospitality	Moira Clarkin	973-539-4390
Women's Cornerstone Vocations	Chrissy West Fr. John Brandi	973-809-1646 973-539-2141
Young Professionals Youth Ministry	Fr. Lukasz Wnuk Lisa Sullivan	973-539-2141 973-267-8519
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#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

SATURDAY May 16

8:00 a.m. Sr. Francis Raftery, SC

5:30 p.m. Mark Cardinali

Mary Agnes Parker

SUNDAY May 17

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

8:30 a.m. Mary Riccette

Gordon Wiegmann

10:00 a.m. Carlos and Perla Sy

Ina McNeely

12:15 p.m. Mary Agnes Parker

Patsy Ginty D'Aloia

5:30 p.m. Kathleen M. McCormack

Thomas Valva

MONDAY May 18

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish 12:05 p.m. Raymond Lonsway

TUESDAY May 19

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

12:05 p.m. Raymond Tartell **WEDNESDAY May 20** 

7:00 a.m. Alphonse Benevenia

12:05 p.m. Brian McNally

THURSDAY May 21

7:00 a.m. Terese Dedrick 12:05 p.m. Margaret Leonard

FRIDAY May 22

7:00 a.m. Tony DeJulius 12:05 p.m. The Patel Family

SATURDAY May 23

8:00 a.m. The Cullen Family

5:30 p.m. Fred Hicks

Stacy Dalton

SUNDAY May 24

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

8:30 a.m. Mari Nugent

Edward Fitzpatrick

10:00 a.m. Frances E. Slojkowski

Jake Litus

12:15 p.m. Kathleen Perkowski

Bernadette Sudol

### LIVE STREAMING MASS SCHEDULE

Father John and Father Luke will be livestreaming daily Mass at 12:05 p.m. Monday through Friday, and weekend Masses at 5:30 p.m. on Saturdays, and 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. on Sundays.

The Bishops of New Jersey have agreed to transfer the celebration of the Solemnity of the Ascension from a holy day of obligation observed on Thursday, May 21, 2020, to the Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 24, 2020.

This pandemic prevents us from being in church together but nothing can separate us from the love of God. Join us online for Mass.

### rst Reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

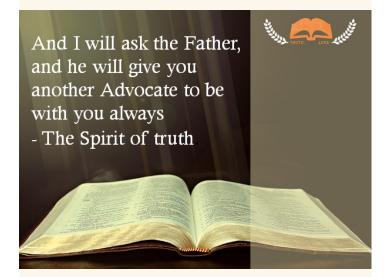
This first reading is one of several New Testament passages that suggest that Samaria was one of the first places where preachers about Jesus from Jerusalem met with success. The action of the Holy Spirit was seen as evidence of divine blessing and guidance of these early missionary efforts.

### econd Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

This portion of the First Letter of Peter repeats a theme we have encountered in previous weeks—suffering for faith in Jesus is not only an imitation of Jesus himself, it is also a way to God.

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In this selection from the Last Supper discourse in the Gospel of John, Jesus promises to send a "Paraclete" to his followers. This Greek word is a legal term which means something like a "defense counsel," an advocate who will stand by the side of one accused. Even though Jesus is returning to the Father, the Spirit will guide his followers in truth and love.



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

**Monday** Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b;

Jn 15:26-16:4a

**Tuesday** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8;

Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13,

14; Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday** Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;

Jn 16:16-20

**Friday** Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10;

Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23;

Mt 28:16-20

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# PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE RECOVERY OF:

