

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

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Pastor: Rev. Msgr. John E. Hart Parochial Vicar: Rev. Lukasz Wnuk In Residence: Rev. Przemyslaw Gawlik

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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.

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

Sr. Merris Larkin, S.C. Principal Faith Formation: 973-267-5638, Email: RelEd@assumptionparish.org

Linda Macios: Director

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 Covalesky, 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	973-234-6383	
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	Moira 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 May 1

8:00 a.m. Carol Debiasse Carmella Mauro 5:30 p.m. Joseph Zaremba

Joseph Fiori

**SUNDAY** May 2

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

Brian Cox 8:00 a.m.

Gina Gonzales

10:00 a.m. Peter Esposito

Joseph Moore

Carolyn Kubin 12:00 p.m.

Joseph Junas Calvin Zamarelli 5:30 p.m.

**MONDAY** May 3

> 7:00 a.m. Florence Klutsarits 12:05 p.m. Dan Ginty (Livig)

**TUESDAY** May 4

7:00 a.m. Laszlo Borhi 12:05 p.m. Joseph Baseil

WEDNESDAY May 5

7:00 a.m. Francisco Munoz

12:05 p.m. Paula-Rose Carducci (Living)

THURSDAY May 6

> Francisco Munoz 7:00 p.m. 12:05 p.m. Diane Carroll Sarah Ciszewski

May 7 **FRIDAY** 

Tom Walsh 7:00 a.m. 12:05 p.m. Susan Lanterman

SATURDAY May 8

8:00 a.m. Carol Debiasse

Charles and Jeanne Seergy 5:30 p.m.

Walter Glynn

SUNDAY May 9

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

The Sexton and Tedeschi Families 8:00 a.m.

Peter Marcketta

10:00 a.m. Agnes Koch

Perla Sy

12:00 p.m. Lisbeth Hernandez

Audrey Roast Sr,

5:30 p.m. Madeline Longo

Joseph Junas

### **NEW MASS SCHEDULE AND WEEKDAY MASS RESUMES**

On Saturday, May 1 we will resume our Saturday confession time, 4:15-5 p.m., and as of Sunday May 2 our Sunday Mass schedule will be 7, 8 and 10 a.m. and 12 noon and 5:30 (May 23 will be the last Sunday 5:30 Mass.) The two hour spread allows us time to thoroughly circulate the air before and after each Mass.

On Monday May 3 we will resume our weekday 7 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Masses, and Saturday 8:00 a.m.

Mass will resume May 8.

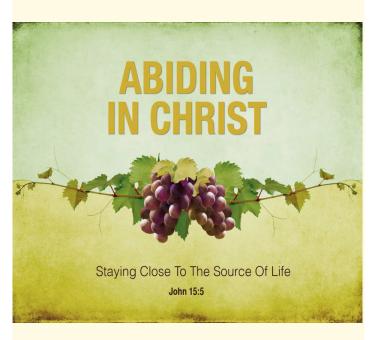
The church will be open for private prayer throughout the week. Please use the door on the rectory side of the church to enter.

irst Reading: Acts 9:26-31

An overall purpose of the Acts of the Apostles is to illustrate the spread of the Church out from Jerusalem as far as Rome, the imperial capital of the known world. This passage introduces Paul, the apostle whom Acts portrays as the leading figure in the preaching of the Christian message to the Gentile nations.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24
Continuing with our second second reading's presentation of the First Letter of John, we learn today that our statements of faith are credible only if we live according to Jesus' commands.

ospel: John 15:1-8
This passage from the Gospel of John stresses the need for a personal relationship with Jesus. The depth of that relationship will determine how well Christ's love is manifested in our lives.



