A Baroque painting depicting the Adoration of the Kings. The Virgin Mary sits in the center, holding the infant Jesus. Two kings kneel before them, offering gifts. Joseph stands to the left. Angels appear in the sky. The scene is set in a stable with a manger visible in the background.

# Epiphany of the LORD

We saw  
his *star*  
at its *rising*  
and have  
come to do  
him *homage*.

Matthew 2:2



# Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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Parochial Vicar: Rev. Lukasz Wnuk

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**Parish Registration:** Call 973-539-2141 or visit the parish website at [www.assumptionparish.org](http://www.assumptionparish.org).

**Assumption School:** 973-538-0590; [www.assumptionnj.org](http://www.assumptionnj.org)  
Sr. Merris Larkin, S.C. Principal

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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](http://www.holyroodcemeterynj.com)  
Diana Loughman: Cemetery Director  
Emerson Brito, Eli Lima: Caretakers

**Church Sexton**—Kevin Kelly

**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  |
|                       | Andrea Beyerl      | 973-476-9406  |
| Bethany Ministry      | Linda Macios       | 973-539-2141  |
| Building/Grounds Cmte | Patrick Burke      | 908-510-6677  |
| Cub Scouts            | Cassandra Nielsen  | 973-452-3857  |
| 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  |
| Faith Comm. Nursing   | Mary Kennedy       | 917 860-1337. |
| 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  |
| Home School Assoc.    | Tiffany Smesky     | 917-596-6343  |
| 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    | 973-647-0892  |
| 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  | Moir Clarkin       | 973-539-4390  |
| Vocations             | Msgr. John Hart    | 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.

## January 6

Paul and Jennie Carducci  
Franklin Caputo  
Marie V. Mosca

## SUNDAY

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

## January 7

People of the Parish  
Joseph McLoughlin  
Jack Hobbs  
Carl Hall  
James B. Ryan  
John Kessler  
Karen Gruhn  
Charles Johnson  
Eugenia Tahan

## MONDAY

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

## January 8

Edward D'Arcy  
Abraao Sa

## TUESDAY

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

## January 9

Rita Haines  
Abraao Sa

## WEDNESDAY

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

## January 10

Brendan Brisco (Living)  
Ted Kozlowski

## THURSDAY

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

## January 11

Mary Louise Smith (Living)  
Maria and George Wolszakiewicz

## FRIDAY

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

## January 12

John Patrick Rodeck (Living)  
Henry Valeri

## SATURDAY

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

## January 13

Eugene Porfido  
Katherine Sikoryak  
Eric VonSchaumburg

## SUNDAY

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

## January 14

People of the Parish  
Cornelius Keating  
Helen McCarthy Enright  
Sylvester Lewis and Departed  
Members of the Lewis Family  
Leszek Brzechffa  
James Yacenda  
William Hauk  
Charles Minervino**First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6**

In this reading from the Hebrew Bible, Isaiah of the Restoration proclaims God's generosity to those returning from exile in Babylon. By bringing the exiles back home, all the nations of the world will witness God's glory. They will stream to Jerusalem to pay homage to the God of Israel and of the whole world.

**Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3a,5-6**

In this portion of his letter to the Ephesians the writer explains that through Jesus, Gentiles have now become honorary members of God's people, along with the chosen people, the Jews. A saving relationship with God has now been extended to all the world, through Christ.

**Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

Magi were the royal counselors of the emperors of Persia and studied what today might be called "the occult." by describing the visit of three of these officials to Bethlehem, Matthew reveals that even pagan Gentiles are affected by Jesus' birth. Furthermore, the magi's gifts, items used at the burial of a king, suggest that the child's importance involves his death.



