

Since 1848 The Parish Family of

*The Church of the Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Welcomes You

January 17, 2021



As we pray for you, we ask for your prayers.

*Mass
Schedule*

Saturday

8:00 a.m.

5:30 p.m.

Sunday

7:00, 8:30, 10:00 a.m.

12:15 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

(Sept.-May)

Weekdays

7:00 a.m.

12:05 p.m.

Holy Days

5:30 p.m. Vigil

(Day Before)

7:00 a.m. &

12:05, 7:30 p.m.

National Holidays

9:00 a.m.



Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Visit our Website: www.assumptionparish.org

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In Residence: Rev. Przemyslaw Gawlik

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

Parish Coordinator—Linda Macios

Secretary—Liz Rotunno

Business Manager—Robyn Morris

Parish Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 8:30—4 p.m. Friday 8:30—3 p.m.

Parish Registration: Call 973-539-2141 or visit the parish website at www.assumptionparish.org.

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Sr. Merris Larkin, S.C. Principal

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Sharon Bertram: Coordinator Grades 6, 7, and 8
Clare Ettensohn: Confirmation—973-267-8519
Tara Speer: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Sue Paradise: Secretary

The Faith Formation traditional program for kindergarten through 8th grade will meet virtually for 2020-2021. Second grade sacramental prep will have a blended model, face-to-face and virtual. Confirmation prep will also have a blended model. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes will meet September–April on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and will adhere to all state guidelines and regulations.

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

Diana Loughman: Cemetery Director
Emerson Brito, Emerson Pavezzi: Caretakers

Church Sexton—Doug Reisch

Deaf Interpreter - Kathleen Skaf

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

During Covid, confessions are heard by appointment only.

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.

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 Zarembo	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	Maira 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	Clare Ettensohn	973-267-8519

MASS INTENTIONS	
SATURDAY	January 16
8:00 a.m.	The Kane Family (Living)
5:30 p.m.	Kay Cornine Agnes Kuchera
SUNDAY	January 17
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:00 a.m.	Timothy Romagna Loretta Cox
10:00 a.m.	Elaine Metzger Ray Cornine
12:15 p.m.	Elizabeth T. Cooke Thomas Manghue
5:30 p.m.	Joan Herbert Giuseppe Milelli
MONDAY	January 18
9:00 a.m.	The Deceased members of the DeWitt/Rotunno Family
TUESDAY	January 19
7:00 a.m.	Aniceto Orbeta, Sr.
12:05 p.m.	Benito Miranda
WEDNESDAY	January 20
7:00 a.m.	Wieslawa Jaszewska
12:05 p.m.	Emily Margaret Griffin Madeline Longo
THURSDAY	January 21
7:00 a.m.	Richard Doran, Sr.
12:05 p.m.	Fr. Przemek Nowak (Living)
FRIDAY	January 22
7:00 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Parish
12:05 p.m.	Madeline Longo
SATURDAY	January 23
8:00 a.m.	Madeline Longo
5:30 p.m.	Charles and Jeanne Seergy Louise Fichot
SUNDAY	January 24
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:00 a.m.	Patrick Larkin Paul Torres
10:00 a.m.	Zbigniew Jablonski Mary Ann Treza
12:15 p.m.	Albert J. Kelly Frank Scalfani
5:30 p.m.	Mary MacNeill John Abbondanzo

HELP NEEDED AFTER LITURGIES

Assumption Church needs many volunteers to help us assist those attending Mass each weekend, to answer questions, to sanitize the church after each Mass, and monitor compliance with the requirement to wear a mask or face covering. Volunteers should be between the ages of 18 and 60, and have no underlying health conditions. If you can help contact Bill Duggan, at wcdugganjr@hotmail.com or 973-960-6417.

First Reading: **1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19**

Our first reading from the Hebrew Scriptures describes the call of the prophet Samuel. He is to become one of those spokespersons for God who speak God's word to the chosen people.

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a,17-20**

This second reading begins several weeks of excerpts from Paul's first letter to the Church in Corinth. In this portion, Paul warns the newly converted Gentiles that they must forsake their former practices. Among these behaviors was ritual prostitution at pagan temples. Paul admonishes the Corinthians that their own bodies are now "temples" that have been joined into the body of Christ.

