

Since 1848 The Parish Family of

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

Welcomes You

October 10, 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, 8:00, 10:00 a.m.

12:00 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

91 Maple Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960

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Visit our Website: www.assumptionparish.org

Email: assumption@assumptionparish.org

Pastor: Rev. Msgr. John E. Hart

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Lukasz Wnuk

In Residence: Rev. Przemyslaw Gawlik

Deacons: Brian Beyerl, Michael Hanly, John Mihalko, Elliott Stein

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 - 3:00 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,
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Linda Macios: Director
Sharon Bertram: Coordinator Grades 6, 7, and 8
Clare Ettensohn: Confirmation
Tara Speer: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
Sue Paradise: Secretary

Faith Formation for 1st through 8th graders follows a family model called *Forming Faithful Families*. Families meet at Assumption School one Sunday morning per month September—April. Resources are provided to use at home on alternate weeks. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes will meet September—April on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Confirmation Prep, for freshmen and sophomores of the parish, meet one Sunday evening per month.

Music Ministry—973-539-2141, extension 19
Claudia Nardi: Director, Dr. Fran Covalsky, 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:
Saturdays from 4:15 - 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.

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	Marybeth Wooters	201-602-8723
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	201-602-8723
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	Carole Hires	973-538-8651
Home School Assoc.	Jean Jabbour	973-809-8630
Holistic Health	Carole Hires	973-538-8651
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
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	Moiria Clarkin	973-539-4390
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	October 9
8:00 a.m.	Albert Reimer Thomas Lloyd
5:30 p.m.	Dan Doyle Richard Anderson
SUNDAY	October 10
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:00 a.m.	Charlie Cook Kathleen Monchek
10:00 a.m.	Scott McGowan Steve Higgins
12:00 p.m.	Albert Kelly, Jr. and Sr. Kathleen and Thomas Lynch
5:30 p.m.	Thomas Daly Nanette Terrizzi
MONDAY	October 11
9:00 a.m.	Ann Verdesca
TUESDAY	October 12
7:00 a.m.	Steve Lynch
12:05 p.m.	Anne Morriston Genevieve Baum
WEDNESDAY	October 13
7:00 a.m.	Samuel F. Champi
12:05 p.m.	Deborah Morosi
THURSDAY	October 14
7:00 p.m.	Mary Montemurno
12:05 p.m.	Fr. John Hart (Living)
FRIDAY	October 15
7:00 a.m.	Albert Reimer
12:05 p.m.	Susan Pinto Florence and Mildred Coppola
SATURDAY	October 16
8:00 a.m.	Mildred Rosas
5:30 p.m.	Laura Ansaldo Richard Anderson
SUNDAY	October 17
7:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
8:00 a.m.	Kathleen McCormack John Price Villosi
10:00 a.m.	Capt. William Poling, USN Frank Tangel John C. and John E. Sullivan
12:00 p.m.	Richard Herbert Victor and Marianne Gennusa
5:30 p.m.	Ronald DeMeo Angela Caraccia

GATHER IN PRAYER

- Pray the Rosary weekdays 20 minutes before the 12:05 p.m. Mass.
- Pray the Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal every Monday immediately following the 12:05 p.m. Mass.
- Eucharistic Adoration the first Saturday of each month 8:30 - 9:00 a.m. and the first Monday of every month at 7:00 p.m.

First Reading: Wisdom 7:7-11

Our first reading praises the pursuit of Lady Wisdom. Those who seek God's way before anything else will find authentic wealth.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-13

In our second reading, the Word of God, which corresponds to Lady Wisdom in the first reading, is understood as able to penetrate people's hearts.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30

In this Gospel passage, Jesus speaks profound wisdom. He declares that attachments to material possessions prevent participation in the reign of God. However, with God's help an addiction to materialism can be overcome.