**We invite you to prayerfully reflect  
on the Readings for the week of January 7**

**Monday****Baptism of the Lord**

Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4; Mk 1:7-11

**Tuesday**1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;  
Mk 1:21-28**Wednesday**1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; PS 40:2 and 5, 7-8a,  
8b-9, 10; Mk 1:29-39**Thursday**1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25;  
Mk 1:40-45**Friday**1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-17, 18-19;  
Mk 2:1-12**Saturday**1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5,  
6-7; Mk 2:13-17**Sunday****Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9,  
10; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

### 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, Robert Schroeder, Janet Cicarello Cook, Joseph Gregory, Flora and Chester Miller, Msgr. Raymond Lopatesky. Baby Henry S. Carr, Jack Peay, Jack Kenny, Barbara Dempsey, Danielle Vintschger. Gloria Dabal, Phyllis Porcello, Leslie Tylus, Baby Henry, Chase Maverick, Victoria Cicchino, Dr. Tom Emmer, Msgr. Herbert Tillyer, Emma Spada, Tricia Summers, Noelle Albanito, Dennis Garbini, Michelina Giulano, 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, Bella Corbin, Deborah Wheat, Stanley McDaniels, Vel Colizza, Geneva Roche, Constance Hill, Eileen Scheibner, Maria Bruna Teta, Vincenzo Matinata, Sandra Davis, James Berezny, Eva Flores, Krisjen Buncum, Margo Banks, Ouida Ferron Hembry, Martins Jr., Gary J., Sandy M. Robert J., Dolores J., Phillip Kirkner, Maureen Pace, Brian Vagnini, Maureen Mulligan, Willie McGhee, Aaron Corbin, Marisa Slaten, Brian Newsome, Reginald Turner, Jr., Joseph Chopiak, Linda D'Addario, Barbara Ryan, Fr. Joseph Healy, Fr. Lou Scurti, Jennifer Dudley, Suzann Tedeschi, Henry Tanski, James LaRue, Ann Waller, Leonard Solimene, Linda Hart, Lori Hart Coates, Janet Dudley, Rossana Wright, Andrea Wright, Ellen McNally, Jean Berry, Patricia Butler, Bishop Arthur Serratelli, Charlotte Kispert, Catherine Herbes, Debra Phillip, Stephen J. Nagy, Shin Hwang, George Mongey, Ray Cavanaugh, Joe Longo Sr., Fr. John Klein, Michael Wisniewski, Herbert Friedman, Essie Beaman, Carlos DelBono, Nancy Prater, Nelida Navarro, Msgr. Gerard McCarren.

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.

### 2023 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL I HAVE CALLED YOU BY NAME

There is still time to support the 2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Every gift is important and a blessing for thousands throughout the Diocese of Paterson. Please help support over 70 Catholic Charities' programs, Nazareth Village and retired priests' needs, Catholic education, and seminarian formation as well as the renovation of the Father English Food Pantry. The 2023 Appeal supports this vital work through the end of the diocesan fiscal year on June 30, 2024. Please consider a donation to the 2023 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Visit [www.2023appeal.org](http://www.2023appeal.org) to make a gift today.

### 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.

### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT JANUARY 8TH

Adoration will be held on Monday January 8, 7:00 p.m.. As always, we invite all parishioners to take special advantage of our celebration of Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

*"The Blessed Sacrament is that Presence which makes a Catholic Church different from every other place in the world; which makes it, as no other place can be, holy."*

— Cardinal Newman





## EPIPHANY

*[The magi] were overjoyed at seeing the star and on entering the house, they saw the child and his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. (Matthew 2: 1-12)*

Today we celebrate Epiphany, (the word means “manifestation”). As we recall the adoration of the Magi during this Christmas liturgy we are reminded that God wants to reveal His love to all people. Jesus Christ is born in time not only as the Savior of Israel; He is the Savior of the whole world and God wants everyone to know this. Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy

Netflix is currently airing a four-part adaptation of Anthony Doerr’s Pulitzer Prize-winning novel **All the Light We Cannot See**.

The heroine is 16-year-old Marie-Laure, the blind daughter of the widowed master locksmith at the Museum of Natural History in Paris. Marie-Laure loses her sight at the age of six due to congenital cataracts. Her father is determined that his beloved daughter will not live a life of self-pity, so he teaches her Braille and designs intricate puzzle boxes for her to solve. Under his guidance, Marie-Laure learns to negotiate her way with her cane from their apartment to the museum and then home again. Despite her natural shyness, Marie-Laure develops a sharp, inquisitive intelligence and a steely resilience as World War II begins.