Gospel: **John 1:35-42**

Our Gospel reading is the opening scene of John's Gospel. In it, those who are the first to encounter Jesus begin to spread the news that God's Anointed One has come.



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

Monday	Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday	Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday	Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday	Heb 7:25—8:6; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday	Heb 8:6-13; Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday	Heb 9:2-3, 11-14; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday	Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

**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, Jack Guerriero, Francesca Kobylarz-Bongiorno, Saletha Corbin, Ray Donovan, Stephanie Trincanello, Rob Loia, Terri Abrams, Louis Cicitta, John Jennings, Janet Friedman, Janet Stiles, Audrey Roast, Vivian Hart, Debra Phillip, Capt. Roseanne Hartley, Gloria Dabal, Millie Fragopane, Norman Gravino, Kenneth Bodnar, Dr. Orlando Ternen, Linda Leo, Michael Scavone, David Levit, Sylvia Walsh, Philip Barret, Rowland Lucid, Francis Romance, Joey Jones, Marianne Jones, Joe Jones, Anthony Sauchelli, Angela Caraccia, Maria Marrero-Kirc, Ian Nguyen, Rossana Wright, Jim Wright, Will Cofnuk, Fred Lawless, Margarita Pagan, Kyle Gannon, Mary Author, Marie-Abou-Daoud, Irma Zuwolinsky, Cody Diorio, Fr. Philip-Michael Tangorra, Fr. Edwin Saumut, Len Solimene, Richard Giacabone, Frank Vallario, Walter Touchette, Ray Maskal, Dale Potter, Sr. Joan Daniel Healy, Fr. Joseph Lugo, Fr. Leonardo Jaramillo, Rev. Yohan Serrano, Jean McHugh, Lonnie Ridley, Fr. Eugene Romano, Catherine and Raymond Corrine, Joseph Luayon, Vincent Marella, Fr. Rick Hardy, Phyllis Savage, Kiva Sullivan, Carl Sullivan, Mark Anderl, Reginald Flowers, David and Linda Barillo, Paul Torres, Stephanie Bailey, David Baime, Margo Milecofsky, Susan McGovern, Beverly Noreault, James Buckley, Mary Anne Gotch, Tom Walsh, Regina Bennett, Valdo Brito, Eric Simonsen, Rev. Milton Comargo, Lilian Vargas, James Basile, Jack Anderson, Anita Sullivan, Sal Enea, Patty Gallagher, Mark Enea, Brian LaBoryf, Sr. Jo Mascera, Charolette Spires, Richard Comerford, Andrew Sudylo, Delia McGee and Maurice Elbeck, Tony Pace, Kathleen Peg, Maria and Sidney Bowers, Msgr. George Dudak, Donald Karsko, Alex Donahoe, Bobby and Felicia Callagy, Jennie Byram, Don Karsko, Holly O'Boyle, Carol Burns, Jeff and Marie Frew, Doris Costello, Jamari Harris-Gomez and Maria Gomez-Espinal, Donita Judge, Luis Jiminez, Angela Caraccia, Rob, Lindsay Chabak, Ann Waller, Danny Leo, Maryann Casale

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.

**2020 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL
"LOVE THY NEIGHBOR"**

If you have not yet responded to the 2020 Diocesan Ministries Appeal, there is still time to do so since the 2020 Appeal funds ministries and programs through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2021. Your gift is a great blessing and valued so we can serve Christ by serving his people. For your convenience, you can make an online gift at www.2020appeal.org.

**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; 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

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 our Good Samaritan coordinator for the month of January, Carole Hires 973-538-8651.



COME AND YOU WILL SEE

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” — which translated means Teacher —, “where are you staying?” (John 1: 35-42)

On this Second Sunday of the Church Year we have returned to Ordinary Time; we will be reading from the Gospel according to Mark and also from John’s Gospel. Today we see the very beginning of Jesus’ ministry in John’s account of the call of the first disciples. He tells them to come and see where he lives. Here is a story I hope you will enjoy.