### We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the Readings for the week of May 2

1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14 Monday

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11,

12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5;

Jn 15:1-8

**Thursday** Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10;

Jn 15:9-11

**Friday** Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12;

Jn 15:12-17

Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Saturday

Jn 15:18-21

Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday

Acts 10:25-26; 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1,

2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10;

Jn 15:9-17

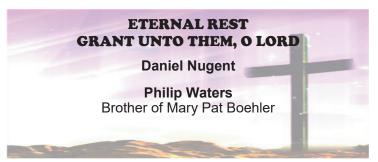
### PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE RECOVERY OF:

Charles Arteglier, Greg and John Baxter, Paula Rose Carducci, Jim Cavanaugh, John Hyland, 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, Capt. Roseanne Hartley, Gloria Dabal, Sylvia Walsh, Philip Barret, Rowland Lucid, Francis Romance, Margarita Pagan, Kyle Gannon, Mary Author, Irma Zuwolinsky, Marie-Abou-Daoud, Cody Diorio, Dale Potter, Sr. Joan Daniel Healy, Fr. Joseph Lugo, Fr. Leonardo Jaramillo, Rev. Yohan Serrano, Jean McHugh, Lonnie Ridley, Mary Anne Gotch, 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, Charolette Spires, Richard Comerford, Andew Sudylo, Delia McGee and Maurice Elbeck, Tony Pace, Kathleen Peg, Maria and Sidney Bowers, Msgr. George Dudak, Donald Karsko, Alex Donahoe, Danny Leo, Maryann Casale, Michael Moran, Sr., the Spruiel Family, Matius Kling, Blanca Kling, Aramina Lake, John Morris, Jean Brady, the Montagne Family, Patrick Sapio, Cheryl Biegel, Carmine Cavezza, Kerrie Bee, Diane J, Danielle M., Karch Csilla, Miriam Tamburello, Roman Gawlik, David Smith, Leonard Pergentile, Marie Dooner, Jill Kandel, Karen Chiappini, Noreen Rogers. Rita Roache-Buncum, Mark Anderl, Esther Salas, Nancy Prater, Renee Weeks, Mary Ann Gallo, Charlotte Dratch, Ed Peslak, Fr. John Connolly, Susan Lagrotteria, Ken Pelich, Holiday Hunter, Lilian Morales, Lorna Johnson, O'kereta Grate, Mary Louise Smith, Sr. Theresa Chiappa, Kenneth Krause, Lauren Baksa, Tom Jaworski, John Patterson,

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.

### **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 Audrey Geraghty, our Good Samaritan coordinator for the month of April, at (973) 538-3134.



### 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, SMSqt. 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.

### 2022 MASS BOOK OPENS MAY 19

The Assumption Church 2022 Mass Book will open Wednesday, May 19, at 10:00 a.m.

At this time we would ask that if you are scheduling your yearly masses, you make your requests by email - <a href="https://www.assumptionparish.org">www.assumptionparish.org</a> - or postal mail - 91 Maple Avenue, Morristown, NJ 07960 - or on our website at <a href="https://www.assumptionparish.org/mass-card-requests">www.assumptionparish.org/mass-card-requests</a>.

The donation for announced Masses remains \$10.00.



### **REMAIN IN JESUS**

"Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches." (John 15: 1-8)

As we continue rejoicing during this Easter Season, we return to Jesus at the Last Supper in John's Gospel addressing His disciples, sharing important advice before the Passion is about to begin. Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy.

One of the most beautiful but haunting films of the year is **Land**, the directorial debut of Robin Wright. Wright portrays Edee Holzer, a woman whose life has been shattered by the death of her husband and young son. Consumed by grief, Edee resolves to escape the world for a small, isolated cabin in the mountains of Wyoming. So intent is she on being alone that, when she sees an incoming call from her worried sister, she throws her phone in the nearest trash bin.

Arriving at the cabin, she unloads her rental truck and then asks the owner of the place to return the vehicle for her. "It's not a good idea to be here without a vehicle," he warns. "I'll be fine," Edee replied.

But as the beautiful mountain fall turns into a harsh mountain winter, Edee is soon not fine. She realizes how ill prepared she is to live alone in the wild. Out of food and fuel, Edee huddles in the shack waiting for the end.