**We invite you to prayerfully reflect
on the Readings for the week of October 10**

Monday	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab; Lk 11:47-54
Friday	Rom 4:1-8; Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	Rom 4:13, 16-18; Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43; Lk 12:8-12
Sunday	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

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, 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, Dale Potter, Sr. Joan Daniel Healy, Jean McHugh, Lonnie Ridley, Mary Anne Gotch, Sal Enea, Patty Gallagher, Mark Enea, Charolette Spires, David Smith, Leonard Pergentile, Marie Dooner, Jill Kandel, Noreen Rogers, Rita Roache-Buncum, Mark Anderl, Esther Salas, Mary Louise Smith, Kenneth Krause, Lauren Baksa, Tom Jaworski, Alan George, Erin Harten, F. Michael Giles, Della Corbin, Thomas Walker Duane Judge, Atkins Preston, Alice McGreevy, Mindy Spears, Dorothy Bauer, Moses Scott, Baby Eleanor Deretti, Francoise Marie Therese Quick, Charles McGovern, Karen Macios, Sangita Rossano, Carl Matthew, Sara Tejada, Kim and Bob Seaman and Mary Corona, Barbara Doran, David Renzo, Valerie Hendon, Lonnie Ridley, Kerry McCann, Eleanor Fritz, Concetta Prochilo, Fr. John Connolly, Mary Ellen Campbell, Sr. Patricia Dunham, Noelle Albanito, Tom Dougher, Eileen Byrne, Sister Patricia Dunham, Barrett Leonard, Suzanne Comerford, James Gianotti Ed Gabel, Eileen Byrne, Nikki Vadis, Susan Vogtman, Sean Baxter, Fr. Chris Barkhausen, Jean Brady, Eileen Langan, Deborah Demarzo, Susan Bottier, Barrett Otis, Sharon Mistretta, Catherine Padilla, Susan Martin, Araceila Caceres, Jean Brady, Robert Jaworski.

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 Dot Baron our Good Samaritan coordinator for the month of October at (973) 538-6451.

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 are an active council that will foster your relationship with our Church and our community. Contact: Grand Knight William C. Duggan, Jr. at 973-960-6417, wcdugganjr@hotmail.com.

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.; 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; 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, 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., Sergeant Brendan Rochelle, 1/127 82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg.

SILVER AND GOLD WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Couples, were you married in 1971 or 1996? The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 25th or 50th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on t **Sunday, November 7th, 2021 at 3:00pm.**

Arrangements can be made by contacting the parish office. **The deadline to submit your registration to your parish office is Sunday, October 10 2021.**



GIVE TO THE POOR!

Jesus said to the rich young man: "You are lacking one thing. Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

*"... there is no one who has given up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not receive a hundred times more now in this present age . . ."
 "(Mark 10: 17-30)*

Jesus continues to instruct us about the requirements of discipleship. Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy.

"So what must I do to inherit eternal life?" the rich young man asks Jesus. Jesus' reply: "Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor." "And the young man walked away sad," Mark writes, "for he had many possessions."

No doubt.

"I knew it," he muttered as he walked away, "another bleeding-heart, sunshine-and-lollipops do-gooder. *Sell what you have and give to the poor.* Sure. Easy for him. He has nothing. Easy to suggest giving away other people's money. It's always the same spiel.

And even if I did — like it's really going to make a difference? If I sell everything, I might make a few people less poor for a while, but what really changes? Nothing.

Treasure in the next life is one thing — but what about *this* life, now? Jesus, you don't have a business, a mortgage or student loans to pay off. How can I just walk away from those responsibilities? Being poor is better than rich? Trust me. It's not.

Who pays the taxes that supports programs for the poor? Who pays workers so they can feed their families? Who supports the temple and the schools and academies?