Charles Arnolt, Charles Arteglier, Greg and John Baxter, Paula Rose Carducci, Jim Cavanaugh, John Hyland, Kenneth Krause, Nancy Arteglier, Jim Mongey, Sister Marie Graziano, Elaine Metzger, Jack Guerriero, Francesca Kobylarz-Bongiorno, Saletha Corbin, Ray Donovan, Calvin Zamarelli, Stephanie Trincanello, Rob Loia, Gail Muhammed, Terri Abrams, Louis Cicitta, John Jennings, Madeline Longo, Janet Friedman, Janet Stiles, Michael Grogan, John Hefferon, Doris Ruth Puoti. Bonanno, Terrence Wanniski, Louise Fichot, Jean Morrow, Audrey Roast, Vivian Hart, Debra Phillip, Lucas, Barbara Comerford, Karen Chiappini, Nora DiSciulo, Michael Scavone, Barbara Doran, Laurie Quinn, Rob Pitts, Debra Trappani, Joann Spiena, Capt. Roseanne Hartley, Gloria Dabal, Millie Fragopane, Norman Gravino, Kenneth Bodnar, Dr. Orlando Ternen, Agnes Koch, Linda Leo, Michael Scavone, David Levit, Sylvia Walsh, Philip Barret, Fr. Jude Salas, Rowland Lucid, William Schattz, Robin Reifinger, Marc Elias, Vincent Smith, William Smith, David Grebowski, Paul Gamerdinger, Dr. Lawrence Bailey, Margaret Anzul, Kimiko Obayashi, Baby Evangeline, Kristen Jankowski, Barbara Egan, Sue Kuchera, Peter Bardes, Francis Romance, Joey Jones, Marianne Jones, Joe Jones, Anthony Sauchelli, Angela Caraccia, Maria Marrero-Kirc, Ian Nguyen, Rossana Wright, Jim Wright, Rose Ruocco, Michael J. Murphy, Fr. Daniel Kelly, Will Cofnuk, Fred Lawless, Joseph Fiore, Margarita Pagan, Kyle Gannon, Mary Author, Marie-Abou -Daoud, Irma Zuwolinsky, Cody Diorio, Jack Carey, Fr. Philip-Michael Tangorra, Fr. Edwin Saumut, Len Solimene, Richard Giacabone, Frank Vallario, Walter Touchette, Raymond Cornine, Sr, Ray Maskal, Dale Potter, Helen O'Brien, Sr. Joan Daniel Healy, Fr. Joseph Lugo, Fr. Leonardo Jaramillo, Rev. Yohan Serrano, Jean McHugh, Lonnie Ridley.

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.

# Jane Ann Lynch Mother of Ellen Edson Richard Juliano Father of Ryan Anthony John Villapiano Son of John and Marissa Deacon John Grimes Deacon Robert Pringle Sister Francis Raftery, SC Vincent Borrelli

### 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; Captain 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 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, CPT Schuyler Orecchio, US Army, 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, Lt. Michael Herbert Jr. 3-66 Armored Brigade 1st Infantry Division Fort Riley Kansas deployed to Germany, Seaman Connor Fitzpatrick, US Navy, Great Lakes, IL., Brendan Rochelle, PFC, 1/127 82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg.

### GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY NOW MORE THAN EVER

Do you need help? Our Good Samaritan Ministry can assist registered parishioners with various errands and services.

If you, or anyone you know, is unable to get groceries, prescriptions or other necessities, due to the Coronavirus restrictions or for any other reason, please have them contact Audrey Geraghty, our Good Samaritan Coordinator for May at 973.538.3134.



### JESUS PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL COME

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth . . . " (John 14: 15-21)

Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will be our Advocate. Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy.

David Nott has seen humanity at its worst. For the past 30 years, Dr. Nott has served as a surgeon in war zones and territories devastated by natural disasters. Dr. Nott has treated victims of barrel bombs in Syria, snipers in Bosnia and child rape in Sudan. He once removed a detonator from a woman's leg; during another surgery, the nurse standing next to him was killed by a bullet.

The British physician has traveled to such missions since 1993, when he first took an unpaid leave to volunteer in Sarajevo with the French organization *Medecins Sans Frontieres*. Today, Dr. Nott's foundation works with the International Red Cross and other humanitarian organizations to train surgeons and medical professionals to work in regions of conflict, violence and catastrophe. The intensive five-day course Dr. Nott and his associates have developed and teach is based on his own war surgery experience.

In an interview with the British newspaper The Sunday Telegraph [February 16, 2020], Dr. Nott was asked how he managed to survive so many close calls — is it luck or is it God?