When Paris falls to the Nazis, Marie-Laure and her father flee to the town of Saint-Malo in Brittany where they take refuge with relatives. There her father constructs a detailed wooden model of the town. By touching each door, each tree, each streetlight in the model, Marie-Laure memorizes every street and landmark until she can confidently make her way around the coastal town. She counts the steps and manhole covers; she learns the sounds and smells unique to every street and place; she follows railings and cables and hedges.

The shy, blind little girl grows into a courageous and resourceful young woman. Marie-Laure’s intelligence, resourcefulness and courage make her an unexpectedly effective operative for the French Resistance. She is able to see “the light” that the “seeing” world around her cannot perceive. She embraces the simple wisdom and faith of her aunt in Saint-Malo: “If God wants us to see something, we’ll see it.”

Epiphany celebrates the dawning of Christ, the light of God that shatters the darkness of sin and hopelessness, the light that illuminates our hearts to realize the love of God in our midst. But to “see” that love in our lives, as Marie-Laure learns, requires us to pay attention for the signs of that love:

realities we do not readily perceive or understand or appreciate — or would rather ignore altogether. Too often we retreat into the safe isolation of convention or we find comfort in cold rationalizations rather than “seeing” the brokenness of our brothers and sisters or hearing the cries of the poor and needy in our midst. Like Marie-Laure’s persistence in learning to “see” with the eye of her intellect and understanding, we have to look with more than just our senses but with our hearts and souls to “see” our world through God’s prism of hope and possibility. (Connections)

Merry Christmas!  
Happy New Year!

Father John



## RECEIVING THE GIFTS OF THE MAGI

In Matthew's Gospel, the Magi arrive without any prior announcement. Led by the star, no one in Jerusalem was prepared for their appearance. The gifts they carried were unexpected, but the Holy Family graciously received them.

*Adults:* Does my pride and independence prevent me from accepting the gifts that God and others offer me?

*Children:* What are some good gifts that I receive in my life? Do I realize that such gifts are a sign of God's love for me?

*A Family Perspective:* The tradition of giving gifts at Christmas is thought by some to be rooted in the gift giving of the Magi. In many cultures, gifts are not exchanged at Christmas, but rather on the feast of the Epiphany. Whenever you exchange your Christmas gifts, take some time to reflect on this tradition of gift giving. Think of the best gift you have received. What was it? What made it special? Was it the gift itself, the thought that went into it, or the person who gave it to you?

## A CHRISTMAS THANK YOU

We wish to thank all of those parishioners who contributed their time and talents to make the Christmas Masses at Assumption beautiful Liturgical celebrations.

Please join us in thanking our Deacons, Ushers, Lectors, our Altar Linen Ministry, Collection Counters, and Ministers of Communion for their commitment.

Our thanks also to our Director of Music, Paul Kusler; our cantors and soloists, Hugh Grennan, Jonathan Morales, Beth McCourt and Ginger Brennan; instrumentalists Logan Lenahan, oboe, John Martin, flute and trumpet, Joe Devico, percussion, and the Claremont Strings.

Thanks also to Moria Clarkin and all of the following people who worked with her to decorate our beautiful church and grounds: Scott Bertram, Logan Lenahan, Deb Elorette, Kevin Kelly, Rory Lago, and Aiden Orbetta. May God continue to bless you all in the new year.

## MARCH FOR LIFE JANUARY 19

As you are well aware, the Dobbs decision in June 2022 by the Supreme Court gave states the right to govern policy regarding abortion, and it has fueled the fight for Life even more so.

As a diocese, we were pleased last year that Bishop Sweeney was the main celebrant and will once again lead us on January 19<sup>th</sup>. After the noon Mass, we will proceed to the March and join some 200,000 advocates for Life from around the United States as we will march up to the Supreme Court.

On behalf of Bishop Sweeney and the Respect Life office, we invite all parishioners to join us. Please feel free to contact the Respect Life Office in the diocese, Dr. Mary at 973-777-8818 Ext. 269, or feel free to contact Fr. Michael Rodak in the Pilgrimage Office at [pilgrimage@patersondiocese.org](mailto:pilgrimage@patersondiocese.org).