Dr. Mark Quale is an emergency room physician in Burlington, North Carolina. Like many health care workers during the pandemic, Dr. Quale has been putting in 70- and 80-hour weeks at his hospital — but just as stressful has been the fear that he might bring the virus home to his wife, young boys and mother-in-law. So, when he would come home, he would strip off his scrubs on the porch and walk a specific route to a bathroom cordoned off by a tarp where he would shower.

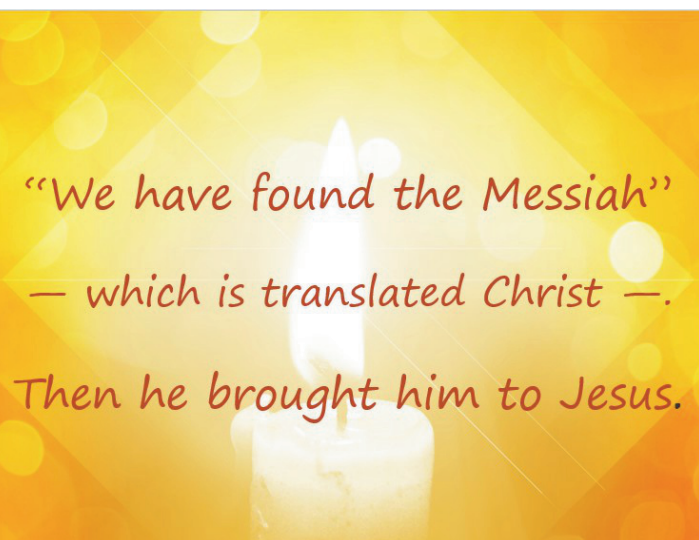
But now, Dr. Quale isolates himself in a 31-foot-travel trailer parked in their yard. The loan of the trailer is the work of RVs4MDs, a Facebook group organized to connect health care workers with RVs so they can isolate near their homes. From a critical care nurse in Boston to an ER doctor in Lynchburg, Virginia, RVs4MDs has matched health care workers with RVs, trailers and campers in their area. To date, the group has matched 1,500 RVs with nurses, doctors, EMTs and paramedics around the country.

RVs4MDs began in April when Emily Phillips posted a request on her Facebook page asking if anybody had an RV her family could borrow for Emily’s husband, an ER doctor in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Holly Haggard replied offering her family’s RV to the Phillips. Emily and Holly realized they were on to something and the two women created RVs4MDs. Within a week of posting their idea on Facebook, hundreds of RV owners signed on.

Before the arrival of Holly’s RV, Emily says, “I was a nervous wreck. Every time my husband walked in the door or put his hand on something, I thought we were going to get (COVID-19), including my baby. But now that he’s in that RV, I’m back to my life, focused on my full-time job and my kids, and it’s completely changed our situation.”

Dr. Quale and his family in North Carolina were matched with an RV from Kelsey and Tim Webb. The two families had never met, but Tim Webb drove his trailer for almost three hours to the Quales’ home. The Webbs gave the keys to the Quales, telling them they could use the trailer as long as they needed it.

Renting their RV is a source of income for the Webbs, but Kelsey Webb says donating it to the Quales was a “no-brainer.” “This family was in need and this was the one way we could help.” Kelsey says. “You can’t put a price tag on this . . . It just makes my heart happy that we’re able to do this for them and give them peace of mind.” [CNN, April 1, 2020; *The Boston Globe*, September 12, 2020.]



In today’s Gospel, the first disciples meet Jesus and ask where he is staying — “Come, and you will see.” Jesus dwells in every place where all are welcome and cared for; Jesus makes his home where everyone is assured a place; Jesus stays wherever compassion and forgiveness are readily offered. Jesus’ “place” includes RVs and campers offered to provide a level of security and safety to medical personnel and their families during these difficult days. May our homes become fitting dwelling places for Christ to “stay,” where all are received with humble generosity and honor as we would welcome Christ himself. (Connections)

In Christ’s Peace,
Father John

POINTING TO JESUS

Andrew is so excited over his new insights that he rushes to share the news with his brother, Simon. Andrew points out Jesus to his brother. Through the witness of his brother, Simon believes and is given a new name, Peter. Similarly, John the Baptist lets go of his claim over his followers, pointing to Jesus as the One long awaited.

