

ASSUMPTION CHURCH, MORRISTOWN, NJ

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

8:00 a.m. Rachel Verso
5:30 p.m. Margaret Hanke

SUNDAY, MARCH 15

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish
8:30 a.m. Francis Walker, Jr.
10:00 a.m. Dr. Arthur Falgione
12:15 p.m. George E. Parker, Jr.
5:30 p.m. Margaret Dempsey

MONDAY, MARCH 16

7:00 a.m. Helen Fiorillo
12:05 p.m. Grace Crowley

TUESDAY, MARCH 17

7:00 a.m. Gretta Moloney
12:05 p.m. Grace Crowley – 1st Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18

7:00 a.m. Rosalie A. Brown
12:05 p.m. Josephine Maloney

THURSDAY, MARCH 19

7:00 a.m. Ralph Romano
12:05 p.m. Rose Emmer

FRIDAY, MARCH 20

7:00 a.m. Joseph Kramer
12:05 p.m. Grace Crowley

SATURDAY, MARCH 21

8:00 a.m. Francis Walker, Jr.
5:30 p.m. Francis Walker, Jr.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish
8:30 a.m. Joseph Baron
10:00 a.m. Dr. Arthur Falgione
12:15 p.m. Rosina Milelli
5:30 p.m. James Kennedy

The Rosary is prayed every weekday 15 minutes before the 12:05 Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel, Cedar Knolls.

The Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal is prayed every Monday immediately following the 12:05 p.m. Mass.

Perpetual Adoration is observed seven days-a-week, 24 hours daily at St. Margaret of Scotland in Morristown.

First Reading – Exodus, 20: 1-17

Today's reading from the Hebrew Scriptures is taken from the Book of the Covenant section of the book of Exodus. The people of Israel receive the teaching of the Lord, which instructs them how they in gratitude for their liberation from slavery, are to conduct their lives.

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 1: 22-25

In the following excerpt from his letter to the Church in Corinth, the Apostle Paul explains that the crucified Christ embodies the self-giving wisdom of God.

Gospel – John 2: 13-25

Unlike the other Gospels, the Gospel of John describes the disturbance caused by Jesus in the Temple at the beginning of his account. In John's version, it is clear that the Resurrection experience caused Jesus' followers to think about him in ways which had been impossible for them earlier.

We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the readings for next Sunday, March 22, **Fourth Sunday of Lent**

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36: 14-17, 19-23

Second Reading: Ephesians 2: 4-10

Gospel: John 3: 14-21

STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR LENT

As we begin our Lenten journey, participation in Stations of the Cross is a wonderful way to help deepen our awareness of his suffering and lead us to a better understanding of Christ's passion and death. Please join us each Friday evening during Lent at 5:30 p.m. in the church for this beautiful and moving liturgy. In addition to our regular Friday evening Stations, there will be a special Stations of the Cross for children at 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 27.



MASS FOR SAINT PATRICK

Join us on Saturday, March 14 at 10:00 a.m. to celebrate the annual Mass for Saint Patrick which is celebrated in conjunction with the Morris County Saint Patrick's Day Parade.

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PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE RECOVERY OF:

Annette Cattano, Pat and Bob Seely, Noelle Talarico, Lorraine McMahon, John Dingman, Judy Lynch, Romaine Rea, Agnes Hogan, Kathleen McCarthy Brennan, Tony Bersani, Mary Ascher, Irene Schreiber, Rita Ventre, Helen Bitondo, Gladys Mageau, Victoria Vega, Cindy Hogan, Becca Wishbow, Michael Garde, Joseph McGovern, Elsa McGlynn, Doris Lemieux, Patricia Barter-Varrichio, William Galligan, Doris Laurenti, Heidi Hertsgaard, Mary O'Connell, Janet Cloninger, Jerry Kwilos, Kathy Farrand, Robert Carduner, Sherry Rickely, Manuel and Delicia Calderon, Ariel Donnelly, Julie Ann Barlotta, Elaine Brady, Christy Lee Ascolese, Sabrina Sanchez, Miriam Frias, Jim Cavanaugh, Gabrielle Murtha, Bea Scagnelli, Jody Hartley, Doris Laurenti, Guy J. Palazzolo, Jane A. Mullins, Andy Scrone, Landa Martin, Mary Breen, Shirley Konicke, Elizabeth Gibson, Theresa O'Connell, Maria Svaglinac, Christopher Scully, Siena Broesler, Malcolm Sutherland Foggio, Charles Lieb McCloskey, Marie Valvano, Conrad Geraghty, Charlotte Rez, John Maurello, Linda Rosenberg, and Sheila Hare.