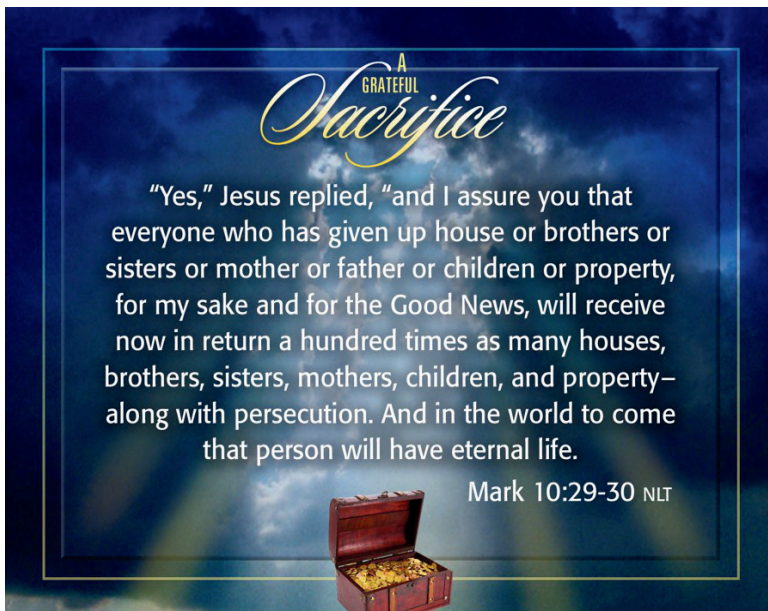
Sell what you have and give to the poor?

Sorry I asked, Jesus. Just another one of those traveling religious medicine shows. He talks a great line — but that's not the way life is. Jesus, you just don't get it."

Or is it the rich young man who doesn't get it? Listen carefully to what Jesus says in today's

Gospel: Jesus doesn't condemn wealth and possessions as evil in themselves — what is evil is when the pursuit of wealth and riches displaces God as the center of our lives, when material wealth becomes the focus of our existence, when what we own owns us. Given the choice between the life of God and the life of materialism, the young man opts for the latter. May we possess the faith to center our lives on the things of God, to embrace the "wisdom and prudence" (Reading 1) to realize that the things we have are not an end in themselves but the means for living lives of meaning and purpose and re-creating our world in the justice and peace of God. (Connections)

In Christ's Peace,
 Father John



THE WAY OF WISDOM

The difficulty for the rich to enter into the Kingdom of God is like the impossibility of a camel going through the eye of a needle. Jesus responds to the confusion of the disciples over this puzzling statement by explaining that "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible." (Mark 10:27)

Adults: In what impossible situations have I experienced God's wondrous intervention?

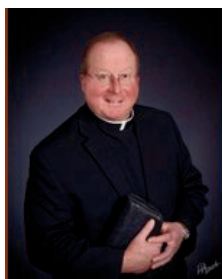
Children: When has God helped me through a difficult circumstance?

A Family Perspective: Today's Gospel might make us uncomfortable about our possessions. This discomfort offers us an opportunity to consider our possessions and our family's commitment to the poor. Material possessions are a necessity in our culture. Our use of these possessions and our attitude about their importance is our choice, however. It is a choice we can make with the awareness that our faith in Jesus commits us to show our care for the poor.

As you gather as a family, consider together these questions: Would it be possible to inventory our possessions? Are there things in our house that we no longer need or use? What might we do with these things? Read together today's Gospel, Mark 10:17-30. Talk about the warning about material possessions that Jesus gives in this Gospel. How does this make you feel? Choose an action that helps your family show its commitment to the poor.

THANK YOU FROM AFRICA SURGERY INC.

A 40-foot shipping container left Assumption Church on Monday, September 27, and is scheduled to arrive in Freetown, Sierra Leone, on September 21. A warm thank you goes out to all those who helped load the container and to all those whose prayers and donations of supplies and funding helped to make this delivery of badly needed medical equipment and supplies, clothing, crutches, wheelchairs, mobility carts, sewing machines and much more possible.

SISTERS OF CHARITY HARVEST FESTIVAL TO HONOR FR. JOHN

OCTOBER 28, 2021, 6:00 p.m. at The Madison Hotel, 1 Convent Road, Morristown, NJ. Honoring Rev. Msgr. John E. Hart and Anne O'Neill Kellers. Dinner Tickets are \$200, cocktail reception followed by dinner and dancing. For the safety of all in attendance, all dinner guests must be fully vaccinated.