## MASS ATTENDANCE

|            | Dec. 24 | Dec. 24/25 | Dec 30/31 |
|------------|---------|------------|-----------|
| 5:30 p.m.  | 231     |            | 145       |
| 7:00 a.m.  | 88      |            | 86        |
| 8:00 a.m.  | 102     |            | 97        |
| 10:00 a.m. | 164     |            | 239       |
| 12:00 p.m. | 149     |            | 289       |
| 3:00 p.m.  |         | 885        |           |
| 5:30 p.m.  |         | 568        |           |
| 7:30 p.m.  |         | 226        |           |
| 10:00 p.m. |         | 374        |           |
| 7:00 a.m.  |         | 98         |           |
| 8:00 a.m.  |         | 121        |           |
| 10:00 a.m. |         | 319        |           |
| 12:00 p.m. |         | 293        |           |
| Total:     | 734     | 2,884      | 830       |

## FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

### Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The collection total for the weekend of December 23/24 was \$21,269. The collection total for Christmas to date is \$143,373.

The collection for the weekend of December 30/31 was \$21,236. The collection for this weekend last year was \$19,674.

Thank you for your gifts to Assumption in our Christmas collection and for all your great support all year long. May the Lord bless you and your families in abundance throughout the New Year!

## WOMEN AND THE WORD

Each chapter of *Becoming Women of the Word* highlights the spiritual legacy of one or more women in the Old Testament, the women God called to bring his chosen people into the world. Breaking open the scriptures to reveal the historical, cultural and biblical context in which those Old Testament women lived, Sarah Christmyer breathes new life into their stories and makes their lives surprisingly relatable.

Join our Women and the Word group for 10 weeks, beginning Saturday morning January 20 at 10:00, as they study *Becoming Women of the Word*. You are welcome to become part of lively, inspiring and enriching conversation as we learn more about our faith.

The cost of the study is \$16.95. Register online at <https://assumptionparish.org/women-and-the-word>.

## 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, please have them contact Audrey Geraghty our Good Samaritan coordinator at 973-538-3134.





### THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY BLESSING OF THE DOORS

It is a long-standing tradition in the Church that on the Feast of the Epiphany, we bless all the doors of our homes which lead outdoors. There is specially blessed chalk on the table near the Sanctuary that you are encouraged to take home and use to mark the doors leading in and out of your homes that you bless with the following blessing:

*Let us begin by blessing ourselves: In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen. Let us pray:*

*When Jesus was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary, he made his home with us. We now ask that he will always be welcome to this home of ours, to bless it with his presence. We will now pray silently, for all the good we hope will bless our home this year (pause).*

*May Jesus always be here with us, to strengthen our love for each other. May Jesus share in our joys and comfort us in any of our sorrows.*

*Inspired by Jesus' teaching and example, may we always seek to make our home a dwelling place of his love, keeping away any evil and bringing the goodness of Jesus to all who come and go from our home.*

**Mark each door as follows: 20 + C + M + B + 24**

This stands for: Anno Domini (Year of the Lord) two thousand twenty-four. Christus Mansionem Benedicat (May Christ Bless this House)

### KEEPING THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT THROUGH THE YEAR.

St. Elizabeth University Honors Program is finalizing its production of "It's a Wonderful Life" with performances on January 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM and 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. The play is co-directed by Professor Mike Donahue, a NYC professional director and Frank deRogatis, student director. Admission is free (a \$20 value) and open to all. You are definitely invited!

Register at: <https://form.jotform.com/233233886855972>

### DENMARK & NORWAY PILGRIMAGE WITH MSGR. JOHN HART SEPTEMBER 12 – 21, 2024

Join us on an exciting ten-day Pilgrimage to Denmark and Norway to explore Catholic Nordic and Scandinavian culture. Begin in Copenhagen with an evening visit to the twinkling Tivoli Gardens and celebrate Mass at St. Ansgar's Cathedral dedicated to the Scandinavian Missionary credited for bringing Christ's message here. See historical sites and breathtaking Churches in cities like Roskilde, Odense, Bergen, Oslo, and more! Explore a breathtaking landscape like no other visiting fjords, taking an overnight ferry, and gazing out at beautiful steep mountains, waterfalls, forests and fruit orchards. See the largest church in Norway, Heddal Stave Church and enjoy traditional Norwegian cuisine. Father John will accompany you along with a local professional guide. Mass will be celebrated daily along with the opportunity for reconciliation and Rosary. Sept. 12 – 21, 2024.

