

Church of the Assumption

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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2016

Confessions: Saturdays 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

Christmas Eve: Masses: 4:00 pm and 12:00 Mid-night - Caroling before Midnight Mass

Christmas Day: Masses: 8:30 am, 10:00 am, and 12:15 pm

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God:

Jan. 1, 2017 Masses 8:30 am, 10:00 am, 12:15 pm

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISMS: Celebrated monthly. Arrangements should be made as soon as possible. Pre-Registration is required for the Program of Preparation and Baptism. Please call the Rectory to register.

VISITATION/ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Please inform the Rectory regarding persons who are hospitalized or confined to home, and arrangements will be made to bring the Sacrament to them. Anointing, any hour of the day or night, call the Rectory.

CONFESSIONS: Saturdays, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. noon, or anytime by appointment.

MATRIMONY: Couples contemplating marriage should contact a priest on staff at least one year in advance, prior to making any other arrangements.

VOCATIONS: Anyone contemplating vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life should contact the Vocations Office at (973) 497-4365.

Mass Schedule

Saturday: 8:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m., 5:00 p.m.

Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m.

Weekdays: 6:30 a.m., 8:00 a.m., 12:05 p.m.

Holy Days: As announced in Bulletin

First Saturday: Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary - 12:05 p.m.

National Holidays: 9:00 a.m.

Novenas after Masses:

Mondays: Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal after 8:00 am & 12:05 pm

Wednesdays: St. Jude & St. Anthony after 8:00 am & 12:05 pm

Thursdays: St. Michael, the Archangel after 8:00 am & 12:05 pm

Infant of Prague: 25th of each month after 8:00 am & 12:05 pm

Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Fridays after 12:05 pm Mass to 7:00 pm



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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 201-986-0970

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25th

8:30 For All Parishioners
10:00 For All Parishioners
12:15 For All Parishioners

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26th

6:30 Dec'd Members of the McDonnell Family R/b Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tanner & Family
8:00 Martino Busanic R/b The Busanic Family
12:05 Joseph Lucchi R/b His Loving Wife

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27th

6:30 Robert Saul R/b Tom & Domenica Amato
8:00 Stephen Sweatlock R/b His Loving Mom & Dad
12:05 John Lynch R/b Tom & Mary Lynch

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28th

6:30 John Lynch R/b Maura & Pat Enright
8:00 Mary Gibney R/b Maureen Foran
12:05 John Scrivanich R/b The Busanic Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29th

6:30 Robert Saul R/b Sr. Dominic Marie
8:00 Rev. Hugh V. Fitzgerald R/b Donald T. Davenport
"17th Anniversary"
12:05 Cecilia Possidel R/b Diana Coren

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30th

6:30 Paul Roman, Jr. R/b Adrienne Nelson & Ken Roman
8:00 Herman Velthaus R/b The Velthaus Family
12:05 Louis Cafone R/b Loving Daughter & Family
"40th Anniversary"

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 31st

8:00 Irene Lopez R/b Mr. & Mrs. Keith Tanner
"6th Anniversary"
12:05 Ann & Frank Cleenput R/b Their Loving Family
5:00 Richard "R.J." Kenny R/b Diane Drago & Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1st

8:30 For All Parishioners R/b The Mallett Family
10:00 Stephanie Morgan R/b His Loving Wife & Family
12:15 Larry Ennis
"8th Anniversary"

IN LOVING MEMORY

Blessed Mother Candle burns in Loving Memory of

Desmond Foran

R/b Maureen Foran

Sanctuary Candle burns in Loving Memory of

Frank Mayo

R/b His Loving Wife

St. Joseph Candle burns in Loving Memory of

Patrick Daniel Gallo

R/b Lena, Alyssa, & Joe

Altar Flowers donated in Loving Memory of

Mary & Walter Wolf, Amato & Nicolina Gallo

R/b Evelyn Wolf & Family, & Danny, Amy & Family

MASS OFFERTORY

Thank you for your support of our Parish Community

The total collected for December 17th/18th was

\$ 5,702.00.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK:

