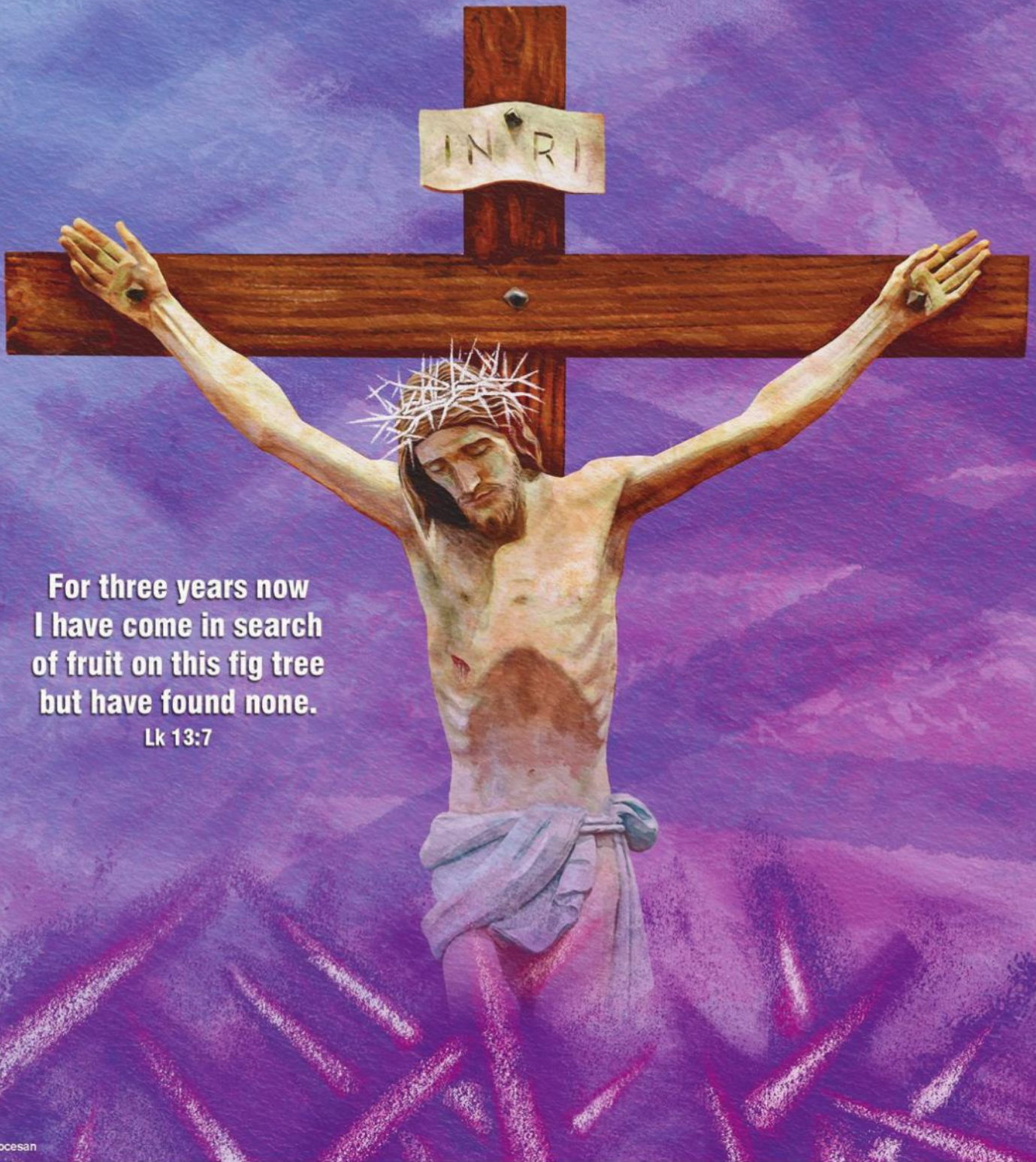


Third Sunday of LENT



**For three years now
I have come in search
of fruit on this fig tree
but have found none.**

Lk 13:7

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. Krzysztof Tyszko

Weekend Assistants: Rev. Msgr. Kenneth E. Lasch, Rev. John Brandi

Transitional Deacon: Rev. Mr. Joseph DeMarzo

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 - 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
Colette Geraghty: 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—Mark Cassidy