You are invited to call the Parish Office with the names of any loved ones who you would like included in the prayers for the good health of the sick and homebound.

Please notify us when our prayers for recovery have been answered, so we may remove the person from the list.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THESE, O LORD

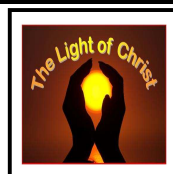


Michael Sarinelli
Father of Steve

Thomas Johnson, Sr.
Father of Maryclare, Tom, Michele, Karen,
and Kevin

WELCOME HOME TO HEALING

We have scheduled a "Welcome Home" penitential program where we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation every Monday evening during Lent from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. This program will be in addition to our regular time for Confessions on Saturday afternoon from 4:15 to 5:00 p.m.



SHINES AT ASSUMPTION

We believe that Jesus Christ breathes His Spirit on us so that we can strive to become a more perfect expression of the Good News in all aspects of everyday life.

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST...

THAT SHINES THROUGH OUR CATECHISTS:

Volunteer catechists make a deliberate and conscious decision to serve the community in the name of Christ. These faith-filled parishioners partner with parents and make a commitment to nourish every student's relationship with God. They are people who possess the gift of teaching and who have shared that gift with our Assumption community throughout this school year. Whether working with a group of four year olds in the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd or dialoguing with sophomores in high school about the presence of God in their lives, their charitable, attentive, trustworthy and enthusiastic spirit shines brightly. Thank you, catechists, for making a difference; for igniting the flame of faith in the lives of those you encounter.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd catechists are: Laura Anderson, Linda Cannilla, Francesca Fahmy, Alina Gomez, Cathy Hammond, Rebecca Horan, Greg Lombardi, Diane Marum, Imelda McShane, Susan Oths, Irene Perodin, Marianna Quagliano, Kerry Riordan, Mary Romance, Diane Santillo, and Safia Speer.

Confirmation catechists: Sophie Blavet, Denise Broesler, Kate Devlin, Kathy Fadden, John Krauss, Caitlin MacCourtney, Steve Nicoloso, Cheryl Riehl, Jean Viotto, Peter Broeman, John Codd, Rick D'Angelo, Mercedes D'Angelo, Patty Gallagher, Jennifer O'Donnell, Mike O'Donnell, Bob Rohr, Margie Rohr, Liz Rosado, Sue Strelec, and Kelly Sullivan. First through fifth grade catechists: Gabriella Cafaro, Louise Johnson, Kristen Matkowski, Sue Maya, Debbie Maulbeck, Alanna Raimondi, Rebecca DiDona, Christine Grilli, Joanne Hefter, Michele Para, Donna Ciliberto, Deanna Peterson, Lorie Pezzuti, Janet Sullivan, Barbara Walsh, Fred Ciliberto, Gale Grennan, Peggy Lenahan, Carolyn McLain, Lew Monetti, Marilyn Rand, Mary Liz Sullivan, Pat Logue, Milton Miyashiro, Pam Johnson and Kathleen D'Aloia, Special Education catechist. Sixth through 8th grade catechists: Reine Velez-Moran, Sharon Carroll, Laura Garrett, Chris Suchocki, Jennifer Geraghty, Mike Geraghty, Joann Mulcahy, Teddi Connor, Tony Grilli, Robert Leach, Bill Pezzuti, Marilyn Cuykendall, Katherine Huening, Jane Bender, Marilyn Rodda, JuliAnn Ferdenzi, Sheila Narayanan, Elizabeth Andolino, Mary Dougherty, and Nancy Rudgers.

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OUR NEW GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

Jesus said. "If anyone wants to be great in the Kingdom of God, they have to be the servant of all." We have some great women in our parish who decided to start a Samaritan

Ministry to identify and reach out to the sick and homebound of our parish. Here are just some of the things this ministry will offer:

- ✠ Bringing the Eucharist to the sick and homebound.
- ✠ Sending get-well card and notes of encouragement.
- ✠ Offering short friendly visits and phone calls.
- ✠ Offering occasional rides to church liturgies and events.
- ✠ Providing meals for parishioners in need due to sudden illness or family crisis.
- ✠ Providing emergency rides to the hospital or other locations due to illness or other extenuating circumstances.
- ✠ Offering other acts of love, support, and kindness as needed.

