

#### Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary 91 Maple Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960 973-539-2141, Fax-973-984-0632

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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

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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
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Homeless Solutions	Ralph Ferrara	973-769-6418
Knights of Columbus	Bill Kostyak	973-714-8188
Lectors	Andrea Bozzi	973-722-6497
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	Moira 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

**Parish Ministries** 

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

**SATURDAY** May 31

Fr. Ciaran Fergus 8:00 a.m. James Hegarty

The Sexton & Tedeschi Families 5:30 p.m.

Vincent Yuliano

SUNDAY June 1

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish 8:00 a.m. Vincent & Phyllis Marella

Elizabeth Zucker

Margaret Anne Galvin 10:00 a.m.

Caterina Donato

12:00 p.m. Maria Naham Maria Aurora Lorenzo

**MONDAY** June 2

7:00 a.m. The Narduzzi Family (Living)

12:05 p.m. Elizabeth Del Negro

**TUESDAY** June 3

7:00 a.m. Margaret Treanor Fr. Carlos Viego (Living) 12:05 p.m.

WEDNESDAY June 4

7:00 a.m. Robert B. Callas

Stanley and Josephine Swabowitz 12:05 p.m.

**THURSDAY** 

Angie Narduzzi (living) 7:00 a.m.

The Family of 12:05 p.m.

Bud and Dorothy Fredericks

**FRIDAY** June 6

Kevin and Mary Cassidy 7:00 a.m. Timothy Romagna 12:05 p.m.

SATURDAY June 7

Margaret Treanor 8:00 a.m. James Hegarty

John and Gloria McCloskey 5:30 p.m.

Katie McDonnell

SUNDAY June 8

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish

8:00 a.m. Irene Phelan

The Green Family

10:00 a.m. Joan Kobylarz

Gayle Hopps

The Kolojeski Family 12:00 p.m.

Jose Cunha

#### **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.
- 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.

#### / irst Reading: Acts 1:1-11

The first reading today is the opening passage from the Acts of the Apostles and describes Jesus' exaltation to the "right hand of the Father." It also promises the gift of the Holy Spirit who will guide the Church in preaching about Jesus "to the ends of the earth."

▼ econd Reading: Ephesians 1:17-23

The second reading, a segment of an early Christian letter, teaches that the exaltation of Christ must be the source of Christian hope.

**♥ ospel: Luke 24:46-53** 

nations is repeated.

Today's Gospel passage is the ending of the Gospel of Luke that parallels the scene recounted in today's first reading. The importance of being witnesses to the exalted Jesus throughout all the



#### We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the Readings for the week of June 1

**Monday** Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd,

6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday Act 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11; 20-21;

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a,

35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a and 5, **Thursday** 

7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

**Friday** Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12,

19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5 and 7; Saturday

Jn 21:20-25

Sunday **Pentecost Sunday** 

> Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

### 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-Bondiorno, 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, Joseph 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 Peggy Kusler, Arthur Sannito, Maryann Gallo, 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, Denny Morrison, Bruce Dedrick, Larry Trapp, Annette Solimini, Margaret Schleifer, Saul Wolfe, Deborah DeMarzo, Noelle Albanito, Charles Bommer, Natalie Kauffman, Frank Trincanello, Sheree Pitchford, Elizabeth Legiec, Carmen Harten, Peter Thomas, Dr. William Sullivan, Ryan Ball, John Gao, Nigel Loeppky, Nicole Bias, Joseph DeFrank, Hank Bedlivy, 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, Teresa Gallo, Raffaele Puoti Fr. Joseph Buffardi, Marcus Narcisse, Joan Russell, Abby Levitt, Ron Steffes, Doris Costello, Walter Majowicz, Huguette Porte, Betty Scuman, Joseph Takaruza, George H. Becker, Jr, Susan Rohr, Shelley Maher, Anna Arnold, Ralph Schmitt, Santa Scarangelli, Patricia Miltner, Mary McGlew, Daniel Corbin, Pat Cavanaugh, Amy Stuono, Ann Cahill, Peter Gianusso, Greg Smith.

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

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, Guam, Sergeant Brendan Rochelle, 1/127 82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg, CH (CPT) Przemysław 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.

#### PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING AN USHER

The ministry of ushers is the oldest lay ministry in the Catholic Church. During the time of Christ, the Doorkeepers of the temple numbered in the hundreds and were the forerunners of todays ushers. Today the usher's responsibilities include greeting and welcoming parishioners as they enter the church, helping them to find seats, taking up the collection and wishing everyone a good day at the conclusion of the Mass. Please consider joining our team of ushers. Contact Anthony Romano at 973-267-5433.



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#### THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

"You are witnesses of these things." (Luke 24: 46-53)

Today we celebrate the Ascension of the Lord as Pentecost draws near.

Novelist Barbara Kingsolver wanted to explore the devastating effects of the opioid crisis in Appalachia, but she doubted that people would want to read about such a grim subject. She found her inspiration in Charles Dickens' classic novel **David Copperfield.** She recast the novel as the story of young Damon Fields, who, with his caustic wit and fierce talent for survival, braves the modern perils of foster care, child labor, derelict schools, athletic success, addiction, disastrous loves, and crushing losses. Kingsolver's book, titled **Demon Copperhead** (the red-haired Damon's nickname) was an immediate success, winning the Pulitzer Prize for fiction in 2023.

To research **Demon Copperhead**, Barbara Kingsolver traveled to Lee County, Virginia, a corner of Appalachia that's been battered by drug abuse. Residents readily opened up to her about their lives wrecked by opioids.

"I sat down and spent hours with people talking about their addiction journey," Kingsolver says. "There are stories that went straight into the book."

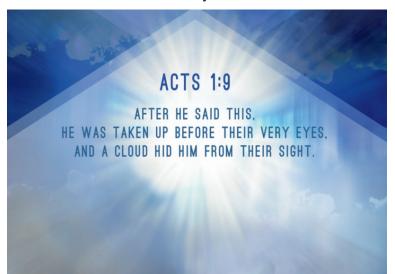
But Barbara Kingsolver's involvement with the people of Lee County did not end with the publication of **Demon Copperhead**. The author is using her royalties from the book to establish Higher Ground Women's Recovery Residence for women in Lee County. The center will house eight to 12 women recovering from drug addiction, offering them a place to stay for up to two years, as well as counselling and other forms of support, including free community college classes.

Kingsolver grew up in nearby rural Kentucky and lives on a farm in Virginia. As someone raised in the area, this is an issue she felt compelled to address.

"The first week that this book hit the stores and was so successful, I said OK, I'm going to bring this home, I'm going to be able to do something concrete with this book that will help the people who told me their stories," she said. "I had these royalties that **Demon** brought me. I took that money and went back to Lee County and said, What can we do with this?"

"You might, in earlier times, have expected stigma, for people not to be open to this, but instead it's been, 'Yes, in my backyard,'" Kingsolver found. "This is the reality of where we live. "Everybody knows someone touched by the opioid epidemic." [The New York Times, February 7, 2025.]

Like Barbara Kingsolver's resolve to help those she met in writing Demon Copperhead, we are sent forth on this Ascension Day to be witnesses of the Jesus we have met. His challenge to us now is to



transform our lives and world in the peace and light of his resurrection. We are now charged to witnessing the Gospel of God's Christ in our own quiet, simple but no-less powerful expressions of compassion and love that echo the compassion and love of God — God who is Father and Son and Brother to us all. (Connections)

In Christ's Peace, Father John

#### OPENING THE WAY FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

The ascension of Jesus describes Christ's transition from earth to heaven after his life, ministry, death, and resurrection. The Bible refers to the ascension as a passive action—Jesus was "taken up" into heaven.

Through the ascension of Jesus, God the Father exalted the Lord to his right hand in heaven. Even more important, at his ascension, Jesus promised his followers that he would soon pour out the Holy Spirit on them and in them.

The ascension of Jesus into heaven made it possible for the Holy Spirit to come and fill His followers. It is an awe-inspiring truth to realize that God himself, in the form of the Holy Spirit, lives inside me as a believer. Am I taking full advantage of this gift to learn more about Jesus and to live a God-pleasing life?

#### **CELEBRATE PENTECOST SUNDAY JUNE 8!**

This Easter, beginning with the Easter Vigil where our OCIA candidates received their sacraments, and continuing on through the Easter season with First Communions and Confirmations in April and May.

