





# 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. Przemyslaw Gawlik

Deacons: Brian Beyerl, Michael Hanly, Elliott Stein

Trustees: Kathleen Hyland 973-539-2860 / Bob Rohr 973-539-2693

Parish Coordinator—Linda Macios

Secretary—Liz Rotunno

Business Manager—Robyn Morris

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

**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

**Religious Education:** 973-267-5638, Fax 973-267-4223  
Email: [RelEd@assumptionparish.org](mailto: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, Dr. Fran Covalessky, 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, Emerson Pavezzi: 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.

## 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 Nielsen	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	Greg Kurlander	973- 984-9516
Food Pantry	Claudia Nardi	973-539-2141
Gardening	Fr. Lukasz Wnuk	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
Knights of Columbus	William C. Duggan, Jr.	973-960-6417
Lectors	Andrea Bozzi	973-656-9864
Men's Group	Peter Zaremba	215-518-4973
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	Janet Dedrick	973-539-7811
Separation / Divorce	Deacon Elliott Stein	973-539-2141
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	Moir Clarkin	973-539-4390
Women's Cornerstone	Chrissy West	973-809-1646
Vocations	Fr. John Brandi	973-539-2141
Young Professionals	Fr. Lukasz Wnuk	973-539-2141
Youth Ministry	Lisa Sullivan	973-267-8519

**MASS INTENTIONS**

<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>May 30</b>
8:00 a.m.	Sonny Romano
5:30 p.m.	Robert Fichot Sr. Helen Grant
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>May 31</b>
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Mari Nugent Edward Fitzpatrick
10:00 a.m.	Jake Litus Donald Tierney
12:15 p.m.	Tom Gartland (2nd Anniversary) Mary Elizabeth Cassidy
<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>June 1</b>
7:00 a.m.	Kathleen Geraghty
12:05 p.m.	Angelo Moschetta
<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>June 2</b>
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:05 p.m.	The Mahoney and Reilly Families
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>June 3</b>
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:05 p.m.	Dorothy Barbara Lucia
<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>June 4</b>
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
12:05 p.m.	Bud and Dot Fredericks
<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>June 5</b>
7:00 a.m.	Anthony Rotunno (Living)
12:05 p.m.	Mary K. Connell
<b>SATURDAY</b>	<b>June 6</b>
8:00 a.m.	Karen Harris
5:30 p.m.	Pat and Jerome Cummings Timothy Romagna
<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>June 7</b>
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:30 a.m.	Irene Phelan Ramon Carriedo (4th Anniversary)
10:00 a.m.	Gene Moore Joseph Voltaggio
12:15 p.m.	Hurst Barkemeyer Cornelius Mahoney

**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. Join us [online](#) for Mass.

**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. 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.

**First Reading: Acts 2:1-11**

All three of these Scripture readings examine the activities of the Holy Spirit, but from different points of view. The Acts of the Apostles describes the descent of the Holy Spirit using imagery employed in the book of Exodus to depict the descent of God upon Mount Sinai. As a result of this divine manifestation, Jesus' followers are empowered to proclaim the Gospel with vigor and dynamism to all the nations.

**Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13**

In this second reading, Paul teaches that each Christian is given different gifts by the Holy Spirit to be used for the betterment of the entire Church. The Spirit also brings a profound unity amid such great a diversity of gifts.

**Gospel: John 20:19-23**

This passage from the Gospel of John reveals another consequence of the Spirit's presence. The Spirit empowers the Church to be a healing and reconciling presence in the world.