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. Krzysztof Tyszko	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
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	Mark Cassidy	973-539-2141
Giving Tree	Brian Morgan	973-462-6972
Home School Assoc.	Tiffany Srnesky	917-596-6343
Homeless Solutions	Ralph Ferrara	973-769-6418
Knights of Columbus	Bill Kostyak	973-714-8188
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	Christine Myers Gorski	973-539-2141
Young Professionals	Fr. Krzysztof Tyszko	973-539-2141
Youth Ministry	Colette Geraghty	973-539-2141

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY

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

March 22

Charles Benedek
William Fagant
Patrick Ferris

SUNDAY

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

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

March 23

People of the Parish
Hugh Prendergast
Gregory Barone
Margaret Anne Galvin
Christopher Patrick Devlin
Patricia Derickson
Hugh Langan
Yen Brady
Tom Landwehrle

MONDAY

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

March 24

Kathleen M. McCormack
Peter Marcketta

TUESDAY

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

March 25

Guillermo Ansaldo
Lisbeth Hernandez

WEDNESDAY

7:00 a.m.

12:05 p.m.

March 26

Eve Shea
Catherine DiFrancesco
Eugenio Roco

THURSDAY

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

March 27

Francis E. Nolan
Maria Paradowska

FRIDAY

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

March 28

Katy Roberts
Caroline A. Perrine

SATURDAY

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

March 29

Gregory Barone
The Sexton and Tedeschi Families
Amy Lynn Miller

SUNDAY

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

10:00 a.m.

12:00 p.m.

5:30 p.m.

March 30

People of the Parish
Frank Giannantonio
Antoinette Viscione
William Pezzuti
Anthony and Helen Guarino
William Treanor
Jonathan Bainbridge
William Pezzuti
William McCormack

GATHER IN PRAYER

Pray the Rosary weekdays 20 minutes before the 12:05 p.m. Mass. On Thursdays, the Rosary before 12:05 Mass is offered for priests and for vocations to the priesthood.

First Reading: Exodus 17:3-7

This first reading comes from the book of Exodus. During their trek from the oppression of Egypt to the freedom of God's promise, the people of Israel again experience God's life-giving concern for them.

Second Reading: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

In his letter to the early Church in Rome, Paul recounts how God's life-giving concern has brought sinful and godless Gentiles into the love of God's Spirit. Through Christ's death, God's love has been powerfully manifest.

Gospel: John 4:5-42

In this passage from the Gospel of John, Jesus is portrayed as the embodiment of God's life-giving concern. After questioning Jesus about three important issues in Samaritan theology, a Samaritan woman is energized with new life. By evangelizing an entire town, she becomes this Gospel's first Christian missionary.



**We invite you to prayerfully reflect
on the Readings for the week of March 23**

Monday	2 Kings 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday	Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	Fourth Sunday of Lent Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