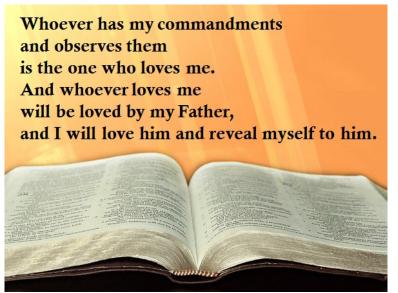
Dr. Nott replied that his success is due largely to his ability to build relationships.

"You can't stop bullets or bombs, obviously, but you can develop relationships with people whereby they don't want you to die — or they don't want you to be in a situation whereby your life is at risk." Such relationship-building has enabled the unassuming, modest physician to save lives not only on the operating table but through careful negotiation and intervention.

As well as seeing the worst of humanity, Dr. Nott has witnessed acts of extraordinary kindness and heroic generosity. How does he reconcile these opposing sides of human nature?

"There are some people who use their power to make things better and have a positive effect on people's lives, there are others who use power to destroy everything around them. I think the majority of humans are good."

David Nott and the many selfless and courageous physicians and medical professionals like him



who serve in the most dangerous places on earth mirror the Spirit-Advocate in our midst; their work is the work God entrusted to his Son and now his Son entrusts to us. They see the "commandment" of Jesus to love one another as more than just a feeling or emotion or some unattainable ideal: to love in the Spirit of God is to take on the hard work of building relationships through patient understanding and tireless empathy. The Spirit of God enables us to realize the good we possess that can be the means of re-creating our corner of the world in peace of the Risen the hope and One. (Connections)

In Christ's Peace, Father John

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### THE GOD WITHIN US

Today's Gospel is taken from the Farewell Discourse of Jesus which the Fourth Gospel presents at the conclusion of the Last Supper. Jesus' powerful words assure us that we share in the very life of God.

Adults: What simple steps can I take to remind myself that God is always with me and that I can always trust in God's guidance and love?

*Children:* Do I realize that God knows me better than anyone else and is always here to help me?

A Family Perspective: The mystery of the Trinity can be difficult for us to grasp. Today's Gospel invites us to consider how the three persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit— work together so that God's salvation is made known to us. Jesus' mission is continued through the activity of the Holy Spirit in the lives of his disciples. We have received this same Spirit through our Baptisms. The Spirit, living and working within us, reveals the mystery of God's love for us. Just as the first disciples were not left orphaned, we are not orphaned; we remain in God's embrace through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Gather your family and invite each family member to say what he or she knows about the Holy Spirit. Read aloud today's Gospel, John 14:15-21. What does Jesus say the Holy Spirit will do for the disciples? Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, we come to share in the love of God made known to us in Jesus. Pray together, thanking God for this gift of the Holy Spirit.

# YOUR HELP IS NEEDED FOR THE HOUSE CALLS FOR GROCERIES PROGRAM

At such a tough time for everyone in our community, we are asking for your help. We have an <u>urgent need</u> <u>for volunteer grocery shoppers</u> in the Morris County area.

The Visiting Nurse Association of Northern New Jersey's House Calls for Groceries (HCG) program provides grocery shopping assistance on a weekly or biweekly basis to homebound residents in Morris County. Volunteers visit the client's home to pick up the shopping list, and payment for the groceries — both of which can be done without direct contact. Then, the volunteer will shop at a local grocery store, and deliver the groceries back to the client's home. Your safety, and the safety of our clients are incredibly important to us.

This is a great opportunity for professionals, retirees and students who are looking for ways to create meaningful relationships with neighbors, especially during such an unprecedented socially distant time of our lives.

For more information, or to find out how you can help, please contact Billie Goon, Senior Development Coordinator, at bgoon@vnannj.org.

### FINANCIAL BLESSINGS Assumption is a Tithing Parish

I continue to be uplifted by the faithfulness of our parishioners. Our collection for the weekend of May 10 totaled \$22,473. The collection for that weekend last year was \$21,251. Our final Easter collection total was \$114,285, an increase of \$8,380 over last year's total.