These women are dear to God's heart and mine, and I'm sure, yours. May they have every grace and blessing to do God's work in our midst. Jesus always gave preference to the sick, the poor, and the lonely. I'm so happy that we are continuing his work here in our parish.

– Father Martin



RESPECT LIFE

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has launched an email campaign urging Congress to maintain widely supported pro-life policies and to oppose the federal funding and promotion of abortion. The email campaign augments the massive national postcard campaign launched in dioceses throughout the country in January. Recent polls

show that Americans strongly support laws limiting or regulating abortion, including laws honoring parental involvement in a minor daughter's abortion decision, laws upholding the conscience rights of health care professionals and institutions, limits on abortion funding, and bans on a partial-birth abortion. To guard against the erosion of current pro-life measures – and to keep abortion from becoming a federal entitlement, your voice is needed now more than ever. Please go to www.usccb.org/postcard and click on "Email Congress Now" and let your voice be heard. To find out more about pro-life activities, call 201-392-6431.



FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR

**JESUS' THIRD WORDS:
"WOMAN, BEHOLD YOUR SON.
SON, BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER."**

In our day the most widely recognized religious picture is the Christmas card: Mary, Joseph and the Baby. The centerpiece of the spiritual imagination for mediaeval society was a different trio, the three figures at the crucifixion: the Crucified, the Mother and the Disciple. Both of them gazing at him alone. And he completing the triangle by turning them to face one another, and thus creating the new and eternal Holy Family.

For all that the natural family of parents and children gives us, it is a mixed blessing. It's true that this is the place where we learn to love, but also to distrust love. The place where we are both cherished and ignored. This comes about because we too-often build our homes centered around possessions which we barely appreciate before we are already seeking after the next best thing. One can almost say that, here at the cross, Jesus and his Mother invented a new kind of family.

The Gospels tell us very little about their relationship. We are left with an impression of a highly charged detachment between them, which found expression in the word "Woman" by which Jesus addressed his Mother. The designation, though courteously remote, is resonant with powerful associations. "Woman", the name by which Adam first greeted the partner who was so much a part of himself. "Woman", the name that embraces all of her female roles, as mother, cousin, wife, child, lover.

I still cannot hear these words: "Behold your son", without suspecting that Jesus was perhaps also speaking of himself, as in "Look at me now." It comes as a startling jolt to remember that he is thinking only of them, and the emphatic "your son" is clearly the disciple at her side to whom he is now directing her. "Woman, behold, you son." Woman to Jesus, but now Mother to John and to every other disciple for all ages. "Behold, your mother."

And so it is that we, God's many daughters and sons, have the possibility of being brought into the glory of that same surrendering love. A love blossoming across all time and all space, and bringing the remembrance of his sacrifice, and hers, to all the ends of the universe.

"Woman, behold your son. Son, behold your mother."

Love Fr. Dennis

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WE PROCLAIM CHRIST CRUCIFIED Stumbling block and foolishness to some

Paul wrote his Corinthian letters circa 52-56 AD on his third missionary journey. Scholars find more than two letters and evidence that some of Paul's admonitions to the Corinthians have been lost. The believers in Corinth represented different classes. There were some wealthy, some we would call "middle class" and some poor. Those in prominence wanted more say than others in Paul's affairs, but Paul steered clear of the politics, so to speak, and focused on the mission. He was making a collection to take to the Jerusalem church which was in dire straits. Despite the difficulties between groups, Paul had solid friends in Corinth. Prisca and Aquila (husband and wife) were steadfast supporters and there was a "church at their house."

Paul was not primarily concerned with the social order or management of secular affairs. Paul's passion was to teach Christ and Him crucified.

"God is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'" 1 Cor. 1:30-31

In the secret and hidden wisdom of God, Christ's sufferings and resurrection are the key to all life's meaning and to the sense we make of ourselves, our sufferings and our aspirations. Jesus "became sin" to wipe away sin from our lives. Suffering is not an end in itself. The path to redemption leads along the way of the Cross, both for Christ and for us. Ultimately this way leads to eternal life and peace. Who is totally innocent but Jesus? Who is full of love, forgiveness and gentleness even through his passion and death but Jesus?

*"God of all compassion, Father of all goodness,
heal the wounds our sins and selfishness bring upon us.
Amen "*

– Sr. Patricia Marks

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

GOSPEL QUESTIONS: Jesus declares that his very person is the new Law and the new Temple. This declaration calls for conversion from half-hearted worship out of a sense of duty to deeper awe and adoration before the wonder of our God. This Lenten Gospel challenges us to rebuild our lives with a whole new set of values – Gospel values.