Harvest Festival Raffle includes 1st Prize \$5000 Visa Gift Card • 2nd Prize \$1500 Visa Gift Card • 3rd Prize \$500 Visa Gift Card.

Donate by texting HARVESTFEST to 41444. Please go to SCNJ.org for complete information or call (973) 290-5454.

MASS ATTENDANCE OCTOBER 2/3

5:30 p.m.	218
7:00 a.m.	74
8:00 a.m.	88
10:00 a.m.	199
12:00 p.m.	113
5:30 p.m.	103
Total	795

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**Assumption is a Tithing Parish**

The collection for the weekend of October 2/3 was \$21,053. The collection for that weekend last year was \$20,446.

Pastor's Note: Thank you from the bottom of my heart for your outstanding and generous support of Assumption Parish. Your sacrificial giving enables us to carry out the mission given to us by Jesus who is "the Face of the Mercy of God."

2021 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL**"LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE"**

With the help of the Diocesan Ministries Appeal, our Catholic Charities programs provide a wide range of services for people who face extraordinary difficulties. These include: food pantries which have become especially vital during the pandemic, after-school mentoring and counseling programs for at-risk youth, Meals on Wheels for our senior population, group homes for adults with developmental disabilities, drug and alcohol treatment for those in need and outreach and assistance to veterans, just to name a few ministries.

Your support of the Diocesan Ministries Appeal can be a spark that helps brighten the lives of so many people. Please be as generous as possible to your brothers and sisters in great need!

For your convenience, you can make an online gift or pledge at www.2021appeal.org

LEARN MORE ABOUT MORRIS CATHOLIC

Morris Catholic High School in Denville, NJ is accepting applications for the Class of 2026, and for transfer students for this academic year. Learn more about Morris Catholic by attending one of our socially distanced in-person Open House on Wednesday, October 20, 7-9 PM. Register at www.morris catholic.org/openhouse/.

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

Dorothy Lombardo
Mother of Fr. Michael Lombardo

Sally Glynn
Mother of Fr. Martin Glynn

James Neary
Father of Ann Marie Bergwall

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK OCTOBER 17 AT 1:00 P.M.

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be administered to those needing to be anointed after the 12:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, October 17 at 1 p.m.

Often, when people are sick, they get discouraged, depressed, angry, annoyed, and afraid. The Church believes that the sacrament offers a special grace to calm the spirit. If physical recovery is God's will, so be it. If not, then the person needs the grace, strength, and encouragement to bear the illness with dignity.

In the Church's Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, through the ministry of the priest, it is Jesus who touches the sick to heal them from sin – and sometimes even from physical ailment. His cures were signs of the arrival of the Kingdom of God. The core message of his healing tells us of his plan to conquer sin and death by his dying and rising.

The Catholic belief of redemptive suffering, that is, uniting your own suffering with the crucified Jesus, gives a person's unavoidable suffering meaning and purpose. This notion is explicitly and implicitly expressed in the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP STARTS TUESDAY OCTOBER 26

This Fall Assumption Parish will be offering a Bereavement Group Series on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 PM, starting Tuesday October 26 through December 7. We will be meeting in Rauscher Hall. Among the topics discussed will be:

- The grieving process.
- how to handle feelings of anger and loneliness.
- handling pain and sadness.
- healing with the holidays and special occasions.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and are interested in attending, please call the Parish Office at **973-539-2141 ext. 17** and leave your name and phone number. Our Bereavement Coordinators will call you back. God bless you.

A MESSAGE FROM SISTER DATIVA

Dear Friends at Assumption,

We know you are passionate about **The Village Angels of Tanzania, Inc.** Now, I am asking for your help in raising funds to help our cause. This year, we are using the new ShopRaise app, which gives a portion back to us whenever you do your normal shopping online at over 1,000 stores like Macy's, Home Depot, and Walmart. Please help us support and promote our program by doing these 3 simple things:

- Click the link below to get the ShopRaise app
- Use tools in the mobile app to share it with family and friends

Shop online to support and help us reach our [fundraising](#) goals. Click this link <https://bit.ly/3zXQvpS> to get started. With your help, we can make a difference in the lives of the elders we serve!