Adults: In what ways do I point (witness) to Jesus as I share my life with others.

Children: What would I say to Jesus if I spent an afternoon with him?

A Family Perspective: In today's Gospel we learn about one of at least two family relations that appear among Jesus' first disciples. Andrew is the brother of Simon, whom Jesus renames Peter. From the very beginning of the Church, families helped one another to know and follow Jesus. We hope and pray that this continues to be true in our family life.

Before your family gathers, look around your house and gather some items that your family might have that remind you of your faith. In our family life, we help to lead one another to Jesus. Talk together about the items that you gathered, discussing what these items mean to you and how you might use them during the day for prayer. Pray that your family will continue to help one another grow in our faith in Jesus.

MEN'S CORNERSTONE WEEKEND IS COMING**What is the Men's Cornerstone Weekend?**

The Men's Cornerstone weekend is a 24-hour experience that begins on Friday evening at 5:30 p.m., and culminates with the Saturday Evening Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.* During this weekend you will become more conscious of how Christ is the Cornerstone of your life... how He enables us to live, grow and become more loving and to rise in our faith. It's a great opportunity to meet other men who also seek a conversion of the heart. The Cornerstone Weekend is a much needed spiritual lift from the daily routine of our lives.

To speak with someone about the retreat, contact Matt Cooney at mcooney1973@gmail.com. To register visit <https://ndcarmel.com/mens-cornerstone-retreat>.

*Due to Covid our upcoming retreat will not include the overnight stay at the church on Friday evening.

FROM HUNGER TO HOPE

The Interfaith Food Pantry and Resource Center is a community of "neighbors helping neighbors" committed to ending hunger and supporting self-sufficiency. Through our community partners we provide nutritious food, education and resources to inspire confidence and hope to Morris County families in need.

In response to the COVID-19 crisis, IFP is changing its food collection practices in accordance with social distancing guidelines. Donations may be dropped off in an orange bin at our Morris Plains location: 2 Executive Drive on Monday-Friday, from 9:30am-4:30pm.

MASS ATTENDANCE JANUARY 9/10

	In Church (People)	Online (Households)
5:30 p.m.	70	116
8:00 a.m.	64	152
10:00 a.m.	102	163
12:15 p.m.	74	68
5:30 p.m.	45	38
Total:	355	537

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**Assumption is a Tithing Parish**

The collection total for the weekend of January 9/10 was \$17,111. The collection total for this weekend last year was \$21,187.

The Christmas collection to date is \$162,722.

Pastors Note: Thank you so much for your most generous support of Assumption Parish in our Christmas collection. Your sacrificial giving enables us to accomplish our mission of evangelization. I am so grateful to you for your weekly offertory donations. Your unstinting generosity during this pandemic provides a wonderful witness of you are a great charity and faith. Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

**ETERNAL REST
GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD**

Charles Myers
Father of Thomas Myers

Officer Brian Silknick
Ashli Babbitt
Kevin Greerson
Benjamin Phillips
Roseanne Boyland

FROM OUR FRIENDS AT FAMILY PROMISE

To Our Friends at Assumption Church—
"I can't believe that someone I never met saved my Christmas and I had gifts to put under my tree for my kids. It is truly amazing!"
Teresa
- single mom of 8 children
Thank you for so generously supporting our families during the holidays!
You brought joy and smiles to many little ones and bigger ones, too!
We are truly grateful for every gift and look forward to serving together in 2021!
Your friends at Family Promise :)

GOOD SHEPHERD SHARES JOY AT CHRISTMAS

On Tuesday, December 23, 2020, 189 backpacks decorated with prayers and filled with toiletries, essential undergarments, socks, hats and gloves were delivered to Catholic Charities Straight and Narrow Program in Paterson.