John Sullivan, Sara D'Elleto, Lucy DeCarolis, Bob Gilbert, Andrea Korner, James E. Hough, Jimmy Muth, Jennifer Gismondi, Jackie Santalla, Joseph Amato, (Baby) Mireya Devaraj, Jeanne Minck, Richard Pavone, Thomas Polenz, George Dfouni, Frank Bello, Nicholas Santiago, Laurel Saluzzi, Constantinos Ballas, Troy Wright, George Green, David Martin, Earl L. Harrison III, Amelia Gallo, William Whelan, Trevor Monroe, June Guarino, Joe and Keith Sweatlock, Julie Cornella, Ned Holtje, Katie Wojcicki, Donna Jean Donaccico, Louise Romagnoli, Rose Ligammari, "Jenny" and "Sandra", Tommy Branchini, Brenden Ayers (infant), Maryann Anselmo, Richard Semenock, Debra Kool, Michael Mulvenna, Baby Declan Bogyo, Lauren Scarola, Samran Dhillon, Donna Woods, Marie Tanner, Connie Roccanova, Mary Lou Gorab, Rev. William Pape, Anne Stahl, Leonardo Franchino, Rita Puleo, Rose Mulloy, Kathy Belloise, John Bollinger, Thomas Blehl, Connor Hennessey, Marcelle Nelson, Elaine Ferretti, Dorothy Kalivas, Hugh Hennessy, Renee Cevallos, Robert Prevedel, "Bill" Baillargeon, Carly, Angela Barat, John Smith, Joseph Iskra, Kevin Frank, Marilyn Ferrity, Michael Kesselbrenner, Ed Helm, Zach Spadaccini, Deb Manente, Marianne Sullivan, Michael Conny, Joseph Cittadino, Chris Strout, May Goldstein, Gerry Farrell, Debbie Hoehn, Edie Cook, Ellen Keohane, Mary Eaton, Arcangelo & Theresa Colasuonno, Sr. Dominic, Joey Bulger and Felice Trotta.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

Lt. Col. Jonathan Varoli, USAF; Maj. David J. Orzech; PFC Justin Mignogna; Lcpl. Capt. Trev Moncure; Brian Cirola, Staff Sgt. David Elliott; Lcpl, Sgt. Damon Baker; Justin Di Niro, US Navy; Major Michael Anthony Franson; Sgt. Graig A. Fraser, USMC; PFC. Sgt. Augie Manfre, US Army; PFC Christopher Leone; PFC Mark MacFarlane Jr.; Sgt. Paul Cimino, N.J.N.G.; Corporal Kevin Quigley, USMC; SPC David Fasano, US Army; James Davies; PFC Kyle Ryan; Sgt. Patrick Myers; PFC Edward J. Korn, USMC; and Sean Flanagan, US Navy.

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY TO MAKE ANY CHANGES TO THESE LISTS.



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WORKERS' SCHEDULE

DECEMBER 30, 2016 TEAM 2

WELCOME: Newcomers, Visitors and Parishioners

The priests, deacons & ministries of Church of the Assumption welcome you. If you would like more information about entering more fully into our parish life & ministry, we ask that you complete the form below & give it to an usher, or send it into the Rectory. Thank You!

I would like....

- to become a Parishioner
to change my address
to receive envelopes
to let the Parish know of someone who is ill, or homebound & would like to receive Communion

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

My dearest children,



It's Christmas! We celebrate the birth of Jesus, our Savior, the Son of God. I write to you today, the little ones, the children of our parish, because you are closer to the Lord than anybody else. Baby Jesus is God! He wanted to become a little child and be born in poverty and simplicity. That is what makes him so attractive to us: his love is for everybody, He brings peace to our families and to the whole world.