I am deeply grateful to all of you for your unstinting generosity even during these trying and anxious times. Because of you we are able to continue to accomplish the work the Lord Jesus asks of us. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

## CATHOLIC CEMETERIES OPENED WITH RESTRICTIONS

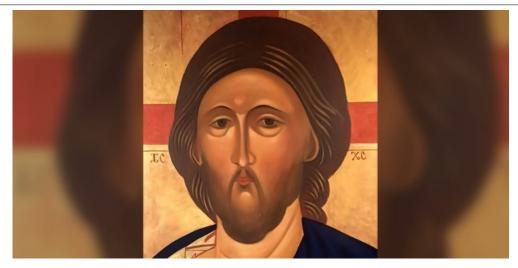
All Catholic cemeteries in the Paterson Diocese are opened to visitors from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, allowing the public to visit the cemeteries after all interments are completed. This is to allow cemetery staffs the time to handle internments earlier in the day. Those who visit the graves of their loved ones must observe the requirements of social distancing and maintain a group of no more than 10 persons. These changes will remain in effect at each cemetery as long as health and safety regulations are observed.

### **REACHING BEYOND THE CHURCH WALLS**

Notre Dame Parish in North Caldwell, NJ, is one of several in the area that participate in a ministry to imprisoned women. This ecumenical movement began more than two decades ago and has continued to grow. "In the beginning I was depressed knowing that these women were locked in jail for some time. But now, I've come to look at them as people," says longtime participant Rose Capazzoli.

She and other women from her suburban parish have remained faithful, visiting women inmates at a county jail once a month. The group has been dubbed the "Friendly People" by the inmates. But friendship is just one gift they bring to the imprisoned. Their visits include a worship service with hymns, reading from Scripture, a short reflection, and shared prayer. conversation and snacks. Material for further contemplation/ study is also shared with the women. It could be a flyer filled with Scripture verses, prayers, poems, or short real- life stories. At Easter and Christmas, the "Friendly People" bring the inmates small gifts a washcloth, a toothbrush, toothpaste, a prayer card, or a bookmark. What's most important, however, is the commitment of the visitors' time.

The ministry team-typically twelve women-operates with cooperation from the prison authorities and visits between thirty to forty-five inmates each month. "We feel like we are really making a difference in the lives of these inmates; they don't imagine anyone remembers them," says participant Marjorie Lucas.



"HEALER" ICON FOR SUFFERERS OF CORONAVIRUS

With church buildings closed, there's not much demand for new artwork for display in empty halls, but still iconographer Joseph Malham has been hard at work during the coronavirus shutdown, writing a beautiful new icon of Jesus titled "Christ the Healer."

<u>Catholic News Service reports</u> that the wonderful new piece of sacred art measures 3 ft-by-4 ft and took Malham about three weeks to complete. He explained that the icon is meant to bring comfort to all those who have been affected by COVID-19, from medical professionals to those who have contracted the virus and their loved ones. He said: "Like the rest of the world, I thought, 'I can sit around listening to my own fears and anxieties and uncertainties or I can do something creative. That's when I came up with doing this for the sufferers of COVID-19."

Malham noted to CNS that the writing of "Christ the Healer" was particularly challenging, because he did not have access to the traditional materials used for the ancient Christian process. He said that the board was scrap wood, in lieu of gold leaf he had to use simple gold paint, and similarly without access to gesso — the standard base ground of most icons — he had to make do with plain white paint.

The image of Christ seems to be saddened by the sickness he is witnessing and he looks directly at us as he joins our suffering.

Malham's work caught the eye of Auxiliary Bishop Mark A. Bartosic of Chicago, who wrote a prayer to be released in tandem with "Christ the Healer." He shared the prayer for intercession during times of sickness on the Catholic Theological Union at Chicago's Facebook page:

O Lord and Master of life!

Temple of that Spirit

who ponders the deep things of God,
Pierce the gloom of these days
With the radiance of your gaze.
Strengthen our hearts for battle
Give courage to your sisters and brothers
Who stand, as always, in need of healing.
Intercede for us with your Father,
Who are blessed for the ages of ages, Amen.

Commenting on the icon, Bishop Bartosic told CNS: "We always stand in need of healing," Bishop Bartosic said. "Even when we're not in a pandemic. We don't always realize it until there's a crisis. What we're asking for now is what we should ask for every day of our life."