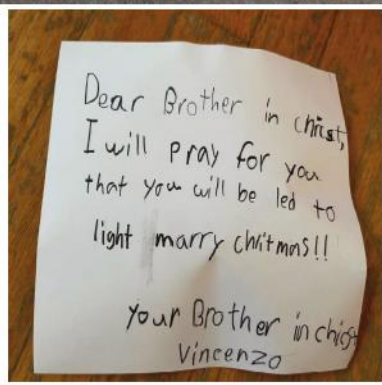
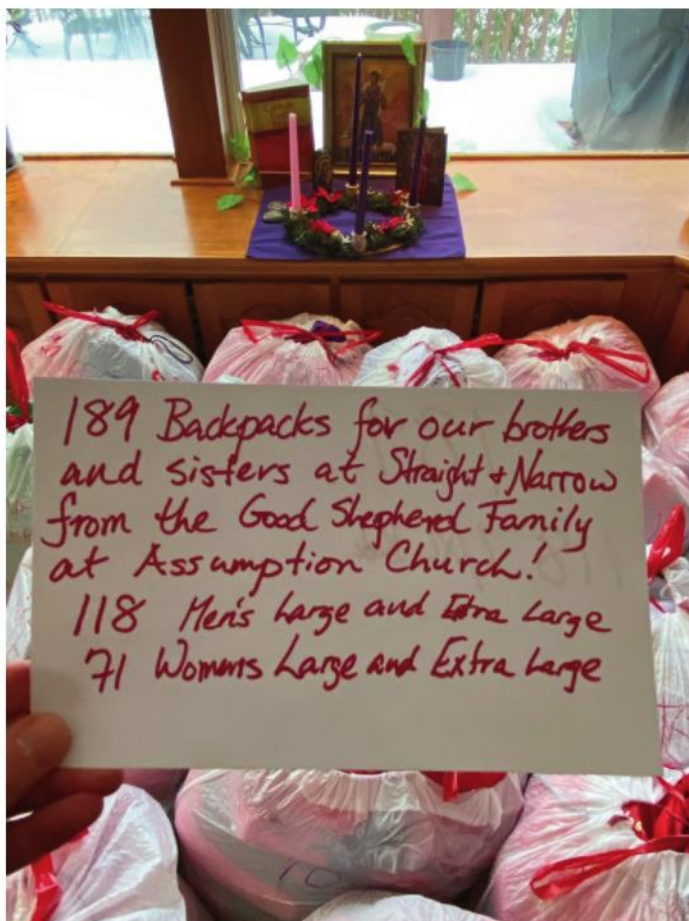
As part of Advent Service, the children and families enrolled in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program at Assumption Church in Morristown prepared these backpacks and prayers of encouragement with great love.

The children spent their Advent atrium sessions selecting and illustrating beloved Scriptural prophecies and passages, as well as composing prayers of encouragement for our brothers and sisters at Straight and Narrow. Donations for the project came from Good Shepherd parents and staff members as well as the Assumption Church Community.

One Level II child chose the passage Isaiah 9:1: *"The people who walked in darkness have seen a great Light; upon those who lived in a land of gloom, a Light has shone."* On the other side of her prayer card, she shared these words of encouragement: *"Dear Sister, Soon a light will appear in your life even though you live darkness right now a light will appear."*

Fr. Bill Naughton and his staff received the bags and were grateful to the Good Shepherd children and families for remembering and supporting them during their time of need. Due to the stresses of the Covid-19 pandemic, meeting increased needs requires increased support.

Fr. Bill asked one of the brothers to share his thoughts on what the gifts of the backpacks, toiletries and prayers meant to him: "Thank you. This means everything to us. It gives us hope. Some of us never have anything new so having something new on the outside makes us feel better and makes us want to work more on the inside."