I invite you to spend some time in adoration by the nativity scene displayed in our church before or after Mass. Your prayer is precious! Many nations in the world are still suffering from hunger and war; they need your prayers! Many families are divided; they need your prayers! Many people are sick and dying; they need your prayers! Many are losing their faith, and are far from God; they need your prayers! Many are persecuted because they give testimony to Jesus Christ, and are forced to live their countries; they need your prayers!

Be also thankful to Jesus for all you have: for your family, your teachers, your friends, your church, and most of all for the gift of faith which makes us one and brings us together during this wonderful season.

I hope you will be able to celebrate Christmas in a joyful way and contemplate the immense love God has for all His children. He wanted to be close to us, so that we may become like him: holy and capable to love God and each other.

Say also a prayer for me and for all our parish staff!

With my love and my blessing,

Fr. Paolo



AN IMPORTANT NOTE ON CHRISTMAS DONATIONS — We thank all those who are sending special Christmas donations to the parish. We appreciate your generosity during this time of giving.

This year Christmas falls on a Sunday! Since we need to count Christmas donations *separately* from the regular Sunday ones, we are going to have **two collections** at all **Christmas Masses**. If you are using envelopes for your donations, please bring with you or send the two envelopes marked **December 25, 2016**. The first collection will be our regular Sunday collection; the second one will be the Christmas collection.

Please note, that we will have **two collections** also at the Masses for **January 1st**, which also falls on a Sunday. The second collection will be for donations in honor of **Mary, Mother of God**.

If you are sending your donations **electronically**, do not forget to update your online profile and set your donations for the holidays!

Thank you to all for your continuous support.



CATECHESIS FOR ADULTS AND YOUTH IS BACK!

The **Catechesis** is a series of talks offered freely (*no* cost, *no* obligation, *no* commitment) to all who want to deepen their faith or need to reconnect with God and the Church. It will be offered again beginning **January 30th, 2017** on **Mondays and Thursdays at 8:00 PM** in the church basement, two different talks every week, about 1 hour long, for two weeks.

Free babysitting will be available. Come Monday, January 30th for the first talk, or anytime you can on the following dates! Registration is *not* required. **Not just talks for "old" church goers:** the **Catechesis** is great for **young adults** and **teenagers** as well!

For more information, please call the parish office at 201-262-1122.



WE ARE
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WE ARE LIVING STONES CAMPAIGN

It's never too late to participate in the **We Are Living Stones Campaign**.

To date we have raised \$ **194,536.40** in pledges from **107** donors. Of that amount \$ **68,672.03** has already been received towards our Work of Mercy goal of \$ **48,800.00**.

Please, keep in mind that we will receive 50% of all the monies collected above our Works of Mercy goal, to be used for our parish needs. Currently, the portion that is being received by our parish is in the amount of \$ **9,936.02**.

Remember that even a **one-time donation** of any amount counts as participation! Don't forget to send your donations before the end of the year if you want to declare them in your 2016 tax return.

Thank you again for your continuous support.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

All men 18 years old and older wishing to join the Assumption Council #5819 Knights of Columbus are welcome to call Kevin at 201-669-1304, or check us out on our website www.kofc5819.org to learn about us, and our organization.



ASSUMPTION'S AFTER CHRISTMAS PARTY RETURNS

Our 3rd Annual After Christmas Party will be held on **January 7th** this year. It will be held in the Parish Center from 7 PM to 11 PM. Tickets go on sale this weekend and can be purchased after ALL weekend Masses at the MAIN Church doors, or at the Rectory during regular business hours.

The last date to purchase your tickets for this event is January 3rd. Ticket cost will be \$ 35.00 per person or \$ 65.00 per couple. The cost includes a gourmet buffet dinner, soft drinks, desserts & coffee, DJ Music & dancing. Please feel free to bring any beverages you wish to make this evening an enjoyable event. This event is open to ALL adults, parishioners & non-parishioners, your family and friends.

We would like to thank the Knights of Columbus for organizing this event for our Parish. Any questions, please call Kevin Mulvenna at 201-669-1304, or e-mail at kmulvenna@optonline.net

Assumption Roadrunners Upcoming Events

Interested in joining The Assumption RoadRunners Youth Association?