Adults: What are some ways I can cleanse and purify my heart's intentions this week?

Children: How can I worship and praise God more often each day?

A Family Perspective: As you gather as a family, talk about places and times when you have experienced God's presence.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD: Use one of these suggestions or one of your own to respond to God's word this week.

In the home: Write a family psalm of praise and adoration and use it as a morning prayer during Lent.

In the workplace or in school: Take a walk with work colleagues or classmates to notice the wonders of nature. Share your gratitude and wonder with one another upon returning.

In our parish community: Consider the quality of our prayer and worship. In our prayers we seek to deepen our relationship with the person of Christ. In our worship with the community, we gather to experience anew the passion, death, and Resurrection of Jesus and its significance in our lives. Thank God for Jesus' presence with us, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist.

MORE NEWS FROM SAINT PAUL

FIRST LETTER TO THE CORINTHIANS



Saint Paul's letters to the community of Corinth give us great insight into the person of Paul and the contemporary issues facing this newly established community. Corinth was, at the time, the most prominent Greek city rivaling Athens. It was located as an East-West gateway point and played a significant role in 1st Century history. The primary challenge facing Saint Paul with this community of both Jews and Greeks was in bringing unity to these diverse groups who, in their enthusiasm, gravitated to different ministers, causing conflict in how best to live their day-to-day lives in a predominantly pagan society. In their quest for both the sacraments and spiritual gifts, they failed to lay a solid foundation built upon acts of charity toward all their brothers and sisters in the Lord Jesus.

Saint Paul and the community of Corinth faced many of the same challenges which confront Christians in modern society. These struggles often test our ability to openly give witness to our beliefs, the teachings of the Church, and our commitment to the message of God revealed in the Scripture. Saint Paul's letters to the Corinthian community offer no ready-made answers; rather, they call each follower of Christ to embrace and live out the Gospel message in our complex, post-modern world. We are invited to follow the example of Saint Paul, a man who acknowledged his own vulnerability, compassion, and fortitude and to "imitate me as I imitate Christ. (1 Cor 11:1)

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THE ROLE OF THE CATECHIST: A catechist is...

- C**ommunicator of the Good News
- A**dvisor of those in doubt
- T**eacher of the Gospel
- E**ducator for peace
- C**hristian witness
- H**elper of all those in need
- I**nstructor of the uninformed
- S**upporter of the downtrodden
- T**rusted friend of the poor

We invite you to reflect on these images and to consider becoming a catechist for children of the parish ages 3-½ through age 16 in 2009-2010, October through March. Jot down your questions; your concerns; your uncertainties, then contact Linda at assumptionreled@optonline.net or 973- 267-5638 in the Religious Education office to explore the possibilities. The role of the catechist is a vital ministry to the Church. The catechist helps the learners come to understand the love of God, and the meaning of our Catholic tradition for their lives; to recognize Jesus through their life experiences and the teaching of the Church.

YOUNG ADULT PENANCE SERVICE

Morris Catholic Young Adults (MCYA) would like to invite you to a Young Adult Penance Service. This is an event for young adults, married or single in their 20s and 30s.

The service will be held at Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel in Cedar Knolls, on Palm Sunday, April 5 beginning at 5:00 p.m. You will have the opportunity for reflection, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and confession followed by a social gathering.

For more information, please contact Katie@morriscatholicya.org or visit www.morriscatholicya.org.



**ASSUMPTION VACATION
BIBLE SCHOOL
Presents
SonRock Kids Camp
August 10-14, 2009
9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon**

Open to children entering into Pre-K through 3rd Grade in September 2009 Registration begins on April 26 and 27. Adult and teen volunteers needed! To volunteer please contact Gale Grennan at VBS@assumptionparish.org or 973-984-7774

VBS ROCKS!!



YOUTH MINISTRY APPALACHIA FUNDRAISER

Assumption's Youth Ministry group will take their annual trip to West Virginia this summer from July 5 through 11th. For our fundraiser, we will be hosting a cocktail reception that will be held on May 1 at the Madison Hotel from 7 to 11 p.m. All are welcome to come and support our trip. The price is \$100 per person (checks to be made out to Assumption Parish, and mailed to the church at 91 Maple Avenue, Attn: Lisa Cosenza), and this will include open bar and a variety of passed hors d'oeuvres, a carving station, and hot/cold dishes, as well as dessert. We will have a 50/50 and we will raffle-off prizes.

