



2nd Sunday of Easter

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

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Pastor: Rev. Msgr. John E. Hart

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Lukasz Wnuk

In Residence: Fr. Dawid Zajecki

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Parish Coordinator—Linda Macios

Secretary—Liz Rotunno

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

Friday 8:30 a.m. —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 & Youth Ministry

Tara Speer: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sue Paradise: Secretary

Faith Formation for 1st through 8th graders is called *Forming Faithful Families*. We will provide 12 dates for *Mass & Class*. Families are strongly encouraged to attend 10 a.m. Mass followed by grade level class. 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. Register on the Faith Formation tab of the parish website.

Music Ministry—973-539-2141, extension 19

Paul Kusler, Music Director

Adult Choir, Youth Ministry Choir, Children's Choir

Parish Outreach—973-539-2141 extension 27

Claudia Nardi

Holy Rood Cemetery—973-539-7501

Website: www.holyroodcemeterynj.com

Diana Loughman: Cemetery Director

Emerson Brito, Eli Lima: 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
Building/Grounds Cmte	Patrick Burke	908-510-6677
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	Mike Keown	862-432-9071
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.	Joni McDonnell	973-538-2090
Holistic Health	Carole Hires	973-538-8651
Homeless Solutions	Ralph Ferrara	973-769-6418
Knights of Columbus	Jeff Simon	973-769-2548
Lectors	Andrea Bozzi	973-656-9864
Men's Group	Peter Zaremba	215-518-4973
Nursing Homes	Mary Dibble	973- 998-0838
Pre-Cana	Ken & Rosa Rose	973-539-9845
OCIA	Fr. John Hart	973-539-2141
Respect Life	Sue O'Dougherty	973-993-3068
Safe Environment	Linda Macios	973-539-2141
Scouts	Kevin Kelly	973-727-7082
Separation / Divorce	Denise Wennogle	973-292-1800
Soup Kitchen	Richard Schleckser	603-785-0836
Spiritual Direction	Karen Florance	973-476-5542
Ushers	Anthony Romano	973-267-5433
Village Angels	Paul Boehler	973- 722-4994
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

8:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

April 15

The Holy Souls in Purgatory
Patricia and Eugene Moore
Susan Pinto

SUNDAY

7:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

April 16

People of the Parish
Lynn Guerriero
Arthur Paradise
Susan and Joseph Graziano
Arthur Paradise
Lisbeth Hernandez
Harry Costello
Gina Gonzales
Maureen Moser

MONDAY

7:00 a.m.
12:05 p.m.

April 17

Victoria McCerach
Angela Tortoriello
Gladys Dologhan

TUESDAY

7:00 a.m.
12:05 p.m.

April 18

Paula Miro
Raymond G. Kusler

WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m.
12:05 p.m.

April 19

Mario Romano
Rose Francavilla

THURSDAY

7:00 a.m.
12:05 p.m.

April 20

Magdalena Sypniewska
Ann McCue

FRIDAY

7:00 a.m.
12:05 p.m.

April 21

Denise Pizzullo
Brian McNally

SATURDAY

8:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

April 22

Richard F. Burke Jr.
Mary Scully
Larry Misita

SUNDAY

7:00 a.m.
8:00 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

April 23

People of the Parish
Edmund Slabyl
Barbara Cawlor
Arthur Paradise
Jay Delaney
Carmela and Andrew Suozzi
John Jay Delaney
Richard F. Burke, Jr.
Paul Sczepanski

First Reading: Acts 2:42-47

Throughout most of the year the first reading comes from the Hebrew Scriptures, but during the Easter Season it is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. That book is the second volume composed by the writer of the Gospel of Luke. It was written around the year 85, fifty years or so after the formation of the first church community in Jerusalem. Today's excerpt tells about that first church.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-9

For the next several weeks our second reading will come from the First Letter of Peter. It is uncertain whether Peter himself wrote this letter shortly before he died around the year 65, or if it was written in his name by disciples after his death. In either case, the letter contains important early Christian insights into the meaning of Jesus' death and Resurrection. Today's passage teaches that belief in the Resurrection of Jesus brings the promise of birth into a glorious new life.

Gospel: John 20:19-31

Today's Gospel reading, the story of doubting Thomas, is thought by many to be the original conclusion of the Gospel of John. If so, then the Gospel's final words pose a challenge to us—the Gospel's modern readers.