GOD BLESS ALL THE BABIES BAPTIZED AT ASSUMPTION CHURCH IN FALL AND WINTER 2020

Patrick Jordan Ryan
Child of Patrick and Jennifer Ryan

Mackenzie Rose Porter
Child of Andrew and Jennifer Porrtter

William Michael O'Neill
Child of Joshua and Caitlin O'Neill

Emelia Marie Davis
Child of Brian and Alexa Davis

Liam James Maico
Child of Mark and Kristan Maico

Gabriella Grace Sprague
Child of Christopher and Lisa Sprague

Christian Alexander Lazor
Child of Thaddeus and Alexis Kolenut

Salvatore Louis Nocera
Child of Salvatore and Melissa Nocera

Ashley Francesca Longo
Child of Robert and Erin Longo

Cara Rose Borkowski
Child of Michael and Mary Borkowski

Bradley John Pierson
Child of James and Michelle Pierson

Medelyn Rae Tahan
Child of Thomas and Caitlin Tahan

Marley Caitlyn Charles
Child of Rashwan and Archley Johnson

Isabella Rosemarie Kowalski
Child of Joseph and Kiersten Kowalski

Declan Philip Amato
Child of Brian and Erin Amato

Riley Nicole Avdoyan
Child of Richard and Alexis Avdoyan

Delaney Jones O'Connor
Child of Sean and Sarah O'Connor

Cora Mary Heitmann
Child of Michael and Sara Heitmann
Quinn Kathryn Morrissey
Child of Sean and Linda Morrissey

Valentina Olivia Nevoso
Child of Jonathon and Christina Nevosa

Ava Madison Stoffel
Child of David and Michele Stoffel

Olivia Parker Stoffel
Child of David and Michele Stoffel

Randene Marie Beyerl
Child of Eric and Stefanie Beyerl

Liliana Asaura Bonilla Cabassa
Child of Camilo and Danielle Bonilla

Aubrey Michelle Ackley
And **Olivia Grayce Ackley**
Child of Gary and Autumn Ackley

Vanessa May Furka
Child of Christopher and Kristin Furka

Aila Maelle Tenenbaum
Child of William and Aileen Postlethwaite

Alyssa Isabella Arza
Child of Alwara and Laura Hollinger

Taylor Tighe Perkins
Child of David and Taryn Perkins

John Richard Kenneally
Child of Brian and Amy Kenneally

Emily Jane Logue
Child of Michael and Alexis Logue

Luca Charles Marrello
Child of Michael and Daniella Marrello

Jacob Oliver Groscinski
Child of Chris and Megan Groscinski

James Joseph Greeves
Child of James and Alexandra Greeves

Timothy Andrew Brost
Child of Michael and Melissa Brost

Amelia Louise Pinto
Child of Samuel and Theresa Pinto

Jack Raymond Donovan
Child of Matthew and Caitlin Donovan

Henry Francis Goldrick
Child of Francis and Lauren Goldrick

Laura Vickery Gulley
Child of Robert and Alecia Gulley

Lilliam Rose Kropilak
Child of Andrew and Morgan Kropilak

Jacoby Snyder Smock
Child of Ricahrd and Christine Smock

Charlotte Blanchette Wentworth
Child of Grant and Meghan Wentworth

Luke David O'Brien
Child of Matthew and Nellaney O'Brien

Sophie Marie Porras
Child of Jose and Solena Porras

Carter Owen Reedy
Child of Stephen and Ansley Reedy

Jackson Andrew Schwartz
Child of David and Jacquelyn Schwartz

Wyatt James Fennessey
Child of Bryan and Nicole Fennessey

Evan Michael Moreno
Child of Alexander and Jenna Moreno

Lea Elizabeth Capasso
Child of Charles and Kelly Capasso

Sofia Anne Cosini
Child of Giancarlo and Lauren Cosini

Layla Rachel Maresca
Child of Francis and Laura Maresco

Claudia Gardner
Child of Charlie and Ann William

Iris Mary Elizabeth Pskowski
Child of Andrew and Leigh Pskowski

Peter Francis Kopcko
Child of Steven and Deidre Kopcko

Nicholas Manfred Rein, Jr.
Child of Nicholas and Meghan Rein

Chase Daniel O'Connor
Child of Daniel and Erica O'Connor

Caden Quinn O'Connor
Child of Daniel and Erica O'Connor



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A Call for Prayer & Fasting to End Abortion

January 22, 2021

We, the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, ask Catholics and people of good will to join us on Friday January 22, 2021, the 48th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, in a Day of Prayer and Fasting to end abortion.

As we mark this tragic event in our nation's history, we remember the millions of lives lost to abortion and pray for the mothers and fathers left to suffer the tragic effects.

The Catholic Church is committed to protecting all life from conception to natural death. We will work vigorously to ensure the laws of our state and country protect and defend the intrinsic dignity of all people.