If you cannot attend the dinner, you can still help! We will be giving everyone who attends an Ad Journal, so if you or anyone you know would like to advertise, please send in the form (which may be picked up at the doors of the church). Also, any monetary donation is greatly appreciated and will be used for raffle prizes. Checks should be made out to Assumption Parish, and sent to the church at 91 Maple Avenue, Attn: Lisa Cosenza. If you would like to donate a basket to be raffled, please contact me at lisacosenza@optonline.net.

This is the only fundraiser that the Youth Ministry group will have for our trip, so please help support us however you can!!



THE CLEANSING OF THE TEMPLE

Today we read of Jesus cleansing the Temple. This story has a sense of urgency. It is not about anger; it's about transformation, Jesus is saying: "No more business as usual. There is not much time left. Be converted, be cleansed because the reign of God is at hand." As we continue our Operation Rice Bowl journey, let us remember in prayer that all humanity has been made in the image of God. Through our actions, we must express that each person is precious and that the lives and welfare of all people are priorities. May our fasting keep us mindful of the hunger of the people of the world. May our almsgiving assist Catholic Relief Services.

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ATTENTION ASSUMPTION VOLUNTEERS

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 28!! Fr. Martin and Father Dennis will be honoring our volunteers by inviting them to an organ concert presented by John Peragallo. Following the concert a reception will be held in the Community Room where all can meet and greet!!! You should have received an announcement of the event via email from your Ministry leader. If you are a volunteer and have not received one, please call the Parish Office at 973-539-2141.

BAYLEY ELLARD HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

The Bailey Ellard High School Classes of 1973, 74 and 75 are holding a combined class reunion on July 11, at the Parsippany Hilton. If you were in one of those classes, or know someone that was, please share this information with them. For details, please log onto: www.bayleyellardreunion.myevent.com. Go to the Classmates page and then add your information.



WEEKEND RETREAT

LOYOLA RETREAT FOR MEN

All male parishioners are invited to join the Knights of Columbus for a weekend retreat at Loyola House of Retreats on James Street.

Loyola offers 85 comfortable private rooms and a cuisine that is delicious and nutritious. There is a well-stocked library providing books for rich and reflective reading. Everything you need for a quiet time with the Lord.

The retreat will begin on Friday, March 20. Room assignments will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. with dinner being provided at 7:30. The retreat ends on Sunday, March 22 at approximately 2:00 p.m.

For reservations or more information, please contact Frank Tozzi at 973-543-6865.

*Please Consider Remembering
Assumption In Your Will*

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Assumption's Bereavement Support Meetings starts on Tuesday, April 21 and will run for six consecutive Thursdays in the Library of our Parish Center beginning at 7:30 until 9:00 p.m.

Topics will include:

- ⊗ The normal grieving process
- ⊗ How to handle feelings of anger and guilt
- ⊗ What you can do to help yourself
- ⊗ How to remember loved ones and go on

All are invited. Registration is preferred, but not required. Please call Michele Cameron at 973-769-9634.



Irish Blessing

May God give you. . .

For every storm, a rainbow,

For every tear, a smile,

For every care, a promise,

And a blessing in each trial.

For every problem life send,

A faithful friend to share,

For every sign, a sweet song,

And an answer to each prayer.

Financial Blessings

The collection for March 8 totaled \$16,828. Last year's collection totaled \$15,135. The total for Project Faith collection was \$2,360. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

Mass Attendance for March 7 and 8

5:30 p.m.	376
7:00 a.m.	88
8:30 a.m.	138
10:00 a.m.	375
12:15 p.m.	400
5:30 p.m.	412
TOTAL	1,789

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Poems from the Pew, From a Child's View



*In six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth,
the sea and all that is in them;
but on the seventh day he rested.
– Genesis 2:1*

The Reason God Needed a Nap

Creating the sun so it burned bright and high;
filling the oceans and painting the sky.
Clumping up dirt so it turned into land;
forming and placing each small grain of sand.

Producing the trees where there were none before,
daffodil, tulips, and daisies galore!
Designing the stars so they twinkle quite bright,
and the old moon who shines down at night.

Stapling wings on birds so they fly;
fins on the fish so they never get dry,
thinking up animals to roam the earth,
and those creepy bugs (for all that they're worth)

And then he made people, with all of our pieces,
to multiply so that God's good love increases.
And when he was done, as you might have guessed,
God needed to take a very long rest!

– Liz Wilkey
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