**We invite you to prayerfully reflect
on the Readings for the week of April 16**

Monday	Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday	Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn: 3:7b-15
Wednesday	Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21
Thursday	Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36
Friday	Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15
Saturday	Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21
Sunday	Third Sunday of Easter Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

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

Molly Moroni
Sister of Nancy Bangiola

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

Charles Arteglier, Greg and John Baxter, Paula Rose Carducci, Jim Cavanaugh, John Hyland, Nancy Arteglier, Sister Marie Graziano, Jack Guerriero, Francesca Kobylarz-Bongiorno, Saletha Corbin, Louis Cicitta, Audrey Roast, Vivian Hart, Mark Anderl, Esther Salas, Mary Louise Smith, Kenneth Krause, Sangita Rossano, Barbara Doran, Sharon Mistretta, Katherine Padilla, Susan Martin, Owen Hefferon, Ron Pennimpede, Robert Schroeder, Colin Harris, Tanner Keith Gower, Ann Fausto, Mark Mitchell, Charlotte Gaal, Barbara Ryan, Ann Florin, Laura Scheid, Joseph Gregory, Flora and Chester Miller, Janet Cicarello Cook, Joseph Gregory, Flora and Chester Miller, Msgr. Raymond Lopatesky. Baby Henry S. Carr, David Sheppard, Barbara Dixon, Joseph Baron, Jack Peay, Jack Kenny, Barbara Dempsey, Carlos DelBono, John, Molly Moroni, Danielle Vintschger. Gloria Dabal, Phyllis Porcello, Elva Castellanos, Karen Roache, Baby Gio Sebastian LaVia, John Mongey, Patricia E. Salerno, Teresa Gallo, Leslie Tylus, Baby Henry, Chase Maverick, Karen Roache, Victoria Cicchino, Allen Panico, Dr. Tom Emmer, Msgr. Herbert Tillyer, Linda Velez, Joni Dalba, Rossana Wright, Andre Wright, Emma Spada, Tricia Summers, Noelle Albanito, Dennis Garbini, Dual Davis, Michelina Giulano, Marcia Bender, Regina and Valerie Keegan, Fr. Dan Kelly, Martin Green, Rosalyn Michael, Nigel Loeppoldy, Silvia Loeppoldy, Krintina Radviliene. Gerard Doherty, Joseph Doherty, Jamie Lorenzo Hamfeldt, Carolyn Chang, Elizabeth Hillman, Annie Rutkowski, Barbara Syvarth, Marge Hefferon, Nia Davis and Sharyn Zaslofsky Ellen O'Connell, Maurice McGrath, Sister Francis Sanzo, Bella Corbin, Robert Callas.

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

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.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Please join us on Sunday, April 16 for Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30 p.m., the Holy Rosary and the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 p.m., and Benediction At 3:30 p.m.. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered from 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

*"For the sake of
His sorrowful Passion,
have mercy on us
and on the whole world."*

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; *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, *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, USN, Staff Sargent *Brent M. Betit*, ARNG, *First Sgt. Jeramiah Dempsey*, USAF, *1st Lt. J.D. Poling*, US Army, Gitmo, Cuba, *PFC Second Lt. Andrew 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, Navy EOD *Connor Fitzpatrick*, Point Loma San Diego, *Sergeant Brendan Rochelle*, 1/127 82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg, *CH (CPT) Przemyslaw J. Nowak*, US Army, *CH (CPT) John Edisson Madrid*, US Army, *CH (CPT) Adam Muda*, US Army, *Kelsey Bergh*, US Navy LCDR, Japan, *Fr. Michal Falgowski*, USAF CPT.

RESPECT LIFE ASSUMPTION

Respect Life Assumption is a positive, uplifting voice for the value and joy of human life, at every stage, for the unborn and their mothers and fathers, for the very young, the elderly and everyone in-between. We hope you know the value of your life and your infinite worth as a child of God. How can we build up the value of life in our parish?

- • Pray – Even one Hail Mary a day for life does more than we know.
- • Hope – Where there is life, there is hope.

To learn more about this ministry, contact Sue and Dave O'Dougherty 973-993-3068.



SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you . . ."
 [Thomas] said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

John 20: 19-31

On this Sunday within the Octave of Easter, we see how the Risen Lord gives his gift of peace to his disciples. Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy.

This is our fourth Easter season in the age of COVID. Things are certainly better now than that first terrifying Easter in 2020 that seemed like a never-ending Good Friday of fear, isolation, grief and death. We seem to be, finally, on the Easter side of the pandemic.

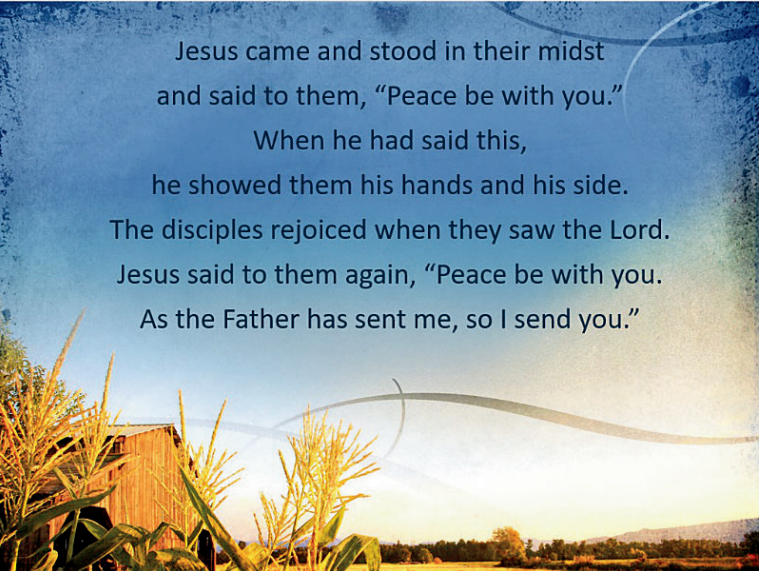
But we're all too aware that things will never be the same again. We know that "normal" will never be like it was four years ago. The threat of COVID will remain with us for a long time. The immune-compromised among us will continue to be cautious and anxious — masks will still be worn; care will be taken before going to crowded indoor events.

The pandemic has left permanent scars on all of us. Some scars are physical scars from the illness itself; some scars are the emotional scars of helplessly watching a loved one suffer and die. These scars have made us different people in many ways — good ways, we pray: the scars of COVID have made us more aware of the fragility of life; the scars of COVID have made us more attuned to the suffering of others; the scars of COVID have made us more grateful for the dedication of those in medicine, public health and safety; the scars of COVID have made us more responsive to our responsibility to one another as neighbors, citizens and children of God.

COVID has been a cross our human family has borne, a cross that has taught us all a great deal about Jesus' spirit of selflessness and humility that leads us to the God of resurrection.

When Thomas refuses to believe, Jesus invites him to touch his wounds, to probe the marks of the nails and touch the scars on his body. Jesus' scars are signs of his presence among us still despite our frail humanity. They are also signs of God's compassion and peace in the midst of our own crucifixions, reasons for hope despite the weight of the crosses we bear. We

all have wounds and "nail marks" that are signs of wisdom and hope that can only be realized in brokenness, in suffering for the sake of another, in pain endured in our own crucifixions. This Easter, may our COVID "scars" and hurts mirror the "scars" of the body of the Risen One, empowering us to bring comfort, healing and justice to our Good Fridays. (Connections)



Jesus came and stood in their midst
 and said to them, "Peace be with you."
 When he had said this,
 he showed them his hands and his side.
 The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.
 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you.
 As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

In Christ's Peace,
 Father John

COINCIDENCE AND THE HOLY SPIRIT

"Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." We recognize Christ's presence in the signs around us, since we cannot see him directly.

Adults: In what events in the last week am I able to recognize the presence of God's Spirit in my life? How is the Spirit leading me?

Children: Do I realize that the Spirit of Jesus is always with me? Do I take time to listen to what the Spirit is asking me to do?

A Family Perspective: Many of us can relate to Thomas's response to the news that the disciples had seen Jesus. We want to see for ourselves too, but we grow in faith, trusting the experience and knowledge of others. Many of us have heard the saying "Seeing is believing." As your family gathers, take some time to consider what that saying means. What are some things we believe because we see them? Is there anything we believe without seeing? Today's Gospel reminds us that faith sometimes asks us to believe things we cannot see with our eyes. Think about Thomas's response to the reports about the risen Lord. Is Thomas's doubt reasonable? How does Jesus respond to Thomas?