Miguel Borras, who hunts in these mountains, finds her, dehydrated and starving. Miguel summons his sister Alawa, a nurse, and the two manage to bring Edie back from the brink of death. Miguel understands that something devastating has brought Edie to this place and respects that. Over time he earns Edee's trust. He offers to teach her to hunt and fish and set traps — in a word, survive — and then promises to let her be, no questions asked. Edie is grateful but asks Miguel,

"Why are you helping me?" "You were in my path," Miguel replies.

Miguel is no stranger to pain and grief. He understands that everyone heals differently — but he also recognizes the arrogance and egotism that have made Edee's grief so destructive. "I'm here in this place because I don't want to be around people," Edee says. Miguel responds in his gentle manner, "Only a person who has never been hungry thinks starving is a good way to die."

Miguel has dealt with his own devastating grief and guilt — but has found his way through it by being "alone among others." His greatest kindness is giving Edee the time and space to find her way through her pain and, in the simple, touching ending to the film, provides the means for Edee to find her way off the mountain of despair.



Despite the trauma and grief we shoulder, we don't bear our crosses alone; despite those times when we "don't want to be around people," the reality is that we need one another to survive. Miguel's understanding and kindness mirrors the reality of today's Gospel: that we are connected to one another as "branches" of the vine of God's love. On the night before he died, Jesus reminds his disciples of every time and place that, in his love, we are "grafted" to one another in ways we do not completely realize or understand appreciate. Sometimes that means giving one another the space to be alone — but alone in the embrace of the Father's love. (Connections)

In Christ's Peace, Father John

### **BEARING GOOD FRUIT**

Jesus calls us to discipleship, to abide in him, and to bear abundant fruit. What efforts are you willing to make this week to abide in Jesus or to bear good fruit?

Adults: What is one thing I can do this week to improve my relationship with Jesus and to let Christ bear good fruit through me?

Children: How can I live this week so that I can be a witness to others of what it means to abide in Jesus?

A Family Perspective: The goal of our life of prayer is to increase our awareness that Jesus lives with us always. Prayer is more than a dialogue with God; prayer is a lifting of our minds and hearts to God so that God might dwell and act within us and through us. The pinnacle of our life of prayer is our communion with Jesus in the Eucharist. Through this sacrament, we receive Jesus himself, and he remains with us.

Place a plant in your gathering space. Invite everyone to look at the plant, noting the connection between the plant and its leaves. Talk about the integral connection between all the parts of a healthy plant. Introduce today's Gospel by saying that Jesus talked about his relationship to his disciples using this metaphor. Talk about the ways in which we are invited to relate to Jesus as his disciples today—prayer, Scripture, the Eucharist, and so on. When we do these things, Jesus promises to remain with us and to lead us to serve others well. Pray together that we will continue to be attentive and open to Jesus as he works in our lives today.

### PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING AN USHER

The ministry of ushers is the oldest lay ministry in the Catholic Church. The ushers of today have descended from a long line of people of God who have gone before them. During the time of Christ, the doorkeepers of the temple numbered in the hundreds and were the forerunners of today's ushers.

Today, the ushers' primary duties and responsibilities include greeting and welcoming parishioners as they enter the church, help them to find seats, taking up the collection and wishing everyone a good day at the conclusion of the Eucharistic Celebration.

If you would like to be an active member of our Parish community, please consider joining our team of ushers. Contact Anthony Romano at 973-267-5433.

### **SCC VIRTUAL RUN FOR A NUN!**

Join the Sisters of Christian Charity in Mendham, NJ for *a Virtual 5K and 1 Mile Fun Run* this spring. You can participate anywhere and anytime by June 1, 2021. All proceeds benefit the education of the young women in Initial Formation. Sponsorship opportunities are available!

Visit the SCC website at <a href="www.scceast.org/runforanun">www.scceast.org/runforanun</a> to register or for more information. You can also contact the Office of Mission Advancement at <a href="dev.director@scceast.org">dev.director@scceast.org</a> or 973-230-5355.