Thank you so much,
Sister Dativa



THE VIVERE CHRISTUS AWARD CEREMONY ASSUMPTION HONOREES PETER AND CLAUDIA NARDI

The Vivere Christus Award Ceremony will take place on Sunday, October 17 at 3 PM at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist. Open seating will be available throughout the Cathedral for guests. Following the ceremony, there will be a reception in the Rodimer Center where refreshments will be served. Free parking is available in the public lot on Grand Street.

This year Assumption Church has nominated Peter and Claudia Nardi to be honored at this year's Vivere Christus Award. Please join us in congratulating Peter and Claudia on receiving this esteemed award and thanking them for their years of dedication and service to the Catholic Church.

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL OKTOBERFEST OCTOBER 23

Assumption School's Oktoberfest featuring Gift and Silent Auction, will be Saturday, October 23rd. The Purchase a wrist band at www.assumptionparish.org and enter the all inclusive Biergarten from 4:00-9:00 p.m. for unlimited food/drinks (alcoholic and non-alcoholic) and dance with the band.

This event is the main fundraiser for the Home and School Association. All proceeds directly benefit our children. Contact Lisa Lukas or Kate Ball Hsafundraising@assumptionnj.org

OBERAMMERGAU WITH MSGR JOHN HART JULY 18 - 30, 2022

Next year Father John will be leading a pilgrimage to Oberammergau to see the 42nd production of the Passion Play, in the beautifully renovated and modern Passion Play Theater. The dates of the trip are from July 18 - 30, 2022 Other cities we will be visiting include Prague, Budapest, Vienna, Salzburg, and Munich. The cost of the trip is \$5,699 per person double occupancy. For the full itinerary visit www.pilgrimages.com/msgrhart/, or our website at www.assumptionparish.org, or email msgjohnhart@assumptionparish.org

THE ORDER OF MALTA LECTURE SERIES PRESENTS: UNDERSTANDING THE RIGHT TO RELIGIOUS FREEDOM UNDER THE U.S. CONSTITUTION

Please Join us with Presenters Professor Marc O. DeGirolami, St. John's University School of Law, Cary Fields Professor of Law and Co-Director, Center for Law and Religion, and Ms. Catherine Brown, Esq., DM., Constitutional Law Attorney, Former Deputy Attorney General in Division of Law for State of NJ. The event takes place Sunday, October 17, at 2:00 p.m. at the County College of Morris, 214 Center Grove Rd in Randolph, in the Davidson Rooms-Student Community Center. Park in Parking Lot 6.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Each year the Church in the United States celebrates October as Respect Life Month. This is a time we can use to deepen our understanding of why, as Catholics, we "Respect Life" and what that looks like day-to-day.

We are also in the midst of celebrating the Year of St. Joseph. So, this year, we are looking to the witness of St. Joseph as a defender of life. He didn't hesitate to follow God's will of faithfully caring for and protecting Jesus and the Blessed Mother. St. Joseph's example reminds us that we are also to care for, protect, and defend the lives of our brothers and sisters.

In the Bible, we see that St. Joseph makes sacrifices out of his love for Jesus and Mary. Over and over, he shows himself to be a faithful protector of them both.

After an angel of God appeared to St. Joseph in a dream, he welcomed Mary into his home, even though her pregnancy was mysterious. On the long road to Bethlehem, Joseph guided and provided for Mary and the unborn Christ Child. He welcomed Jesus as his own son in a humble stable and loved Him with a father's heart. When the infant Jesus' life was threatened by Herod, Joseph left the comfort and familiarity of his homeland and fled to Egypt with Mary and Jesus to protect Him. And as Jesus was growing up, He learned from Joseph to do the will of the Father. In every circumstance, St. Joseph cared for, defended, and protected the gift of life that had been given by God.