Please contact Stephen Munson at RoadRunnersAthletics@gmail.com, or register online @ <https://goo.gl/forms/CmToejemRhgZHhsJ2>

ONLINE GIVING UPDATE

This is the time to set your donations online for the year **2017!**

Do you know you can schedule all your donations electronically for the **entire year?**

If you are already using our **Online Giving**, please log in into your account and set your recurrent and one-time donations now. You can forget about that for the next twelve months!

If you haven't registered for **Online Giving** yet, visit our website or scan the QR code found on the bulletin cover. Please, read carefully all instructions or call the Rectory Office for any questions you may have before setting up your account. Using our Online Giving is safe, easy, and convenient! Please, consider taking advantage of this service, and thank you for your generous help.

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

An IRS approved foundation in memory of Mr. Samuel Ogari Isinta, (Fr. Chris's father) raises funds to support the education of poor and orphaned children in Kenya.

If you would like to participate, please see all details on www.samueloisintafoundation.org/dev2, or contact Fr. Chris.

JOY'N THE ADULT CHOIR

The Adult Choir needs **YOU**. Please consider becoming a member. Rehearsals are Thursdays 7:30-9:00. We sing at the 10:00 AM. Mass every Sunday from September to June. All voice types are welcome, **NO** experience necessary. Call Dr. Richard Sorce, Director, at 201-887-6175, for more information, or just come to the Church (rear entrance) any Thursday evening.



**GOD'S LOVE DOESN'T
TAKE VACATIONS**

ASSUMPTION EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Dear Parishioners:

Christmas Blessing

God grant you the light of Christmas which is
 FAITH

The warmth of Christmas which is PURITY
 The righteousness of Christmas which is JUSTICE
 The belief in Christmas which is TRUTH
 And the all of Christmas which is Christ.

Please remember that our Open House is Sunday, January 29th from 12 noon -3:00pm.

This event is for prospective parents and it also marks the start of Catholic Schools Week.

God Bless You & Your Family,

Miss Jurevich



Here are different ways that you can be involved in our school:

- Check out our new fundraiser here at school... **SHOPAROO!!** Just find the app for this company, complete some general information on your SmartPhone, list the name of our school and start helping us earn cash asap! How is that possible? All you do is scan grocery or non-grocery receipts into your SmartPhone...you will be credited with points, and those add up to cash for us. This is an **EASY** fundraiser that I hope you will participate in throughout the rest of the school year. Flyers with further instructions are available at the school and in the Rectory. As of **12/21**, we are at **18,195!!**
- We collect **BOX TOPS & Campbell SOUP LABELS...** feel free to bring them over whenever you gather some together. We send them directly to their respective companies throughout the year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

IT'S time to Register for CCD Program for the 2016-2017 year. **Please get your forms back to the office as soon as possible!!** If you know of anyone interested in a **New** Registration, please have them contact our office at 201-986-0970.

Sr. Dominic is looking for 5th grade teacher. Please call her office if you are able to help! We welcome **ALL** children; we also welcome anyone who has a desire to help spread God's word by teaching in our CCD Program with our other wonderful and dedicated teachers.



RCIA

For adults who haven't received any of the sacraments & are seeking instruction, please call Father Paolo Tanzini at 201-262-1122.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASS MASSES

Each week during the school year, our CCD program holds a special Class Mass during the 10:00 a.m. Sunday Mass. **ALL** children are encouraged to attend their Class Mass with their families.

The Schedule for the next few weeks is:

Dates:	Hosts:
January 8th	Grade 8
January 15th	Grade 5

All students are welcome to attend Class Masses even if they receive Religious Education at other places.

Assumption ECC is still collecting clothing, shoes, purses, belts, linens & stuffed animals. This collection will continue throughout the summer as well. Please bring the items in plastic trash bags to the cafeteria or gym in the school. Thank you for your generosity.