This year on June 8, Pentecost Sunday, we invite all of those candidates (OCIA, first communicants, newly confirmed) when coming to Mass to wear red!! he color red symbolizes joy and the fire of the Holy Spirit. It could be a shirt, a tie, a blouse, a dress, a skirt, a scarf, a necklace. Let's fill the Sanctuary with the color red. (First Communicants are encouraged to wear their Communion outfits.)

#### ORDINATION OF DEACON JOSEPH DEMARZO

Deacon Joseph DeMarzo, who has spent the last year with us here at Assumption, will be ordained into the Priesthood on June 7, at 10:00 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson. He will be celebrating his first Mass on Sunday June 8th at his home parish, Corpus Christi in Chatham, at 11a.m.

On Sunday, June 22, Father DeMarzo will celebrate his first Mass here at Assumption at 10 a.m. Join us for this joyful occasion, and stay for light refreshments and congratulations!

#### **ASSUMPTION RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY**

Join the Assumption Respect Life Ministry at their next meeting on June 18 at 7:00 p.m. in Rauscher Hall. The Assumption Respect Life Ministry will be selling baby feet magnets after all masses the weekend of June 21/22. Please support this effort to raise funds in support of the unborn.

Please consider signing up for Respect Life Prayer and Actionay haen you do, you will receive the following:

- action alerts to contact Congress and government leaders
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#### **MASS ATTENDANCE MAY 24/25**

5:30 p.m.	146
7:00 a.m.	153
8:00 a.m.	102
10:00 a.m.	281
12:00 p.m.	<u> 205</u>
Total	887

## FINANCIAL BLESSINGS Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The Collection for the weekend of May 24/25 was \$19,629. The collection at the same time last year was \$18,142.

<u>Pastor's Note</u>: I am so grateful to you for your outstanding generosity and your sacrificial giving. Thanks also for the enthusiastic way that you participate in the life of our vibrant parish. Please be assured of my prayers for you and your families and all your loved ones every day.

## HISTORY TEACHER NEEDED AT ASSUMPTION COLLEGE

Assumption College for Sisters Seeks World Civilization Instructor ACS invites applications for an instructor to teach World Civilization – HI 101, a three-credit course designed for second-year international students. This course offers a global overview of major civilizations, cultural exchanges, political and economic systems, and religious traditions from ancient times to the early modern era. If interested, contact: academicdean@acs350.org

#### PARTNERSHIP TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING PRESENTS

Help End Human Trafficking: Awareness and Empowerment Event, Sponsored by The Order of Malta New Jersey Area. June 7, 2025, at St. James Catholic Church, 184 S. Finley Ave. Basking Ridge. On Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Compelling testimony from survivors.

# ALL ABOARD THE ARK SAVE THE DATE—SEPTEMBER 12, 2025 TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND TO SEE "NOAH"

With a catastrophic storm on its way, Noah is given a monumental task: build a boat big enough to save his family from a flood that will cover the entire earth. can he trust that God's promises run deeper than the rising waters around him? Assumption is planning a trip to Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster PA, to see the production of Noah on Friday, September 12. Reserve tour tickets now at www.assumptionparish.org.

# ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD Margaret Schleifer Mother of Patty Hebert

#### GOOD SHEPHERD CHILDREN RECEIVED FIRST EUCHARIST AT 10:00 MASS ON MAY 18



We share the joy of the 2024-2025 Good Shepherd children and families! The children received their First Holy Communion on May 18, 2025, at the 10 a.m. Mass. I would like to thank our Pastor, Fr. John Hart, for welcoming and encouraging the children in the Good Shepherd program as well as Fr. Krzysztof Tyszko for celebrating the First Communion Mass. I am also so grateful to our Director of Faith Formation, Linda Macios, as well as our Director of Music, Paul Kusler, and the outstanding Assumption Choir for all their help and support for the children and the liturgy. Thank you to Deacon Joseph DeMarzo for proclaiming the Gospel with great love at the Mass. Special thank you to Sacristan Mark for his encouragement and support with preparations. Thank you to Eucharistic Minister, Sharon Bertram and all the Ushers including Pete Speer and Scott Bertram. Good Shepherd graduates, Jilliane DePeralta, Brendan Albanito and Julia Albanito for serving at the altar