During this Respect Life Month, we can start to become more like St. Joseph by asking ourselves a few questions and reflecting on them: Do we realize how precious every person is? As we go about our day, do we treat people accordingly? How can we help those in our society who are struggling to welcome new life, like moms who are pregnant or parenting in difficult circumstances? How can we reach out to those having a hard time seeing the worth of their own lives? How do we reassure those at the end of life who are afraid they are a burden or feel like their lives don't have meaning?

At times, we may feel like we can't make a difference, or that we're unequipped for what God is asking of us. But St. Joseph "teaches us that faith in God includes believing that he can work even through our fears, our frailties and our weaknesses" (PC, 2). When human life is threatened, when our brothers and sisters need support welcoming or embracing life, may we lovingly respond with the faithfulness of Joseph.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Come Pray with us for the Unborn Children who are lost through abortion. We also peacefully pray for all those harmed by abortion. September 22 to Oct 30, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Volunteers usually pray an hour (or more) a week at 196 Speedwell Ave, Morristown NJ, in front of Planned Parenthood.

Send an email to 44lifeus@gmail.com or go to the 40 Days for Life website 40daysforlife.com to sign up. If you have any questions, please call Frances Spilman at 973-627-1654. Spontaneous visitors are also welcome.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH OUR BISHOPS

ROSARY RALLY FOR OUR NATION

On Sunday, October 10, thousands of Catholic across the Nation and in more than 50 countries will join together to pray the Rosary simultaneously for peace and for our Nation and the world.

On Sunday, October 10, from 3:00 – 4:30 p.m. the New Jersey Area of the Order of Malta in coordination with Rosary Coast to Coast are honored to have The Most Reverend Kevin J. Sweeney, Bishop of Paterson deliver the Invocation and lead us in a Rosary procession from the Knights of Columbus 84 Lincoln Park Rd Pequannock, NJ 07440 to Holy Spirit Church to pray the Glorious Mysteries. For event details visit orderofmaltaamerican.org/njrosary.

3K ROSARY FOR LIFE OCTOBER 13

LIVE VIA COMPUTER LINK AND CONFERENCE CALL

Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. EST. Our goal is to have 3,000 people praying for the protection of babies in the womb and in reparation for the sins of abortion. The rosary will be lead by Bishop Arthur J. Serratelli, Bishop Emeritus of Paterson and priests from all over New Jersey. For information call 973-497-4500, email info@lifeneteducation.org or visit www.lifeneteducation.org/3krosaryforlife/

HOW TO BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE

Watching the news and reading the headlines, we may feel helpless seeing the heartbreaking lack of respect for human life. How do we respond? Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts. When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own immeasurable worth and that of others. His unchanging love is the source of our God-given dignity, which, therefore, cannot be taken away. When someone is facing great trials, we need to walk with them on their journey, intercede for them, and be open to sharing Christ's love however He directs. We simply need to follow where He leads.



“ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING”

On Saturday, Oct. 2 parishioners at [Assumption Church](#) in Morristown gathered to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis and the Blessing of the Animals.

Parochial Vicar Rev. **Lukasz Wnuk** was the celebrant. Also in attendance was Pastor Rev. Msgr. **John Hart**, as well as beloved cats, dogs, guinea pigs, geckos, and fish.

Gathered by the Statue of St. Francis, Fr. Lukasz led those gathered in the following prayer over their pets: “Dearest God, Heavenly Father, Maker of all living creatures, we ask you to bless (name of pet), who brings so much joy into our lives. By the power of Your love, enable him(her) to live according to your plan. May we always praise You for all Your beauty in creation who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit. Blessed are You, God, in all Your creatures!” This was followed by a joyful rendition of the beloved hymn, *All Creatures of Our God and King*.