**We invite you to prayerfully reflect**

**on the Readings for the week of May 31**

<b>Monday</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; Ps 87: 1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7; Jn 19:25-34
<b>Tuesday</b>	2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18; Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16; Mk 12:13-17
<b>Wednesday</b>	2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12; Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef; Mk 12:18-27
<b>Thursday</b>	2 Tm 2:8-15; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Mk 12:28-34
<b>Friday</b>	2 Tm 3:10-17; Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168; Mk 12:35-37
<b>Saturday</b>	2 Tm 4:1-8; Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22; Mk 12:38-44
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity</b> Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9; Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56; 2 Cor 13:11-13; Jn 3:16-18

### 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 Trincanella, Rob Loia, Gail Muhammed, Terri Abrams, Louis Cicitta, John Jennings, Madeline Longo, Janet Friedman, Janet Stiles, Ruth Puoti, Michael Grogan, John Hefferon, Doris 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 Giacobone, 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, Fr. Eugene Romano.

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.

### PRAY FOR OUR ESSENTIAL WORKERS

Our book of intentions is always open in our church, for parishioners to write the names of those they would like us to pray for. At this time, so many of our family and friends are not able to stay at home during this pandemic, and are going to work each day, performing essential duties that allow us to stay at home. If you would like to add a name (or names) of an essential worker to our book of intentions, please email us, and we will add the names to our book of intentions and pray for them at each Mass.

### ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

Geraldine Richard  
Wife of Jerome

Jean Plumstead

### 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 Richard Galluzzo Serving in Afghanistan, Lt. Thomas Keyes Jr.; Capt. 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; 1<sup>st</sup> 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 SPECIAL THANKS NOTED

Good Samaritan Ministry thanks parishioners **Paul Boehler, Matt Cooney, Tom Fennelly, John Reilly, and Ed Ryer** for volunteering to help with errands and shopping for our elderly and homebound parishioners during the Covid-19 pandemic. Without these gentlemen, Good Samaritan Ministry could not have carried out its mission to those who needed us.

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.

**GOD BLESS YOU**  
Have a Great Week



## PENTECOST

**“Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language?” (Acts of the Apostles 2: 1-11) Jesus breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit.” (John 20: 19-23)**

Today we celebrate Pentecost, the Birthday of the Church, when the Holy Spirit descended on the Apostles. We praise God for the gifts of the Holy Spirit given to each of us as the most joyous Easter Season ends. We accept the responsibility to continue the work of Jesus Christ and commit to building God's reign of justice, love and peace. This is especially important during these trying days of the Coronavirus Pandemic. Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy.

In this book **The Kind of Brave You Wanted to Be**, the late storyteller Brian Doyle tells of riding on an elevator when a man and his four-year-old daughter got on. Brian asked what floor they wanted and the little girl said, Seven million. Brian played along: he reached up as high as he could to press an imaginary button, and up they went. On the ride up they talked about “how the buttons were twice as big as any giant's fingers” and how older buildings didn't “have thirteenth floors, isn't that funny, that an ancient superstition would still be reflected in modern buildings?” By now the little girl was dancing with delight and her dad and Brian were smiling at her merriment. When they came to their floor, the door opened, and the little girl waved goodbye and leapt away. But the dad hesitated a second and said quietly, “Hey, thanks.”

Brian Doyle writes of that moment, “I knew just what [her father] meant — something like thanks for being four years old for a minute. We have those moments when we are all the same age, from the same country, with the same language on our teeth, and it never lasts too long, but it always feels weirdly familiar, doesn't it? Like we are home again for a moment, with family we hardly get to see.”

In the Pentecost event, the Spirit of God enables Peter and the community of disciples to break down the barriers of language to reveal God's peace in the midst of all these visitors to Jerusalem. Just as generosity of heart and a little girl's carefree joy lets her dad and Brian Doyle “be four years old for a minute,” God's Pentecost Spirit enables us to break down the “adult” barriers of age, culture, nationality, race, gender and creed to realize God's vision of an earth that serves as home to one human family, united in peace, respect and justice. (Connections)

I also want to share with you a section from the dogmatic constitution of the Church of the Second Vatican Council (Lumen Gentium nn. 4 et 12), which describes the mission of the Holy Spirit in the Church.