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP SERIES

BEGINNING TUESDAY, APRIL 25

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.

Among the topics discussed will be:

- Expectations and myths about the grieving process
- Anger and loneliness
- Feelings of guilt
- Handling pain and sadness
- Communications with family and friends, and more.

Knowing that Jesus reached out to Martha and Mary at the death of their brother Lazarus, and he wept at the wake, we at Assumption try to be mindful of those who have recently experienced the death of one who is dear to their heart. The grieving process, while necessary, can be difficult. We want you to know we are available to go through this process with you, in any way you may find helpful.

CALMING THE STORM

The New Jersey Area Order of Malta Invites all to a talk given by Fr. Gerald E. Murray, JCD, ChM, Pastor, Canon Lawyer, Author, and frequent EWTN commentator on his new book: CALMING the STORM, Navigating the Crises Facing the Catholic Church and Society on Saturday, April 29, 2023 11 a.m. at St. Thomas More Roman Catholic Church, 4 Convent Station, Morristown. Fr. Gerald Murray's book will be available for sale. Light refreshments and free will offering. Kindly RSVP to Janet Parry: janp1101@gmail.com by April 22, 2023

MASS ATTENDANCE EASTER WEEKEND

8:00 p.m.	268
7:00 a.m.	180
8:00 a.m.	344
10:00 a.m.	905
12:00 p.m.	620

Total 2,317

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The collection for the week of April 1/2 was \$27,256. The collection for that weekend last year was \$24,828. The Easter Sunday collection to date is \$68,418.

Pastor's Note: I deeply appreciate your great generosity in our offertory each week. Thank you for your Easter gifts to Assumption and for the most joyful celebration of our Masses at Easter. May the Risen Lord continue to bless you with great joy and hope during this Easter Season and always!

FALL SEMESTER ADJUNCT POSITION ASSUMPTION COLLEGE DENVILLE, NJ.

Mt 101 Introductory College Algebra (3 credits)

This is an introductory course that takes the student through the topics basic to algebra. Real life scenarios are used as much as possible to help the student with the concepts along with applications using a calculator. Instructor must possess a Master's Degree. Send resume to president@acs350.org

BEYOND THE BEACON

PODCAST WITH BISHOP KEVIN SWEENEY

Join Bishop Kevin Sweeney and Communications Director Jai Agnish of the Diocese of Paterson, N.J., as they discuss current events and topics relevant to the local Church in Paterson and the global Catholic Church. Bishop Sweeney answers questions from listeners, interviews guests, and shares reflections and insights helpful for all striving to live a life of faith, hope, and love. All are invited to send questions for the bishop's podcast to beyond@patersondiocese.org.

You can listen where you find your favorite podcast or visit <https://beyond.beaconnj.org>

2024 MASS BOOK IS OPEN

The Assumption Church 2024 Mass Book will be open. Parishioners wishing to schedule more than 3 Masses must call for an appointment to meet with the Parish Office staff.

To schedule an appointment, please call the office at 973-539-2141, ext 11.

You may also email your Mass requests to assumption@assumptionparish.org.

Please include the names of the deceased, and the dates and times that you are requesting. [We will confirm your requests via email or phone.](#)

CALLING ALL 7TH GRADE GIRLS!

What is Villa Walsh Academy really like? Come see for yourself! You're invited to be a Villa Girl for a Day on Friday, May 19th from 12 noon - 2:45 pm. Your experience begins with a delicious lunch in our cafe, followed by an afternoon of fun attend unique classes, meet our amazing educators, and get to know our current students. Villa Walsh has an incredible history of success for our students both in middle school, high school, and beyond. Come see what all the excitement is about and learn first hand what it's really like to be a Villa Girl!

We can't wait to meet you! Please go to www.villawalsh.org and register today!

CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING WITH VNA

Looking for a fulfilling and rewarding volunteer opportunity for yourself, a friend, or family member? Consider volunteering with VNA! We have two great opportunities available- Volunteering for the House Calls Grocery program as well as our Hospice/Bereavement program. Please see information below..

