



# Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Roman Catholic Church  
A Parish of the Archdiocese of Newark

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Raymond J. Albano, Sr. &  
Paul J. Brignola, Sr.

## Rectory Office Hours

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

## Closed for Lunch from

1:00 pm to 2:00 pm



Online Giving  
QR Code



## New Mass Schedule

Anticipated Sunday Mass at 5pm  
Saturday Evening

Sunday: 8:30 am, 10:00 am Family  
Mass, & 12:15 pm

Weekdays, Monday – Friday  
8:00 am, 12:05 pm

Saturdays 8:00 am and 12:05 pm

Holydays (as announced in Bulletin)  
**National Holidays - 8:00 am ONLY**

## Novenas:

**After 8:00 am and 12:05 pm  
Masses**

**Monday-** Our Lady of the Miraculous  
Medal

**Tuesday -** St. Ann/St. Joseph

**Wednesday -** St. Jude/St. Anthony  
Scriptural Rosary with Intercessory  
Prayer Wednesdays after 8:00 am Mass

**Thursday-** St. Michael the Archangel  
**Infant of Prague** - 25<sup>th</sup> of each month.

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred  
Heart after 12:05 pm Mass

**Friday nights -** Adoration of the  
Most Blessed Sacrament  
**7:00 pm to 8:00 pm,**  
on Friday nights.

**Saturdays - Sacrament of  
Reconciliation -**  
Please note new time  
**10:45 am to 11:45 am**

## OUR MISSION

BRINGING THE POWER OF THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST TO YOU AND EVERYONE ELSE.  
SHARE THE JOURNEY. DON'T GO IT ALONE!

APRIL 14, 2024

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**PASTOR'S LETTER**

**Thoughts From the Heart  
Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

We continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus during the 50 days of Easter.

During this time may we continue to rejoice in the truth of the Resurrection, and come to see the Risen Jesus in our lives as the first Apostles did.

Have a blessed Easter Season.

*Love, Fr. Paul*

**STEWARDSHIP** 

STEWARDSHIP - \$ 16,100.00 is needed weekly in our collection to support our parish.

The offertory for the week of April 6th/7th was \$ 9,781.00, which includes some more Easter Sunday donations. The Vanco online offertory for week of April 6th/7th was \$ 5,037.50. The total offertory for the week of April 6th/7th was \$ 14,818.50.

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**



**SAVE THE DATE!! Pilgrimage to Divine Mercy Shrine Saturday, May 4, 2024**

On Saturday, May 4th there will be a Pilgrimage to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts.

The day will include Stations of the Cross, National Shrine Church, Confession, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Holy Mass, Blessing of Religious Articles, Gift Shop Visit, Holy Family Shrine, Lourdes Grotto & Immaculate Conception Candle Shrine.

**Please be at the Church by 7:30 AM SHARP!! Bus will be departing at 7:45 AM.**

The cost of the trip per person is \$ 65.00 to cover the cost of the bus. Please bring your own lunch and snacks as food is not sold at the shrine.

Please call the Rectory Office during Business Hours for any questions or for more information.



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Membership Info -**

All men 18 years and older wishing to join the Assumption Council #5819 Knights of Columbus are welcome to contact **Vernon Whitehouse at 201-262-1122** to learn more about the organization and the charitable work that we accomplish during the year for our Parish and for our Community.

**Knights of Columbus Special Needs Collection**

Our Knights of Columbus # 5819 will be holding their Annual Collection for Those with Special Needs **this weekend April 13th/14th**. Please stop by this weekend to visit the Knights at the Church doors for this Special Collection. Thank you for your generosity.

**GET WELL CARDS BEING COLLECTED**

We are collecting get well cards for Fr. Paul while he is away from the Church. Anyone wishing to drop off a get well card can either leave it in the Rectory or drop it in the basket in the front lobby of the Church.

As always we thank you for prayers for Fr. Paul.

**MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, April 14th - Third Sunday of Easter**

8:30 For All Parishioners  
10:00 Catherine & Felice Guarnieri R/b The Guarnieri Family  
12:15 Peggy Sommers R/b Her Loving Family

**Monday, April 15th**

8:00 Daniel Mazzo R/b Virginia & Frank Barker  
12:05 John Braden R/b His Beloved Family

**Tuesday, April 16th**

8:00 Kim Keegan R/b Tim Keohane & Family  
12:05 Angela & Philip Guglielmetti R/b Their Loving Daughter

**Wednesday, April 17th**

8:00 Miguel Stilianopulos R/b His Loving Family  
12:05 Edward, Ed, & Claire Bizlewicz R/b The Sabella Family

**Thursday, April 18th**

8:00 Lucy Gloria DeCarolis R/b The Kopf Family  
(1st Anniversary)  
12:05 Mary Ann Henke R/b Her Loving Husband & Family  
(4th Anniversary)

**Friday, April 19th**

8:00 Segundo Fernandez R/b His Loving Family  
12:05 Katherine Braden R/b Her Beloved Family

**Saturday, April 20th**

8:00 Luisa Sasso R/b Her Loving Family  
12:05 Daniel F. Connelly R/b Johanna Barbaccia & Diane Benkovic  
(1st Anniversary 4/13)  
5:00 Mary Dunne R/b Liz Billings & Family

**Sunday, April 21st — Fourth Sunday of Easter/World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

8:30 For All Parishioners  
10:00 Francesco Califano R/b His Loving Mom & Dad  
12:15 Corso Cousins R/b Francesca Ianora



**WEEKLY OFFERINGS**

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE** burns in Loving Memory of **Julie "nee: Stefanovich" Ogden**

R/b The Torre Family

**SANCTUARY LAMP** burns with Thanksgiving for the **Intercession of St. Faustina**

R/b Maureen Foran

**ST. JOSEPH CANDLE** burns for all healing, & restorative help for **M. Bermudez & Family**

R/b M. Bermudez

**ALTAR CANDLES** were in Loving Memory of **Betty Swetz**

R/b Assumption Church Staff

**ALTAR BREAD & WINE** were donated for the continued healing & prayers for

**Christopher Prezioso**

R/b His Loving Family


**Please Pray for the Sick:**

John Sullivan Jr., Bob Gilbert, Andrea Korner, Jimmy Muth, Jennifer Gismondi, Jackie Santalla, Mireya Devaraj, Jeanne Minck, George Dfouni, Frank Bello, Nicholas Santiago, Laurel Saluzzi, Constantinos Ballas, Troy Wright, George Green, Earl L. Harrison III, William Whelan, Trevor Monroe, Keith Sweatlock, Julie Cornella, Ned Holtje, Katie Wojcicki, Donna Jean Donaccico, Louise Romagnoli, "Jenny" & "Sandra", Tommy Branchini, Brenden Ayers, Maryann Anselmo, Richard Semenock, Debra Kool, Michael Mulvenna, Declan Bogyo, Lauren Scarola, Samran Dhillon, Donna Woods, Leonardo Franchino, Rita Puleo, Rose Mulloy, John Bollinger, Connor Hennessey, Dorothy Kalivas, Hugh Hennessey, Carly, Joseph Iskra, Kevin Frank, Marilyn Ferrity, Zach Spadaccini, Marianne Sullivan, Joseph Cittadino, Gerry Farrell, Debbie Hoehn, Sr. Dominic, Toddler Benjamin Foley, Child Hailey Anna Sipala, Anthony Sipala, Michael Sipala, Ronnie Kazanchy, Terri Jansen, Pat Sforza, Chris Nallin, Casey Walter, Shannon Mulvey, Rene Hofman, Salmen Khoury, Julieta & Adriano Taormina, Gary Davila, Ruth Starkins, Eileen Dachelet, Kevin Murad, George Murad, Sasha, Barbara Monti, Michael, Tim Keohane, Mickey Flanagan, Pat Trovato, Millie Martinez, Debby DeCarlo, Victoria Gatollari, Kathy Meinsten, Coach William Dockery, Elizabeth & William Joa, Elizabeth Korkis, Todd Schuster, Mia Filan, Rosanne DiPasquale, Patricia Romano, Eddie Ryan, Virginia Moran, Katie, Jay's sister, Elly & Jason Wolden, James Leung, Angela, Julian Albano, Marion Baldino, Connie Sullivan, Janice Barone, Charles Wrubel, Robert Cooper, Melanie Tafuri, Jenny Blanco, Joseph Mastro, Samantha Rodriguez, Patrick McGeough, Jeanmarie Artusa, Frank P. Bellavia, Bermudez Family Members, Peter Samperi, Frank Barker, Lisa Brown, Janet Marhevka, Craig Maniaci, Rogelio Lucas, J.L. Pereira, Barbara Schreiner, Sandra Griffen, Bernadette Lukacs, Gail Joynor, Will Lopez, Connie Kehoe, Anthony Fodi, Gary Pearson, Guillermo Velez, Stella Marenko, Rich Watanabe, Alexander, Goyzie Walker, Nicole Fernandez, Anthony Rossi, Peter Weppler, Vihan & Ilknur Oz, Beverly Kuck, Josette Portalatin, Nicolas Arthur, Glenn Schult, Mary Ann Torre, James Powers, Eileen Kelly, Antoinette Colarulla, Christopher Prezioso, Karl Myers, Gertrude Scalera, Lisa Lee, Paul Lore, Robert Gottschalk, Ed Gorski, Gabriel Sniffen, Billy Leahy, Dawn Boyd, Kevin Comerford, Kathleen Beard, Jorge Mendez, Meghan Ahrens, Terry Byrnes, Tom Cirone, Jo Monahan, Joan Downey, Rachel Campbell, Antoinette Heyer, Darren Brayton, Ellen Sheetz.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:**