with great love. Thank you to veteran Good Shepherd parents, Ato Orbeta and Arlene Orbeta, for again volunteering to photograph the joy and love of this special day. I am so grateful to Pete Speer, Andres Gomez, Ana Gomez, Clara Hedary, Catherine Hudak and Good Shepherd graduates, Clhloè Hedary, Samantha Morgan, Amarie Orbeta, Leo Hudak and Janelle DePeralta, for assisting with the reception after Mass. I am eternally grateful to Laura Arzeno, Gina Gingrich, Diane Marum, Alina Gomez, Suzanne Grogan, Evelyn Costello, Mia Bernardo, Sarah Anderson and Sara Gomez for their love and help with facilitating this beautiful retreat experience for the Good Shepherd children. I would also like to thank Level I staff who first welcomed the children in the Level I atrium: Mary Romance, Laura Arzeno, Rositta Fernando, Karis Marum and Courtney McAllister. Thank you to Pam Johnson for making the White Garments for the twenty first year with great love for the children! I am also so grateful to master florist, Josi Lima, for facilitating the Floral Crown Meditation again this year for the First Communicant Girls and the People Given to them by God as Gifts. Finally, I thank the 2024-2025 Good Shepherd First Reconciliation/First Communicant parents, extended family, members of our Good Shepherd and Assumption Parish Family and all who composed notes and prayers for the children on the joy of remaining in Christ and his love. In Peace and Gratitude,

Tara Speer, Coordinator, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program

#### **JUBILEE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY**

Sunday, June 22, at 3 p.m. Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

Celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicea and the Nicene Creed with Bishop Kevin Sweeney and other leaders of various Christian denominations. Leaders include The Rev. Susan R. Ironside, Rev. Jeff Markay, Sister Rosemary Moynihan, SC, and Rev. Elizabeth Ivell. For more information, visit https://insidethewalls.org/jubilee-of-christian-unity

#### LIVING OUR FAITH DAY BY DAY

On May 12, 2025, Pope Leo XIX announced that he will be traveling to Turkey to mark the historic 1,700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. This council gave us the creed we recite at Mass on Sundays and Solemnities and has been one of the most influential means of passing on the faith for centuries.

Our Bishop Emeritus, Arthur Serratelli has most recently published a book titled Living Our Faith Day by Day, Daily Meditations on the Nicene Creed. The short reflections and prayers for each day can deepen an understanding of the faith and inspire a closer walk with the Lord. Purchase this book directly from Catholic Book Publishing at www.catholicbookpublishing.com or by calling 1-877-228-2665.



# 12th Annual Corpus Christi FOOD DRIVE

June 21-22, 2025



Catholic Charities here in our Diocese continues to be "the hands of Christ" in a world in need of greater compassion and service. Catholic Charities' 3 food pantries (Fr. English Center in Paterson, Hope House in Dover, and Partnership for Social Services in Franklin) continue to help more and more people than ever before.

This year we are once again asked to participate in the Corpus Christi Food Drive to enable our Catholic Charities to provide help and create hope. Every summer, the demands upon food pantries escalate. Catholic Charities is one of the most important local sources of food for thousands of our brothers and sisters in genuine need -particularly children.

Assumption Church will be collecting pasta and cold cereal on the weekend of June 21/22



# Something grrrrreat is coming!

## Assumption Church VBS August 11 - 15

#### **REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Campers will be guided on the ultimate Alaskan adventure where northern lights glow over majestic mountains, racing rivers, and glistening glaciers. Pointing them toward Jesus, True North VBS shows them that he is a faithful friend we can always trust. He's our True North!

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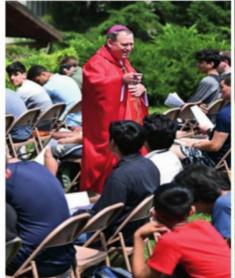


### **QUO VADIS DAY RETREAT FOR YOUNG MEN**

JUNE 26, 2025 9:00 AM TO 8:00 PM Camp Shiloh - 753 Burnt Meadow Rd Hewitt, NJ

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# **Assumption Bus Trip**

# Friday, September 12

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