Please call 973-451-4128 to speak with the Development Coordinator, Rachel Enderle or email @renderle@vnannj.org to answer any additional questions you may have.

Grocery Shopping for the Homebound

The House Calls for Groceries program provides assistance to homebound residents in Morris County. Volunteers are asked to shop about once a week, based upon client needs.

This simple task can make a huge difference for an elderly neighbor for whom shopping has become a difficult process and, simultaneously, provide that neighbor a break from the isolation of being homebound.

Hospice/Bereavement Program

VNA, as a full hospice provider, brings comfort and care to individuals and families in their own homes or at the organization's inpatient unit at Saint Clarie's Dover Hospital. Volunteers are a crucial part of the team that is providing this practical and emotional support to terminally ill patients and their families.

No experience is needed, and free comprehensive training is provided. Hours are flexible and can be done in a facility setting at the inpatient unit, or in the home of the patient (In Morris, Sussex, Warren and Hunterdon counties).

Like speaking on the phone and want to help from home? Volunteers are also needed to make bereavement calls to families and caregivers of patients.

Join the VNA in this fulfilling and rewarding opportunity. Considers volunteering yourself, with friends, or a family member!

To learn more about becoming a hospice volunteer or to see out other volunteer opportunities with the VNA, visit our website www.vnannj.org.

EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

An abundance of sweet and savory treats was provided by our wonderful parish community for the Easter Vigil Reception! Thank you for your generosity and for your warm welcome to the newly initiated members of our Roman Catholic Faith! May God continue to bless our growing Assumption Family!

ONE WAY

All adults are welcome to join this interactive, in-person, small-group experience, which aims to bring each participant to a new understanding of Jesus and His Church. The program runs April 23, 30, and May 7, Sunday mornings, from 9:15a.m. to 10:30a.m. *The final One Way topic for this academic year is Conversion: Returning home; living a fulfilled life.*

For more information and to register, visit insidethewalls.org/one-way-registration.

You can listen where you find your favorite podcast or visit <https://beyond.beaconnj.org>.



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must register at:
www.maryhelp.org/ohreg/

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NORTH HALEDON, NJ 07508
973.790.6200 MARYHELP.ORG



FAITH, FAMILY, FUTURE CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Thanks to the generous support of our parish families, funds from our Capital Campaign have enabled us to begin work on the roof of the Assumption School building.

This project is just one of the many which we hope to accomplish through our Faith, Family, Future campaign. It is part of our stewardship obligation to ensure the longevity of the parish by addressing the pressing physical needs of our buildings. Like any structure that has been around for 150 years, our campus has plenty of necessities. We have created a plan to restore and renovate important parts of our parish, which will allow Assumption to continue to minister to our family of parishioners now and into the future.

Many of our parishioners have already made their pledges to the campaign, and we thank you for that. If you have not yet made your pledge, I ask that you prayerfully consider your participation in our campaign. Visit www.assumptionparish.org, or call our Parish office at 973-539-2141 to learn more about the campaign.



CAMPAIGN PROGRESS

\$4,354,553

of \$5,000,000 Funded

87%

of Goal

DONATE NOW



Send your kids on an out-of-this-world adventure! At Stellar VBS, kids shine Jesus' light! Stellar is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, and touch! Hands-on experiments, team-building games, unforgettable Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life — something we call God Sightings®. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot!

So mark these dates on your calendar: August 14-18! The fun starts at 8:45am and will end at 11:45am.

Registration opens May 1 at www.assumptionparish.org.



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina on the Divine Mercy He asked on numerous occasions that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. The liturgical texts of that day, the 2nd Sunday of Easter, concern the institution of the Sacrament of Penance, the Tribunal of the Divine Mercy, and are thus already suited to the request of Our Lord. This Feast was granted to the Universal Church by Pope John Paul II on the occasion of the canonization of Sr. Faustina on 30 April 2000. In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that "throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday, a perennial invitation to the Christian world to face, with confidence in divine benevolence, the difficulties and trials that mankind will experience in the years to come."