*When the work which the Father gave the Son to do on earth was accomplished, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost in order that He might continually sanctify the Church, and thus, all those who believe would have access through Christ in one Spirit to the Father. He is the Spirit of Life, a fountain of water springing up to life eternal. To men, dead in sin, the Father gives life through Him, until, in Christ, He brings to life their mortal bodies. The Spirit dwells in the Church and in the hearts of the faithful, as in a temple. In them He prays on their behalf and bears witness to the fact that they are adopted sons. The Church, which the Spirit guides in way of all truth and which He unified in communion and in works of ministry, He both equips and directs with hierarchical and charismatic gifts and adorns with His fruits. By the power of the Gospel He makes the Church keep the freshness of youth. Uninterruptedly He renews it and leads it to perfect union with its Spouse. The Spirit and the Bride both say to Jesus, the Lord, “Come!” Thus, the Church has been seen as “a people made one with the unity of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.”*

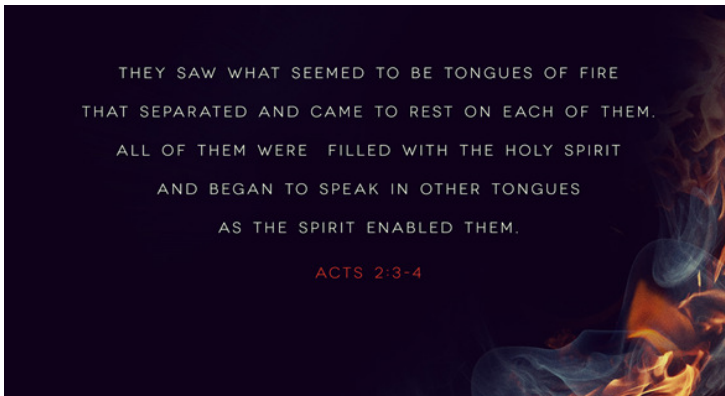
*The holy people of God shares also in Christ's prophetic office; it spreads abroad a living witness to Him, especially by means of a life of faith and charity and by offering to God a sacrifice of praise, the tribute of lips which give praise to His name. The entire body of the faithful, anointed as they are by the Holy One, cannot err in matters of belief. They manifest this special property by means of the whole peoples' supernatural discernment in matters of faith when*

*“from the Bishops down to the last of the lay faithful” they show universal agreement in matters of faith and morals. That discernment in matters of faith is aroused and sustained by the Spirit of truth. It is exercised under the guidance of the sacred teaching authority, in faithful and respectful obedience to which the people of God accepts that which is not just the word of men but truly the word of God. Through it, the people of God adheres unwaveringly to the faith given once and for all to the saints, penetrates it more deeply with right thinking, and applies it more fully in its life.*

Happy Pentecost! Happy Birthday!  
In Christ's Peace,

THEY SAW WHAT SEEMED TO BE TONGUES OF FIRE  
THAT SEPARATED AND CAME TO REST ON EACH OF THEM.  
ALL OF THEM WERE FILLED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT  
AND BEGAN TO SPEAK IN OTHER TONGUES  
AS THE SPIRIT ENABLED THEM.

ACTS 2:3-4



### INSPIRED TO BE ONE IN THE SPIRIT OF JESUS

People around the world seem to be so divided from each other. Often the source of division is not even clear. What is clear is that it is not God's will that we be alienated from one another.

*Adults:* When I take an honest look at my life, how do I determine the major fault lines of division that keep me separated from other people and from God?

*Children:* How do I know that everyone belongs to one family, God's family?

*A Family Perspective:* Pentecost is sometimes called the birthday of the Church. The Gospel for Pentecost reminds us that the Church begins with the command to forgive. Within the family, the domestic Church, we learn how to forgive and how to accept forgiveness. The gift of the Holy Spirit enables us to do both. Today is a fitting time to share a family celebration of reconciliation.