### MASS ATTENDANCE APRIL 24/25

	In Church (Peo	ple) Online (Households)
5:30 p.m	98	74
8:00 a.m	. 98	138
10:00 a.m	. 131	129
12:15 p.m	. 110	57
5:30 p.m	. 166	34
Total:	603	432

### FINANCIAL BLESSINGS Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The collection for the weekend of April 24/25 was \$20,341. The collection for this weekend last year was \$16,356. The total for the Campaign for Human Development was \$2,165.

**Pastors Note:** Thank you for the Easter joy people find when they come to Assumption Parish. Visitors always tell me how much they enjoy our Masses and the warm welcome they receive from parishioners. It is a joy to serve the Lord here with people like you.

### TAIZÉ PRAYER

Join Fr. Luke for an hour of prayer, contemplation, and music at Taizé Prayer on May 21, 2021 at 7 p.m. It is an hour of peace in a world of stress and activity. If you haven't had the chance, experience Taizé. All are welcome.

### THANK YOU FROM AFRICA SURGERY! WE'VE GOT THE CONTAINER - NOW LET'S FILL IT!

Africa Surgery has reached our goal of \$7,200 and will again send a 40-foot container of badly- needed supplies to Sierra Leone, West Africa, including crutches, wheelchairs, hand-powered mobility carts for victims of polio, and more. We are now accepting certain specialty items including crutches, wheelchairs, computers, smart phones, fabric, sheets and towels, tools and tool boxes, adult sized bicycles, and a large white board.

If you have any of these items to donate, please email me at <a href="mailto:tomandtomjr@msn.com">tomandtomjr@msn.com</a>, or call me at 973-234-6383 to make arrangements for me to collect the items. Please do **not** drop the items off at the parish office. Thanks again for your generous support.

Tom Johnson





### GOD BLESS FR. PREZEMEK

Fr. Przemek Gawlik, Chaplain at Morristown Medical Center, and resident here at the Assumption rectory has been recognized by the hospital for his outstanding

compassion and dedication to his mission at work. Fr. Gawlik recently cared for the wife of a patient who passed away suddenly. Fr. Gawlik stepped in to immediately help put her at ease, speaking in her native Polish language and she was deeply comforted by his presence, and because he is a Catholic Priest. People like Father Gawlik help make these very difficult situations much easier to handle for the family and the team members at the hospital.

### **MOUNT SAINT MARY SUMMER ACADEMY**

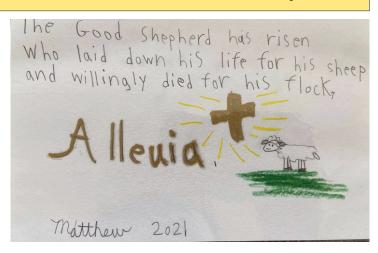
Mount Saint Mary Academy in Watchung will host an exciting slate of academic enrichment and athletic programs for young girls entering 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades during its Summer Academy. Also, our Entrance Test Prep Course will be offered with Ms. Donna Toryak, Director of Admissions. To learn more and register, please visit <a href="www.mountsaintmary.org">www.mountsaintmary.org</a> and select the Summer Academy option under Admissions. For more information, contact Joanne Cadigan-Peters at <a href="mailto:icadigan@mountsaintmary.org">icadigan@mountsaintmary.org</a> or call (908) 757-0108, ext. 4039.

### CELEBRATE THE 104 ANNIVERSARY OF THE FATIMA APPARITIONS

On Thursday May 13th - come celebrate the 104th Anniversary of Our Lady of Fatima's first apparition to the three shepherd children in 1917. All are welcome at the National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, 674 Mountain View Road East, Asbury, NJ. 08802. Celebrant: Most Rev. James Checchio; Guest Speaker: Rev. Luke Fletcher, CFR. Confessions 10:30 am; Rosary Procession 12:00 Noon; Speaker 12:30; Holy Mass 1:15 pm, followed by Eucharistic Procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Fatima Farewell Procession, Enrollment in the Brown Scapular. Visit the Holy House USA, a replica of the Holy House at Loreto, Italy; the Capelinha (little chapel), the original built in Fatima. Info (908) 689-1700 x210 www.bluearmy.com.