Concerning the Feast of Mercy, Jesus said: Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. (*Diary*, 300)

I want the image solemnly blessed on the first Sunday after Easter, and I want it to be venerated publicly so that every soul may know about it. (*Diary*, 341)

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*"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion,
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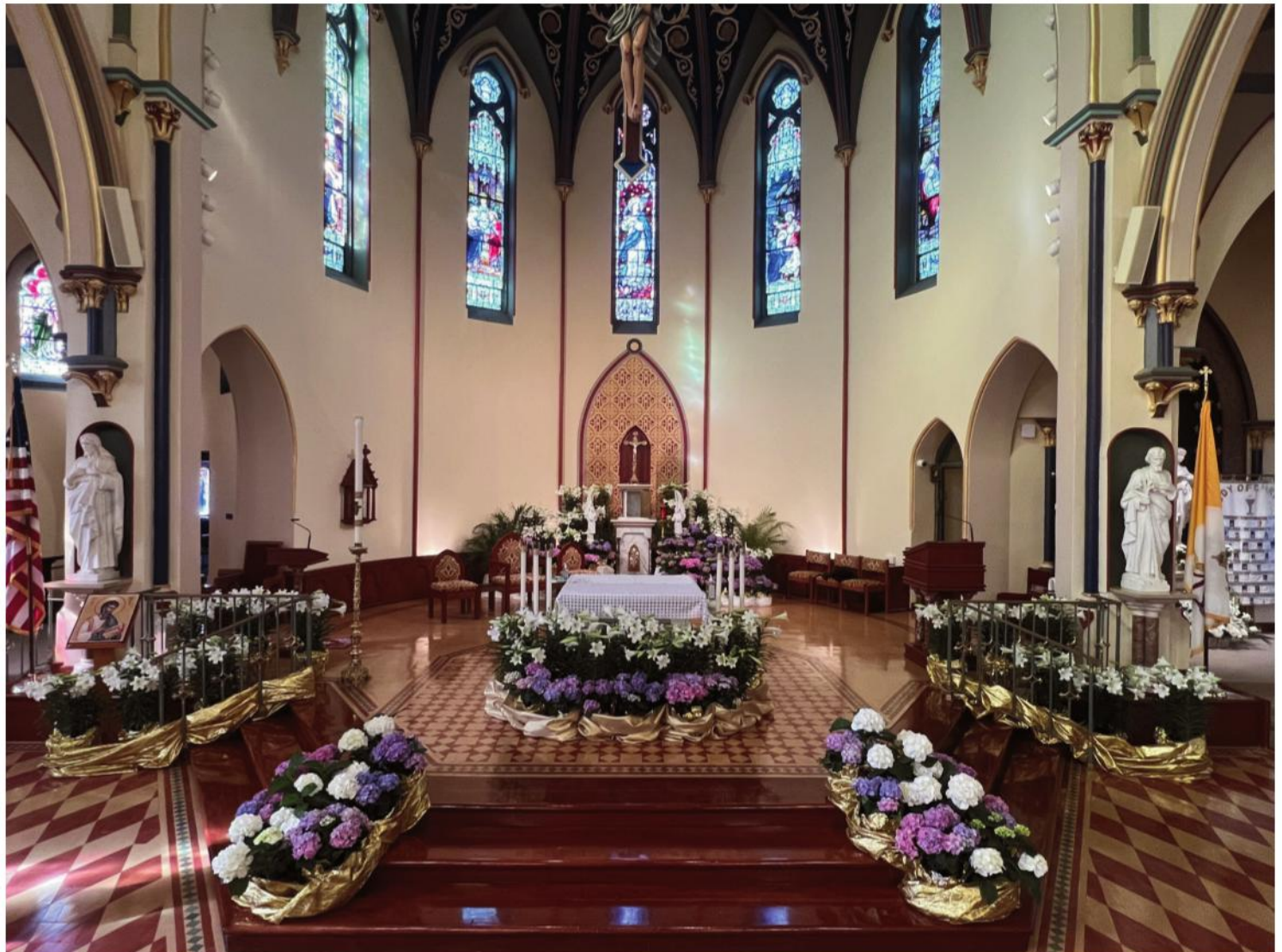
CRS Rice Bowl is Catholic Relief Services' Lenten faith in action program.
It's an opportunity for us to come together as a community and support our sisters and brothers around the world.



**Thank You
for Your Generosity**

Please return your CRS Rice Bowl boxes to the Ushers next week. Thank you so much for your support and prayers.

Easter at Assumption Church





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