As you gather together as a family, sit quietly for a few minutes, inviting everyone to reflect upon their need to forgive and to receive forgiveness. If there is a situation or an issue within the family that needs attention, spend some time reflecting on how your family might address it. Read together today's Gospel, John 20:19-23. Talk together about how Jesus gave us the gift of the Holy Spirit to help us in the work of forgiveness and to bring us peace. Pray together today's Psalm or the [Prayer to the Holy Spirit](#), asking that the Holy Spirit help your family. Share with one another a Sign of Peace.

### 2020 CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD DRIVE

The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted those living in poverty the most and Catholic Charities, Diocese of Paterson's three Food Pantries are giving out more food than ever before.

Visit [www.ccpaterson.org/corpus](http://www.ccpaterson.org/corpus) for more information and visit [www.yougivegoods.com/ccpaterson-fooddrive2020](http://www.yougivegoods.com/ccpaterson-fooddrive2020) to find our parish, and shop for our pantries in need.

You may also email: [Info@ccpaterson.org](mailto:Info@ccpaterson.org) or call (973) 737-2077 ext.403 with any questions or to donate food directly to Catholic Charities Food Pantries.

### YOUTH MINISTER, ASSUMPTION PARISH, MORRISTOWN, NJ

Assumption Parish is in need of a qualified, experienced person in the position of Youth Minister who will serve those members of the parish who are in high school (grades 9-12), will work in collaboration with the parish staff, and will be responsible to the Pastor. The Youth Minister will develop and coordinate a program that will provide social, educational, spiritual, and service opportunities.

Email [Linda.Macios@assumptionparish.org](mailto:Linda.Macios@assumptionparish.org) for a complete job description.

### 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 24 was \$15,928. The collection for that weekend last year was \$19,658.

I am most grateful to you for your sacrificial giving during this pandemic. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. Your constant generosity enables us to accomplish the Lord's work during these trying, difficult times. We must remember the words of St. Faustina, "Jesus, I trust in you."

### FROM THE LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

So many of you have been asking what you can do to help us out in this difficult time so we are humbly requesting assistance from our good friends in collecting the food items that we are in great need of. Due to the current health crisis our collecting Sisters are unable to go out on their regular rounds obtaining these supplies for us. They are also not able to hold their monthly grocery store begging where most of these items would be donated.

Here is the list of items and the instructions for dropping off donations: -Cheerios, Corn Flakes, Rice Krispies, Raisin Bran, Bran Flakes, Special K, Oatmeal (no instant oatmeal, old fashioned only), sugar, Tomato Sauce (any kind), Tuna Fish, Peanut Butter, Yellow Mustard, Ketchup, Mayonnaise (these 3 in squeeze bottles works best for us), Snack Pack Puddings, Jell-O Cups, Apple Sauce Cups, Fruit Cups, (all either regular or sugar free packs or cups,) and baby wipes.

All donations can be dropped off at the Shepherd Lane back entrance Tues. – Thurs. between 9:00am and 12:00pm and 2:00pm – 5:00pm after which the gate will be closed. There will be a table in the open middle garage for donations as well as paper for you to leave your name and information for an acknowledgement if you need one.

If you do not feel comfortable shopping for us, a food store gift card would also be gratefully accepted and a trusted employee or volunteer can do the shopping. We understand that the need is great in so many places in our area but we would appreciate anything that you could do for us. Monetary donations can be made at [www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoortotowa.org)

Please know that we are keeping all of our good friends and benefactors, who are so devoted to our Residents and our Home all year long, in our daily prayers. We especially pray that everyone remain safe and healthy.

Gratefully yours,

*Sr Mary Thomas L.S.P.*

Superior  
The Little Sisters of the Poor

### Assumption Policies for Sunday Masses

Everyone should be aware that **the dispensation from the obligation to participate in Sunday and Holy Day Masses remains in effect** until further notice. This means that the obligation to attend Mass is suspended. If you are not comfortable with going back to Mass, or if you have any underlying health conditions, or your age makes you more vulnerable to Covid 19, then you are encouraged to stay home and continue participating in the Liturgy of the Mass through livestreaming. We will also continue to livestream the daily 12:05 Mass.