Charles Arteglier, Greg and John Baxter, Paula Rose Carducci, Jim Cavanaugh, John Hyland, Nancy Arteglier, Jack Guerriero, Francesca Kobylarz-Bongiorno, Louis Cicitta, Audrey Roast, Vivian Hart, Mark Anderl, Esther Salas, Kenneth Krause, Sangita Rossano, Barbara Doran, Sharon Mistretta, Robert Schroeder, Janet Cicarello Cook, Gloria Dabal, Dr. Tom Emmer, Msgr. Herbert Tillyer, Barbara Syvarth, Ellen O'Connell, Deborah Wheat, Stanley McDaniels, Brian Vagnini, Willie McGhee, Aaron Corbin, Marisa Slaten, Joseph Chopiak, Barbara Ryan, Jennifer Dudley, Suzann Tedeschi, Henry Tanski, Joe Longo Sr., Donald Baron, J.P. Avione, Baby Ronan Jordan, Cheryle Cacace, Sherry Corbin Hayes, Deborah Higginbotham, Brady Sannito, Maryann Gallo, Peggy Kusler, Arthur D'Onofrio, Roy Williams, Sister Jeanne Jordan, Brenda Quagliato, Peter Donnelly, Barbara Leydon, Kevin Lauter, Jamie Pritzlaff, Fr. Mark Olenowski, Susan Martin, Connie Williams, Peter Donchak, John Branco, Julie Koepff, Karen Wagner, James Matthew Zenker, Lisa Molinari, Deacon Roger Lacouture, Denny Morrison, Bruce Dedrick, Larry Trapp, Annette Solimini, Margaret Schleifer, Saul Wolfe, Aida Corvelli, Jacqueline Kulakowski, Fr. John Pusack, Marisa Slaten, Carl Sullivan, Sharyn Zaslofsky, Ivan Dugue, Deborah DeMarzo, Noelle Albanito, Charles Bommer, Natalie Kauffman, Frank Trincanello, Sheree Pitchford, Elizabeth Legiec, Carmen Harten, Monica Simmons, Peter Thomas, Dr. William Sullivan, Ryan Ball, John Gao, Nigel Loeppky, Nicole Bias, Joseph DeFrank, Hank Bedlvy, Jr, Donald Benally, Margaret Spagnuolo, Richard Doran, Elia Ortiz Fraguso, Tom Hudak, Talia and her family, Margarita Pabalan, Lucille Joel, Suzanne Martin, Judy Ort, William Porcell, James Kaminovich, Patricia Nelson, Frank Leanza, Tom Barbara Collins, Donald White, Pope Francis, Teresa Gallo, Raffaele Puoti Fr. Joseph Buffardi, Raffaele Puoti, Marcus Narcisse, Joan Russell, Jeffrey Bauer, Abby Levitt, Lydia Amati.

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.

**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, 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 PVT. Nicholas Rapa, Army Sargent Combat Medic. CPT, Mathew Ryan Lombardi, US Army, Dermot Grennan - US NAVY Nuclear - Indiana Submarine, US Army, Capt. Mike Wisniewski - Army Intelligence.

WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

Catholics in the [Diocese of Paterson](#), are invited to experience God's healing love and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All Catholic churches in Morris, Sussex and Passaic Counties will hold Confession every Monday, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



OUR DEEPER QUESTIONINGS

Vatican II's pastoral constitution on the Church in the Modern World (*Gaudium et spes*) has some beautiful paragraphs about the deep questions we all have as we live in our modern world. In this space today, I want to share with you a bit of what the Council fathers wrote. I think that you will find this informative and consoling and I also hope it will whet your appetite and encourage you to read or re-read this entire document and others from Vatican II. The Council taught that Christ is the One who brings hope to this suffering world.

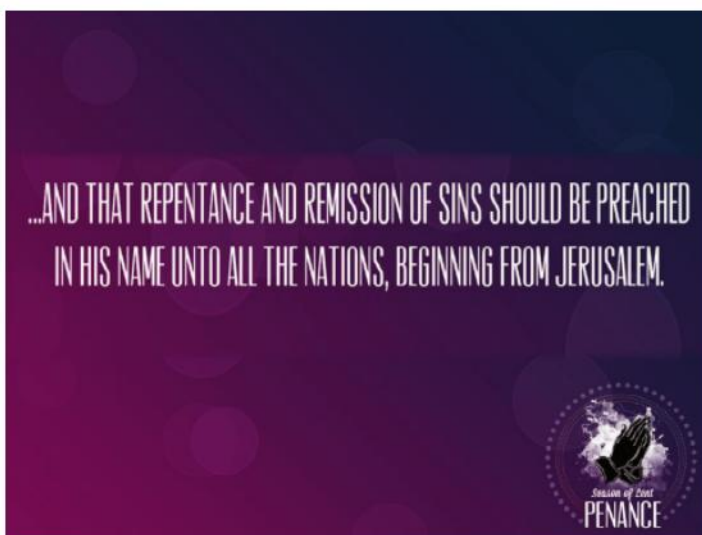
Since all these things are so, the modern world shows itself at once powerful and weak, capable of the noblest deeds or the foulest; before it lies the path to freedom or to slavery, to progress or retreat, to brotherhood or hatred. Moreover, man is becoming aware that it is his responsibility to guide aright the forces which he has unleashed and which can enslave him or minister to him. That is why he is putting questions to himself.