The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

"And the Word became flesh" John 1:14

Jesus is God's ultimate gift of love to us. The countless other blessings that God showers upon us are nothing compared to the gift of His only Son. The only appropriate way for us to respond to such generous love is with our own generous love. When we dedicate our lives to sharing all the gifts God has placed in our hands, the peace of Christ truly will control our hearts and we will know Christmas joy every day.

CASA MASELLI FUNDRAISER CONTINUES THROUGH WINTER.

Casa Maselli has extended their fundraising efforts for the Church. All food ordered on **TUESDAYS** and paid for in cash, 20% will be donated back to the Parish. Call in and pick up a delicious dinner, when things in school get too hectic or there are too many activities, all while helping the Church!!

January 15th is designated World Day of Migrants & Refugees. The Justice for Immigrants Task Force will have a Mass & Cultural Night for the awareness of immigrant values at St. Lucy's Church, 118 Seventh Ave., Newark on January 14th. Mass will be at 6:00 pm, followed by cultural presentations from various ethnic groups from 7:30 -9:00 pm in the Church Hall. Brazilian food will also be served.

For more information call Fr. Karl Esker at 973-344-8322.

A New Year's Eve retreat for Women is offered at St. Walburga Monastery, Elizabeth, NJ from 4:00 p.m. Saturday evening, December 31st until 1:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 1st. Join others to begin the New Year with prayer and reflection.

\$ 60.00. For information & registration contact Sr. Marita at 908-353-3028, or by e-mail at maritaosb@aol.com

Life Sources Hospice is seeking volunteers to be part of our elderly patients' end-of-life care. Volunteers serve as friendly bedside visitors to patients throughout Bergen County and provide them with much appreciated companionship by sitting, listening and praying with them. Volunteers also provide support to family members.

Volunteers determine their own schedules and can visit on evenings and weekends. Most volunteers donate 2 hours a week of their time for a minimum of one year. Volunteers receive ongoing hospice training and support by experience hospice professionals.

For more information, please contact Life Source Hospice at 201-967-4313 or kiplifesourcehospice@yahoo.com.

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Charitable Gift Annuity - Supplementing Retirement with a Planned Gift

Are you nearing retirement or are already retired and are looking to make a year-end gift? If so, a Charitable Gift Annuity can be a way to supplement your retirement income and help your parish at the same time.

Also, if you are 70 1/2 year old or older, don't forget about the IRA Charitable Rollover. Let the Archdiocese of Newark help you set up a Charitable Gift Annuity by contacting Theresa Lynch in the Planned Giving Office. She can be reached at 973-497-4042 or by e-mail at lynchthe@rcan.org.

Support Groups for Parents Grieving the Death of a Child -

The Archdiocese of Newark Office of Family Life Ministries sponsors support groups for Parents Grieving the Death of a Child in our area. Groups are led by trained facilitators, parents who have personally experienced the death of a child. Groups meet on the **3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 PM** at St. Peter the Apostle Church, 445 Fifth Ave, River Edge. For more information, please call the Office of Family Life Ministries at 973-497-4327.

The Catholic Chaplaincy at Bergen Regional Medical Center

in Paramus, needs volunteers to: Transport long-term residents to and from hospital Masses, to be friendly visitors to those confined to beds or wheelchairs, and to set up and take down altar items for hospital Masses on Saturdays at 3:30 p.m. and Sundays at 11:15 a.m. If you are 18 years of age or older and wish to volunteer, please contact Fr. Edito Gamallo at 201-414-0522, or Fr. Chris at 201-262-1122 for more information.

The Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children

Which provides partial tuition scholarships for low income students in grades K to 12 to attend Catholic schools will hold its 14th Annual High School Basketball Festival on **January 7th & 8th** at Kean University in Union. The teams playing will include: St. Peter's Prep, Roselle Catholic, Hudson Catholic, St. Mary's, Don Bosco, Immaculate Conception, Paramus Catholic, St. Joseph's and Marist. For a complete game schedule, times and information on ordering tickets, call 973-497-4279, or visit www.sfchoops.com.

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