Col. Jonathan Varoli, USAF; PFC Justin Mignogna; Lance Corporal Capt. Trev Moncure; Brian Cirola, Staff Sgt. David Elliott; Lcpl, Sgt. Damon Baker; Justin Di Niro, US Navy; Major Michael Anthony Franson; PFC. Sgt. Augie Manfre, US Army; PFC Mark MacFarlane Jr.; Sgt. Paul Cimino, N.J.N.G.; Corporal Kevin Quigley, USMC; SPC David Fasano, US Army; James Davies; Sgt. Patrick Myers; Salvatore B. Petruso, Tannor Saberon-Dover, Sgt. Michael Velthaus, USMC; PFC Alex Reppenhagen, US Army; First Class Petty Officer Paul V. Roman, US Navy; SGT. Robert C. Saul, US Army; USAF Airman First Class, Morgan Hofmeister; Lt. Col. Scott Pomyglaski, US Army; Alexander Hill, US Navy; Ensign Lindsay Verrico, US Navy, PFC, Sean Keohane, US Army, Corporal Mark Fredrick, USMC., Lt. Ann Mulvenna, US Army, Capt. Benjamin Clemente, US Army, Navy Lt. Jonathan Clemente, US Navy; Corporal Nicholas J. Barone, USMC; Airman Nickolas J. Castrovallari, USAF.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION****201-986-0970 - Office phone number****Dear Parishioners,**

Happy April!! Lusi and I hope you are doing well! We hope you enjoyed a blessed and happy Easter Sunday with your family and will continue to enjoy the Easter Season.

WE are in the process of preparing our Registration Forms for the 2024-2025 year. They will be mailed out in mid-May to all registered families. If you didn't register last year and are in need of a re-registration form or a new registration form for an incoming first grader or new student, please call the CCD office at 201-986-0970. We will mail or e-mail one out to you.

The learning, which continues in all our classes, really impresses me. I continue to be inspired by our Catechist's creativity and love seeing what they have planned each week in their classrooms.

During the month of March, I witnessed so much. Mrs. Miller's second grade brought in their loose change all during Lent and were able to collect \$ 25.35 for the Youth Group's Baby Bottle Drive. Mrs. Hirth's sixth grade each chose something to give up and each week they reminded and kept each other accountable. Many lessons surrounded Holy Week and Mrs. Solimando's class, as well as Mrs. Congiusti's and Mrs. Beahm's classes went over to the Church to do a Stations of the Cross. Miss Vivian created a Stations of the Cross in her classroom and her fifth grade learned about Holy Week and Jesus's Passion. Miss Audrey's first grade learned the story of Holy Week through 12 Resurrection Eggs. Mrs. Mulvenna's class did an outside Stations of the Cross and then next week planted seeds while discussing the seeds of faith.