10. The truth is that the imbalances under which the modern world labors are linked with that more basic imbalance which is rooted in the heart of man. For in man himself many elements wrestle with one another. Thus, on the one hand, as a creature he experiences his limitations in a multitude of ways; on the other he feels himself to be boundless in his desires and summoned to a higher life. Pulled by manifold attractions he is constantly forced to choose among them and renounce some. Indeed, as a weak and sinful being, he often does what he would not, and fails to do what he would. Hence he suffers from internal divisions, and from these flow so many and such great discords in society. No doubt many whose lives are infected with a practical materialism are blinded against any sharp insight into this kind of dramatic situation; or else, weighed down by unhappiness they are prevented from giving the matter any thought. Thinking they have found serenity in an interpretation of reality everywhere proposed these days, many look forward to a genuine and total emancipation of humanity wrought solely by human effort; they are convinced that the future rule of man over the earth will satisfy every desire of his heart. Nor are there lacking men who despair of any meaning to life and praise the boldness of those who think that human existence is devoid of any inherent significance and strive to confer a total meaning on it by their own ingenuity alone.

Nevertheless, in the face of the modern development of the world, the number constantly swells of the people who raise the most basic questions or recognize them with a new sharpness: what is man? What is this sense of sorrow, of evil, of death, which continues to exist despite so much progress? What purpose have these victories purchased at so high a cost? What can man offer to society, what can he expect from it? What follows this earthly life?

*The Church firmly believes that Christ, who died and was raised up for all, can through His Spirit offer man the light and the strength to measure up to his supreme destiny. Nor has any other name under the heaven been given to man by which it is fitting for him to be saved. She likewise holds that in her most benign Lord and Master can be found the key, the focal point and the goal of man, as well as of all human history. The Church also maintains that beneath all changes there are many realities which do not change and which have their ultimate foundation in Christ, Who is the same yesterday and today, yes and forever. Hence under the light of Christ, the image of the unseen God, the firstborn of every creature, the council wishes to speak to all men in order to shed light on the mystery of man and to cooperate in finding the solution to the outstanding problems of our time. (*Gaudium et spes*. Nn 9-10)*

In Christ's Peace,
Father John



LEAVING THE GOOD FOR THE BEST

The spiritual journey of the Woman of Samaria is a gradual one. It begins with suspicion, recognizing Jesus as "a Jew." Soon, she recognizes him as "a prophet." Finally, she sees him as "the Messiah." Step by step she finds eternal life.

Adults: Can I identify a moment in my life that could be validly called a conversion? What did I turn from and turn to?

Children: Have I ever stopped doing something that I knew was not what God wanted me to do?

Family: Lent is a season for repentance. It is a season during which we are called to reflect upon and to live deeply the promises of Baptism. The well and the conversation about water immediately recall for us the Sacrament of Baptism. As the Samaritan woman was converted and sent on a mission because of the conversation about water, we too are converted and sent by our Baptism to preach the good news of Jesus to others. If you have photos or other mementos of your family's Baptisms, bring them out and take some time to recall the day of Baptism and its importance to you and your family. Create a prayer table that includes these mementos and a bowl of holy water. Then, invite everyone to listen carefully and prayerfully to today's Gospel. Read John 4:5-42 together. Ask how Jesus' meeting with the woman at the well is like Baptism. (Jesus knows the woman's sin and forgives her. The woman comes to know Jesus as the Messiah. The woman invites others to meet Jesus.) Pray a prayer of blessing for each member of the family that God will help each one live the promises of his or her Baptism. Pray together the Lord's Prayer.

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP BEGINS

Beginning Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the lower level of the Parish Center for 6 consecutive Tuesdays (not 4/22). 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.

Register online at www.assumptionparish.org or call 973-539-2141, ext. 17 and leave your contact info.

MASS ATTENDANCE MARCH 15/16

5:30 p.m.	143
7:00 a.m.	102
8:00 a.m.	140
10:00 a.m.	324
12:00 p.m.	274
5:30 p.m.	165
Total	1,148

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The Collection for the weekend of March 15/16 was \$21,819. The collection for the same weekend last year was \$21,283.

Pastor's Note: I am most grateful to you for your generous support of our parish through tithing and for all the ways you extend yourselves to engage in the mission of evangelization. It is a great joy to serve the Lord here with you.