We humbly implore our Blessed Mother under her title of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas and Protectress of the Unborn, to intercede on our behalf that these efforts to end abortion are guided by mercy, compassion, and above all charity.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
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POPE FRANCIS PROCLAIMS “YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH”

With the Apostolic Letter “*Patris corde*” (“With a Father’s Heart”), Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a “Year of Saint Joseph” from today, 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021.

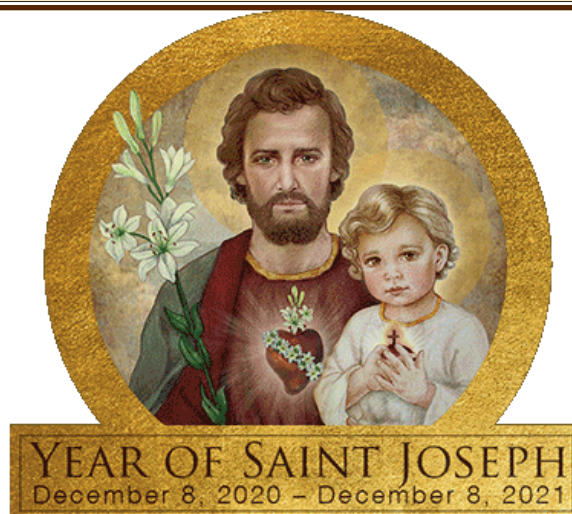
Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows.

The Letter marks the 150th anniversary of Blessed Pope Pius IX’s declaration of St Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To celebrate the anniversary, Pope Francis has proclaimed a special “Year of St Joseph,” beginning on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception 2020 and extending to the same feast in 2021.

The Holy Father wrote *Patris corde* against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic, which, he says, has helped us see more clearly the importance of “ordinary” people who, though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, “the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence,” who nonetheless played “an incomparable role in the history of salvation.”

The Apostolic Penitentiary also issued a decree granting special indulgences for the duration of the special year to celebrate the anniversary and “to perpetuate the entrustment of the whole Church to the powerful patronage of the Custodian of Jesus.”

- The plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful under the usual conditions (sacramental confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the Pope’s intentions) to Christians who, with a spirit detached from any sin, participate in the Year of St. Joseph on these occasions and manners indicated by the Apostolic Penitentiary:
- The plenary indulgence is granted to those who will meditate for at least 30 minutes on the Lord’s Prayer, or take part in a Spiritual Retreat of at least one day that includes a meditation on St. Joseph. “St. Joseph, an authentic man of faith, invites us”, the decree reads, “to rediscover our filial relationship with the Father, to renew fidelity to prayer, to listen and correspond with profound discernment to God’s will.”
- The indulgence can also be obtained by those who, following St. Joseph’s example, will perform a spiritual or corporal work of mercy. St. Joseph “encourages us to rediscover the value of silence, prudence and loyalty in carrying out our duties,” the decree notes.
- The recitation of the Holy Rosary in families and among engaged couples is another way of obtaining indulgences, in order that “all Christian families may be stimulated to recreate the same atmosphere of intimate communion, love and prayer that was in the Holy Family.”
- Everyone who entrusts their daily activity to the protection of St. Joseph, and every faithful who invokes the intercession of St. Joseph so that those seeking work can find dignifying work can also obtain the plenary indulgence. On 1 May 1955, Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of St. Joseph “with the intent that the dignity of work be recognized by all, and that it inspires social life and laws, based on the fair distribution of rights and duties.”
- The plenary indulgence is also granted to the faithful who will recite the Litany to St. Joseph (for the Latin tradition), or the *Akathistos* to St. Joseph (for the Byzantine tradition), or any other prayer to St. Joseph proper to the other liturgical traditions, for the persecuted Church *ad intra* and *ad extra*, and for the relief of all Christians suffering all forms of persecution. Because, the decree notes, “the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt shows us that God is there where man is in danger, where man suffers, where he runs away, where he experiences rejection and abandonment.”





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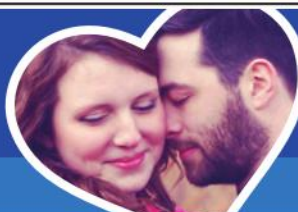
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