### **HOLY ROOD MEMORIAL DAY MASS**

The annual Memorial Day Mass will be held at Holy Rood Cemetery on Monday, May 31 at 9:00 a.m., honoring our loved ones and all those who died for our freedom. All are welcome to attend.



### **CGS IN QUARANTINE**

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd in the United States just published a special April 2021 online journal, "CGS in Quarantine", which features many of the Good Shepherd children's artwork, prayers, activities and meditations over the past year.

The following Good Shepherd Students have had their artwork and prayers published in the journal.

- Page 5 Vincenzo (Age 9, Level III Year 1), Patrick (Age 12, Level III Year 3) and Ava's 2 Prayers (Age 9, Level III Year 1)
- Page 6- Isaac (Age 14, Level III Year3), Maria Fatima (Age 13, Level III, Year 3) and Fatima (Age 8, Level II Year 3)
- Page 19-David (Age 12, Level III Year 3)
- Page 32- RoseMary's 2 Prayer and Last Supper Meditation (Age 9, Level III Year 1)
- Page 35- Shay (Age 9, Level II Plus) sharing a glimpse of the flower bulbs we planted outside the Ministry Center earlier in the year
- Page 37-Patrick's Prayer (Age 12, Level III Year 3), The Thursday Level II Plus Children (Daniel, Elodie, James, Julia, Emily, Brendan and Shay) rejoicing together after planting all the flower bulbs in a gesture of love and hope.)
- Page 37 also has a refection from our CGS Director Tara Speer, "Cautious Joy and Constant Vigilance"
- Page 40-Patrick (Age 12, Level III Year 3) baking pretzels during Holy Week last year

Please visit the parish website www.assumptionparish.org to view the CGS in Quarantine Journal. We are so proud of our Good Shepherd family, and so grateful for Tara Speer!

### 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. We serve 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. Come join us! Contact: Grand Knight William C. Duggan, Jr. at 973-960-6417, wcdugganir@hotmail.com.

### READINGS AND PRAYERS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### **Penitential Act (Confiteor)**

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, [pray while striking the breast three times] through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

### The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you. We give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, You take away the sins of the world have mercy on us; You take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; You are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, With the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

### Reading I Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus.

The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

### Reading II 1 Jn 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him.

Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

### Gospel Jn 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you.

Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

### The Creed

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, Begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.



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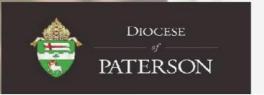
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it is. (Start at the little grapes!)

# Jesus is the True Vine

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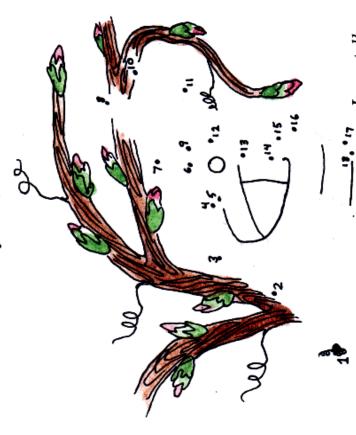
united with Him then our souls are healthy and able Our souls get their life from Jesus. When we stay to do good works, like the grapes that grow on a healthy vine.

that is what happens to a soul that doesn't have God's withers and dries up. Even though you can't see it, Doing a serious sin nutrition can't flow into the branch because it's cut is like cutting oneself off of the main vine. The off? The branch can't grow leaves or fruit and it life coming into it.

God might be using this time A bit gets cut off, but then it grows even better where it was cut. In the same way, sometimes God lets us Sometimes a branch of a vine needs to be pruned. and bear more good fruit. Next time you are suffering, remember that suffer, but then our souls can grow even stronger

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Fifth Sunday of Easter May 2nd, 2021



But something needs to be done to the branches so that they will bear good fruit. Follow the dots to find out what ج وم

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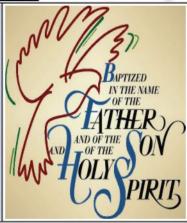




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