CFCS RAFFLE TICKETS

Catholic Family & Community Services is hosting a Brunch of Blessings on April 26 at the Park Avenue Club in Florham Park, NJ to support our many service programs. These include youth at risk and early childhood, emergency services and homeless prevention, 3 food pantries and thrift shops, veterans and all those who come to us with needs.

Sister Maureen Sullivan, SC and a representative from CFCS will be at the Assumption Church on March 29 and 30 after each of the Masses to sell \$20 Raffle Tickets for a \$2,000 visa gift certificate. We will also have more information available on how you can support our Brunch and programs.

We appreciate your support and care for those less fortunate. Blessings on all of you during this Lenten Season.

BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS!

Assumption's Respect Life Ministry is hosting a Baby Bottle Blessings Campaign benefiting INSPIRE Family Life Center; a local pregnancy resource center located in Warren Township. Inspire provides free medical services coupled with emotional, spiritual and practical support to women and families facing pregnancies, inspiring them to embrace the beautiful vision of God's will for them. Bottles will be available at all entrances and should be returned to the church by March 29/30. Thank you and God bless you!

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING AND PIZZA PARTY

We will be holding Altar Server training sessions for boys and girls in the fourth grade and up on Wednesday, April 2 at 5:00 p.m. The pizza party is for all trainees and veteran altar servers.

If you are in the fourth grade or older, and would like to become an Altar Server at Assumption, sign up by calling the Parish Office at 973-539-2141 or emailing Linda.macios@assumptionparish.org.

CALLING ALL YOUNG ADULTS!

Are you seeking to find community? Look no further, The Assumption Young Adults Group is for young adults aged 21-35 who desire to grow in community with other young adults who share a common interest in faith and fellowship. The ministry's main goal is to meet the needs of the young adults in the Morristown area seeking to grow in faith alongside one another. Any young adults interested are welcome to join us! We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. in the lower level of the Parish Center.

Want to know more? Please contact either Fr. Krzysztof ktyszko@assumptionparish.org or Colette Geraghty colette.geraghty@assumptionparish.org

SAVE THE DATE: AUGUST 11-15

TRUE NORTH - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Camp Dates are August 11th - 15th from 9-11:30 a.m. Camper and Teen registration will open in April. Campers must be in grade preK4 - 3rd grade (fall '25), and Teen volunteers in grade 6 (fall '25) and older. If you are interested in being an adult volunteer please contact Catherine Hudak at catherinehudak14@gmail.com. Registration will open April 22.

FUNDAMENTAL MORAL THEOLOGY COURSE

Assumption College for Sisters, Denville, is offering a *Fundamental Moral Theology* course with Dr. Rafael Gonzalez, Ph.D. Based on the scriptural, philosophical, and theological principles of morality, this course introduces the development of moral teaching in the Catholic Church: the human person, natural law, conscience, principle of double effect, freedom, sin, moral living as a response to God's love. Contemporary moral issues are evaluated in the light of these principles and of magisterial teachings. Mon, Tues, Thurs: May 19 – June 5, 3:15-6:00pm and Mon, Tues, Thurs: June 9 – June 28, 12:30-3:15 p.m. For credit: \$525 For Audit: \$262 Contact: academicdean@acs350.org

A WIDER TENT

During this Jubilee Year, LBGTQ+ Catholics and their family, friends and community are invited to gather to talk about ways to support and affirm the dignity of all persons as we endeavor to be pilgrims of hope. We meet in Room 110 Motherhouse, at St Elizabeth's University, Convent Station. For information about our meeting schedule, email AWiderTent@gmail.com.

VILLA WALSH SUMMER CAMPS

Villa Walsh Academy would like to invite students from grades 3rd -8th to attend our summer camp sessions from June 23-27th, and July 7th-11th 2025. Full and half day sessions are available. Our camps include sports, art, dance, drama, Robotics, STEM & Adventure Camp! The Robotics Summer Camp is open to girls grades 7th-9th on July 21st-25th, 8am-12 p.m. Visit www.villawalsh.org/athletics/summer-camps for more information.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE—MARCH 5 - APRIL 15

You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray and fast for an end to abortion! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help, here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

- Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion
- Over 200 abortion workers converted
- Over 100 abortion centers closed.