#### Mass Times, Church Cleaning and Pew Configuration

- In order to allow for proper disinfecting of the church between Masses, our weekend Masses will be held at **5:30 pm on Saturday and at 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., and 12:15 p.m.** on Sunday. There will be no 7:00 a.m. Sunday Mass.
- The church will be cleaned and disinfected between Masses. **We need at least 8 volunteers per Mass** to clean the church. If we do not have the volunteers, we may have to reconsider the number of Masses we can offer. If you are between the ages of 18 and 60, and have no underlying health conditions, please consider volunteering for our Covid Compliance Crew. Contact Bill Duggan, our Crew Coordinator via email at [wcdugganjr@hotmail.com](mailto:wcdugganjr@hotmail.com), or call him at 973-960-6417. Training and PPE will be provided.
- Pews available for seating will be numbered and configured for social distancing regulations and the size of your household group. The number of people allowed to attend each mass will be determined by state regulations.

#### Reserving Your Seat and Attending Mass

- With a restricted number of people allowed to be at each Mass, parishioners must reserve a seat to attend Mass. The reservation process will be done online through a link on our parish website. Each household must list the names of those attending Mass and contact information for the head of household. This information is necessary for contact tracing in the event someone at that Mass tests positive for Covid. **A printout of your reservation confirmation will be needed for you to gain admission into the church.**
- Reservation for Mass will be on a week by week basis. Households can reserve seats to attend one Mass per weekend. The reservation link will go live Tuesdays at 9:00 a.m. and will close Thursdays at noon for the following weekend. Once all seats are filled you will not be able to make a reservation.
- There will be a small number of reservations accepted by phone **only for those who do not use the internet**. Call 973-539-2141 ext. 11 for phone reservations. Your reservation information will be confirmed by phone from the office.
- Entrance into the church will be through the Maple Avenue doors only. Doors will open 15 minutes before each Mass to allow time for you to present your reservation confirmation to the ushers. You must present your reservation confirmation to the usher and he/she will help you find your assigned pew.
- Protective Masks must be worn for anyone attending Mass. (Those 2 years of age and under are not required to wear a mask.) We strongly recommend you bring your own hand sanitizer to be used just before receiving communion. Anyone refusing to wear a mask or face covering will not be able to enter the church.
- Bathrooms should only be used in the case of emergency, and disinfecting supplies will be available for you to clean after you have used the bathroom. This is necessary to protect the health of others. Children must be accompanied by an adult.
- At the conclusion of Mass pews will exit the church row by row, with the help of our ushers. You must leave the church when Mass ends so that our Compliance Crew can clean the church in preparation for the next Mass. You will leave through the Maple Avenue door and the side doors of the church. No private prayer will be allowed. We regret this necessary restriction.
- Parishioners should then return to their cars. Please do not congregate outside the church.

#### During Mass

- All Missalettes and Hymnals and cushions have been removed from the church. A weekly worship aid will be sent via Flocknote for you to print and bring to Mass if you choose. You are also welcome to bring your own cushion.
- All prayers will be recited. There may be instrumental music, but no singing.
- There will be large baskets for you to place your offertory envelope at the main entrance and by the two side doors as you exit. There will be no offertory procession.
- The process for receiving communion will be explained at the Mass. The strong recommendation is that all parishioners receive the Eucharist by hand. Please use your hand sanitizer first.
- The priest celebrating the Mass will guide us through any other modifications.

Thank you for reading, understanding and accepting these policies that are necessary for our safety and well being. Once again, we ask that everyone approach this reopening with a patient, loving and charitable mindset, and always with gratitude to God for the gift of the Eucharist.





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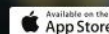
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