Book now [www.206tours.com/msgrhart/scandinavia](http://www.206tours.com/msgrhart/scandinavia).

### THANKS FROM CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Over Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Diocese of Paterson Catholic Charities helped feed over 7,000 families and gave out over 5,000 gifts, mostly to children. We are thankful and appreciative to the many who contributed to make this possible!

Thank you for helping us provide help and create hope for those most in need. We are looking forward to a 2024 filled with healing, growth, and impact. We wish you a happy and healthy New Year!

### ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

**Lydia Arzola**  
Mother of Nydia Flores

**Margaret Riley**  
Mother of David

**Eileen Langan**  
Wife of Kevin

**Joyce Mooney**  
Cousin of Fr. Lasch

**Richard Dugan**  
Husband of Anne

**Edmund Russell**  
Father of Nancy Diamond

**Colette Parisi**  
Mother of Father Michael Parisi

**Timothy Joseph Kirby**  
Uncle of Mary Kennedy

**Monica Martin**

## TEN NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS FOR CATHOLICS

It's January again—time to make those New Year's Resolutions! During this Year of Faith why not make a few resolutions to become a better Catholic in 2024? You certainly don't have to tackle all ten, but choose two or three goals to improve your spiritual life this year.

**1. Attend daily Mass**

We offer daily mass during the week at 7:00 a.m. and 12:05 p.m. Since the group attending is usually small and there is often no singing, our daily masses will only take about 30 minutes of your day. In return, you'll receive extra graces and blessings for the small sacrifice.

**2. Spend some time in front of the Blessed Sacrament**

We offer Eucharistic Adoration on the First Saturday of the month at 8:30 a.m. and the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m., but you can stop by our church or any Catholic church any time the doors are open and spend a little quality time with Christ. Even just 10-15 minutes on a regular basis will deeply improve your spiritual life.

**3. Go to Confession every month**

Yes, it's difficult to face your sins and say them out loud, but frequent reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation gives you the grace to fight those sins and perhaps finally defeat them. Come to confession at Assumption every Saturday at 4:15—5:00 p.m., or call the parish office to make an appointment for a priest to hear your confession.

**4. Pray the Rosary**

The Rosary has been hailed by saints and popes alike as a powerful weapon to defeat evil and a beautiful way to meditate on the gospels. There are many powerful blessings and promises granted to those devoted to the Rosary. We pray the Rosary at Assumption weekdays at 11:40 a.m.

**5. Find a patron saint**

If you don't have a patron saint, it's time to find one! Saints are our heroes in faith and are powerful intercessors for us in heaven. You might want to learn more about the saint you were named after, your Confirmation saint, the patron saint of your profession or hobby or any saint who interests you.

**6. Read the Bible**

If you don't own a Catholic Bible, invest in one and keep it out where you will see it every day. Attend one of our Bible studies, held Monday mornings and Saturday mornings. You'll also find helpful guides online or in a Catholic bookstore.

**7. Learn about your faith**

If all you do is go to mass every Sunday, you're missing out on many wonderful resources for your faith. This year, resolve to join FORMED, and read, participate in programs, and watch movies and videos about your Catholic faith. It's free! To join visit [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org)

**8. Get involved at Assumption**

Volunteering as a lector, Eucharistic Minister, choir member or usher requires a very small time commitment but will pay off by helping you to feel like an important part of Assumption parish. For other ideas, visit [www.assumptionparish.org/ministries](http://www.assumptionparish.org/ministries) and learn about all our ministry opportunities.

**9. Check out Catholic radio**

Catholic radio stations are popping up all over America and you need not live near one to listen in. Most stations broadcast online or offer smartphone apps. Try a few different stations and programs to find one that interests you.

**10. Carry a Catholic Smartphone**

There are plenty of smartphone apps to help you become a better Catholic. Simply type "Catholic" in your phone's app store search index, and you'll find a long list of apps including prayers, Catholic radio stations, Confession guides, Bibles, etc. Instead of texting or checking email during idle time, make use of those apps to learn more about your faith.





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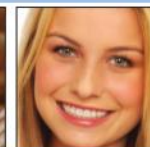
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