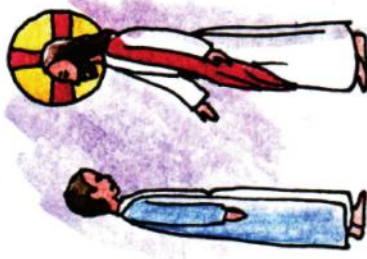
As parishioners gathered after the Blessing of the Animals to take pictures, each individual parishioner shared about the special animal members of their family. Especially during the past year, everyone felt deep gratitude for the wonderful pets God has given us – both in our present and past companions. The great dogs, cats, horses, and other animals who attended our celebration in past years were remembered fondly by all.

Parishioners without pets also were welcomed and encouraged to join our celebration and meet new people in our Assumption Parish Family.

Special thanks to Tara Speer and the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level III Children for preparing gift bags with pet treats, Psalm 8 and the St. Francis Icon and Prayer Card.



Jesus and the Rich Young Man



The rich man in today's Gospel reading wanted to follow Jesus. But he was sad when Jesus told him that he should sell his things and give his money to the poor.

Do you think Jesus wants everyone to give away everything they have?



God calls some people to give up all their things so they can live a special life for Him, like religious brothers and sisters.



But God also wants people who are rich to use their money and things for Him- to help the poor and the Church.

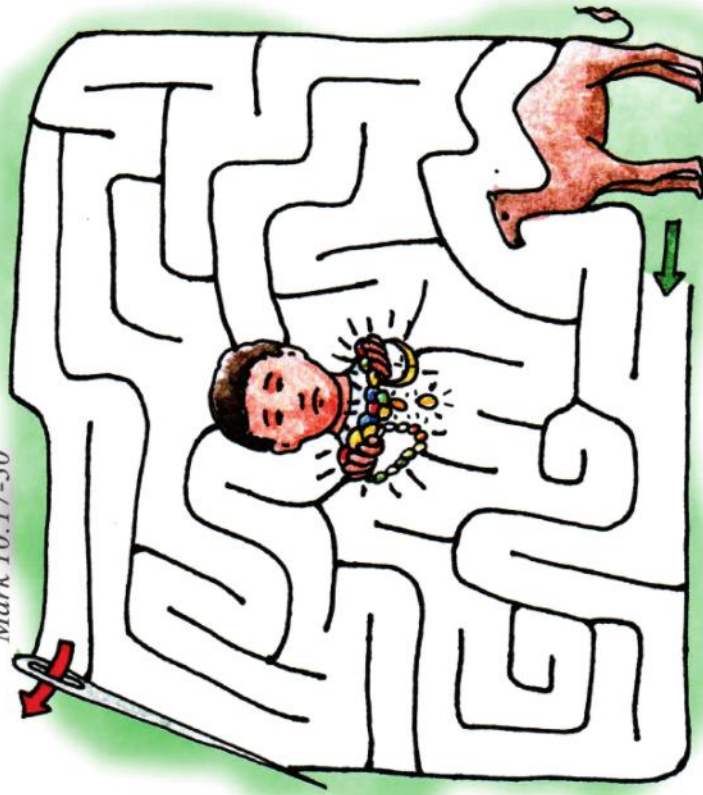
What do you have that is really special? Would you be ready to give it up if God wanted you to?

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The Kids' Bulletin

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 10th, 2021

Mark 10:17-30



The rich young man in today's Gospel reading was sad because Jesus told him to sell his things and give his money to the poor.

Jesus said that it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the Kingdom of Heaven.

But all things are possible with God!

Can you find the way from the camel through the needle?



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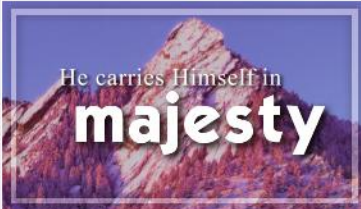
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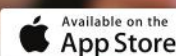
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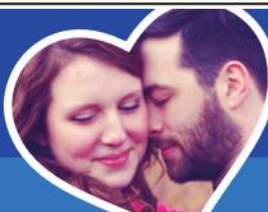
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