Vigil location: Outside Planned Parenthood of Morristown, 196 Speedwell, Morristown, NJ, vigil hours: 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily. **Assumption Respect Life committee will be outside praying at Planned Parenthood every Friday during lent from 12 noon to 1 p.m.**

DEFENSE AGAINST THE DARK ARTS

ON SPIRITUAL WARFARE AND THE OCCULT

Presented by Fr. Philip-Michael Tangorra, STL, JCL, on Sunday, March 23 at 3:00 p.m. at St. Thomas Moore Church, 4 Convent Road, Convent Station. All are welcome.

CHRISTIAN UNITY ROUNDTABLE

THREE DATES IN MARCH

Join us throughout March for our Christian Unity Roundtables. These roundtables are an opportunity for people of Christian faiths to come together, listen, share, and learn from one another. These informal gatherings will include a panel discussion and group sharing. All sessions will be the same format, with different panelists from different faith traditions as available. All are welcome!

Sunday Events

- MARCH 23, 2025 FROM 4 - 6 P.M. St. Peter the Apostle, Parsippany
- MARCH 30, 2025 FROM 4 - 6 P.M. Our Lady of the Lake, Sparta

Save the Date!

- Jubilee of Christian Unity June 22, 2025 at 3 P.M. Ecumenical prayer celebration Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist.

CATHOLIC MARRIED COUPLES

SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE, YOUR WISDOM, AND YOUR FAITH

If you have been married in a Catholic ceremony for four or more years and are practicing Catholics, please consider becoming an Assumption Pre-Cana Ministry couple. We host two one day Pre-Cana retreats at Assumption Church, and help prepare engaged couples for the Sacrament of Matrimony. This is a powerful way to strengthen your own marital bond as you share your experiences in a sacramental marriage. Please contact Ken or Rosa Rose at precana@assumptionparish.org.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28;
APRIL 4, 11, 18, 7:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18
GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS
AT 7:00 P.M.



THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION

AT ASSUMPTION CHURCH

MONDAYS 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

MARCH 10, 17, 24, 31;

APRIL 7, 14

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

12 - 2 PM AND 4-6 PM.



TUESDAY EVENING 7:00 P.M. MASS SERIES

MARCH 26 - FR. BRIAN QUINN

APRIL 1- FR. CHRIS HAN

APRIL 8 - FR. BRIAN SULLIVAN





OCIA RITE OF ELECTION

On March 9, 174 catechumens became the elect, moving a step closer to being welcomed as full members of the Catholic Church at this year's Rite of Election ceremony at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Paterson on the First Sunday of Lent. These adults, teens, and children will receive the Sacraments of Initiation — baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist — at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday, April 19. Bishop Kevin J. Sweeney formally selected — or elected — them at the Rite of Election that he presided over in English and Spanish. The ceremony formally sets the newly elected toward full sacramental unity with the Church.

The catechumens have been studying the tenets of Catholicism through their parish's Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) program. This is the Church's official process by which new members are prepared for the sacraments of baptism, confirmation, and Eucharist. The program was previously called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA).

In his homily, Bishop Sweeney echoed Pope Francis' call for the elect — and Catholics everywhere — to become Pilgrims of Hope during this Jubilee Year of Hope. "Our world needs hope. Too many of our young people and adults and others are sad or depressed or worried...Yes, the cross is there — the difficulties and challenges — but we have something to offer. When our world is hurting and in pain, we can offer to someone we meet on the journey a gift of hope. God is with us. We're not alone. He can give us peace and healing."

Please pray for those who are in Assumptions OCIA Program, our Elect, (those who will be baptized and receive First Communion and Confirmation) Jacob Bryan, Giovanni DeBelli, Tina Minano, Sean Susini and Adam Weatherly; and our Candidates, (those who are already baptized, and will complete their Sacraments of Initiation) Fabiana Alu`, Brielle Cook, Robert Duffin, Kimberly Edwards, Daniel Jimenez, Daniel Long, Nick Morosco, Abbie Pisciotto, and Tyler Small.



YOUNG CATHOLIC
PROFESSIONALS
NORTH JERSEY

"...FOR YOU ARE DUST,
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