I could go on and on sharing what our teachers are doing as this is only a small group of examples. This month many of our classes will center around the Easter Season and how we live out our faith.

Our Second Graders received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, March 2nd. Congratulations to each of them. They are now preparing to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on April 27th and May 4th. Please keep them in your thoughts and prayers.

If anyone would be available to substitute for us, please call the office and leave your name and phone number with Lusi.

As always, if you need anything, please feel free to e-mail me at [jagnew@assumptionchurchemerson.org](mailto:jagnew@assumptionchurchemerson.org). You can also reach me on my cell phone at 551-265-2821.

Please keep all of our children in your prayers and we will keep you in ours. Everyone involved in our Religious Education Program wishes you a continued happy and healthy 2024!!

*Love, Judi*

*Don't Miss it - Women's Bible Study*



Every Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>  
9:15am-9:55am in the lower  
church

**Moms MEET**  
Starting in April  
Assumption Church  
29 Jefferson Ave. Emerson, NJ [www.AssumptionEmerson.org](http://www.AssumptionEmerson.org)

Let's meet, have coffee/tea, find spiritual-well being, be encouraged & supported, along the journey of parenting.  
Day/Time determined by group's preference  
Sign up at  
[srector@assumptionchurchemerson.org](mailto:srector@assumptionchurchemerson.org)

**SPRING CONCERT COMING IN MAY!!!**

Join Assumption in welcoming the:  
**MADISON STRING QUARTET, with Pianist Itay Goren.**

Experience a rich tradition of musical artistry, "An Evolution of Composition" Classical Music Concert.  
A Unique Cultural Experience - Come to experience an ensemble of highly trained musicians who will perform well-known classical style compositions, as well as contemporary compositions from Walter Kaufman and Dr. Richard Sorce.

**Come and experience a real joy on Saturday, May 4th at 7:00 PM in the Church of the Assumption.**

Free will donations gratefully accepted.



**Jesus made you eggstra special.**

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP -**

We have an ongoing Women's Prayer Group that meets **EVERY Tuesday** night at **7:00 p.m.** on Zoom on the computer. We support each other on our faith journey. If you are interested in joining our Prayer Group, please  
e-mail:[Assumption003@gmail.com](mailto:Assumption003@gmail.com) Please feel free to join us!

**DAYTIME MOM'S PRAYER GROUP**

We started a **ZOOM DAYTIME MOM'S PRAYER GROUP** for **NEW MOMS, SOON-TO-BE MOMS, SEASONED MOMS, GRANDMOTHERS AND GODMOTHERS.**

We meet weekly on ZOOM on Wednesdays at 12:30 PM, please feel free to join us anytime. You are always welcome

If you need to reach out to us please e-mail us at:  
[Assumption003@gmail.com](mailto:Assumption003@gmail.com).



**ASSUMPTION PRAYER WARRIORS**

*When life is difficult, prayer is hope.*

Need Prayers? Please e-mail your requests to Assumption's Prayer Warriors at:  
[assumptionprays@gmail.com](mailto:assumptionprays@gmail.com).

You are also welcomed to be a Prayer Warrior; invite others.  
**Please e-mail: [assumptionprays@gmail.com](mailto:assumptionprays@gmail.com)** to be included in this prayer chain.



**Our Legion of Mary — All are welcome to come visit us!**

The Legion of Mary is an international association of practicing members of the Catholic Church who serve the Church on a voluntary basis. Today, there are over 10 million members, both active and auxiliary (praying) members worldwide.

**Active Members:** Attend weekly meetings, Daily recitation of the Catena (Legion Prayer), and perform Apostolic work, like visiting nursing homes, teaching religious education, and encouraging Sunday Mass attendance by lapsed members, among many other works.

The advantages: gaining of all indulgences attached in praying the Rosary & Legion prayers, sharing in thousands of Masses for the repose of members souls.

**Join us in the Lower Church, Wednesday morning, April 17th, 2024 at 10:30 AM.**

**SAVE THE DATE:** Experience the Power & Presence of the Holy Spirit Today/Day of Reflection

**When: Saturday: May 18th, 2024, 1:00 to 4:00 PM**

Guest Speakers: Rev. James White, D.Min. &

Mary Ann Collett, Catholic Lay Evangelist

Music Ministry: Joyful Praise

**Information:** St. Andrew's Facebook Page or Website:  
[standrewcc.com/cpg](http://standrewcc.com/cpg), or call 201-666-5697

Know Someone who is thinking of Becoming Catholic?



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## ASSUMPTION YOUTH GROUP INFO!!! KID'S GROW SO FAST!

We are looking for donations to help buy new altar server vestments. We sometimes have Masses in which we can have up to 6 or 7 servers and just don't have enough.

If you're willing to donate, please notify Fr. Kelly or Rich Beahm.

## OUR NEW TODDLER MINISTRY MEETING IN APRIL - Join us in April for our new Toddler Ministry for the youngest of our Parish Families.

The toddler group will meet next on Saturday, April 20th, 2024. We meet every 3rd Saturday of the month in the Assumption Youth Group meeting room in the former Assumption Early Childhood Center.

Please e-mail: [Ashley Rice at ashleym.rice@yahoo.com](mailto:ashleym.rice@yahoo.com) for more information or to pre-register.

## THE CARNIVAL IS BACK !!!!!

This year, we will be having a week FULL of events for our Marian Carnival and Festival!!

See the list below and **SAVE THE DATES:**

**May 11th** - 5:00 PM Mass with May Crowning and 6:00 PM procession. Assumption Youth Group "Marian Feast" Pasta Dinner **IMMEDIATELY** following the procession.

**May 13th** - Mercy Drive Collection, we will be collecting goods for the Mercy House in Newark, stay tuned for the needed items!!

**May 14th** - Cornhole Tournament - Doors open at 6:00 PM, Tournament starts at 6:30 PM.

**May 15th - 19th** - Marian Carnival!! Come and join the Parish in the festivities!!

## Marian Carnival & Festival

The Marian Carnival and Festival is back!! Join the Parish Family from May 11th to May 19th for a fun-filled week of events. For more details on the times of the events, please visit the Parish website, social media accounts, or keep an eye on the bulletin!!

## First Communion Outfits Thank You!!

The St. John the Baptist, Hillsdale Collection of First Communion Outfits for 2024 was a wonderful success! We were able to dress about 146 children (76 girls and 70 boys) with the beautiful dresses, suits, jackets, shirts, headpieces, shoes and monies that were so generously donated by all of you to make their day a special one to cherish!

We want to especially thank Maria Peponias, the owner of Axia Creations in Washington Township for generously donating 8 dresses!! A huge thank you for Herma Friedman, the owner of Little Nikki's in HoHoKus for donating 24 pairs of shoes, 132 pairs of white socks and 2 dozen white gloves. A huge thank you also, to Rose Brue of Washington Township, who made and donated 32 lace-trimmed Communion veils, each with an attached cross! Outfits were first distributed to needy children in the local area. Then we distributed them in Newark to St. Rose of Lima Church, New Community Corp., founded by Msgr. William Linder, and Sacred Heart Cathedral. Thank you for your continued, wonderful support, caring and generosity. You have made a HUGE difference in the lives of so many children. May God bless you!!!



**Bingo HAS RESUMED BUT WE NEED HELP!!!**  
**CAN YOU SPARE 1 FRIDAY NIGHT A MONTH TO VOLUNTEER FOR BINGO???** We need more volunteers or we may have to close!!!

We are getting close, but we could use about 10 more people to make your volunteer time once a month!!! Call **Maria at 201-261-5712** and leave your name and phone number with a message and she will return your call. The doors open at 5:00 PM and numbers will be called starting at 7:00 PM.

If you have any questions, please contact Rectory Office during regular business hours at 201-262-1122.

## ADULT SINGLES SUPPORT GROUP NEWS

Church of the Assumption's Adult Singles Support Group is open to widowed women and men, divorcees and all adult singles. It is designed to provide a warm friendly environment of emotional support, fun activities and social interaction to all single adults in the Parish community.

Please watch future bulletins for our May event.

Please call the Rectory if you are interested in joining the Assumption Singles Group at 201-262-1122 or with any questions.

## St. Patrick/St. Joseph Lenten Food Drive

We are an Easter People!!

The **Social Concerns Ministry** would like to thank the VERY generous people of Assumption for the 60 bags of groceries and cereal, in addition to the \$ 200.00 worth of Shop Rite Cards.

Additionally, we received 3 hams and a turkey breast. All the food was split between the Office of Food Concern at St. Cecilia's Church in Englewood and St. Andrew's Food pantry in Westwood.

Again we can't thank you all enough for your generosity.

## St. Andrew's Charismatic Prayer Group

Everyone is welcome to the St. Andrew's Charismatic Prayer Meetings.

**Our next meeting will be Monday, April 15th, 2024 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm.**

We will meet in the Parish Center's Multipurpose Room. Through the Power and Presence of the Holy Spirit, we grow and deepen our personal relationship with Jesus Christ. At our weekly meetings, we seek Mary's intercession as we pray the Rosary, worship Jesus through prayer and song, reflect and share scripture and conclude with intercessory prayer.

## Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting Dates

We would love to have you join the Prayer Shawl Ministry. This is the perfect hobby for the **Spring**, or anytime during the year and we would love to have you join us anytime. **If you are in need of a refresher, we can help with that as well.**

**Meetings will be postponed until the second Wednesday of May.**

**All are welcome to join us in the Convent meeting room. If you are in need of a Prayer Shawl, please come to the Rectory Office during business hours, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and pick up one of our beautiful blessed Shawls.**

## Archdiocese of Newark 2024 Lenten Regulations

- The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.  
If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.  
The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.  
On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.  
**Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.**  
On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten.  
Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.
- The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is a serious obligation.
- The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat by some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.
- The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 18, 2024 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.**

\*Canon 920, 1. All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.



### Starts In The Heart Ministry

Starts In The Heart Ministry is lead by Mary Jo Armen who is a certified Spiritual Director from Fordham's Graduate School of Religion and Religious Education.

Mary Jo is also a certified School Psychologist. She has a combined experience of psychology and theology. Through this ministry Mary Jo will offer faith based counseling, spiritual direction and programs offering spirituality to parishes. **Please call 201-262-1122, to make an appointment with Mary Jo.**

### READY FOR AN ADVENTURE - JOIN FR. CHRIS ISINTA FOR A SAFARI ADVENTURE IN NAIROBI!

If you were ever interested in seeking an adventure and would like to try this safari with Fr. Chris, please let us know.

The safari is being run through Bella Safaris and they have sent a packed itinerary, starting from the day you arrive in Nairobi, **October 19th, until the day you depart on October 30th**, your days will be filled with animals, beautiful scenery, exciting tours of places you have only seen in National Geographic.

View Mt. Kilimanjaro, visit an elephant orphanage, go to the beach in Diani, enjoy swimming, see giraffes, fun bonfires at night with entertainment.

Hotel Rates and Airlines are on the flyers at the doors of the Church, or in the Rectory Office during regular business hours, 9 am to 5 pm.

Fr. Chris Isinta will be available to answer more questions in April. **Please pick up a flyer at the doors of the Church, or contact the Rectory for more information regarding this trip to Nairobi.**

**The Archdiocese of Newark Reports all Allegations of Abuse** — The Archdiocese of Newark takes all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious, and lay staff of the Archdiocese very seriously. We encourage anyone with any knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we can take the appropriate action and provide support to the victim. Although the Archdiocese immediately reports all abuse allegations to the appropriate County Prosecutor, it also encourages victims to independently report such matters to the Prosecutor.

Individuals who want to report an allegation of sexual misconduct to the Archdiocese may do so by calling the Victim's Assistance Coordinator of the Archdiocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection at 201-407-3256.

The phone numbers for the County Prosecutors within the Archdiocese are:

Bergen - 201-226-5689 Essex - 973-753-1121  
Hudson - 201-795-6400 Union - 908-965-3879

### EASTER JOY

The Easter Season is upon us and the universal Church is rejoicing. Some people, however, have difficulty experiencing these joys due to their circumstances in life.

Catholic Charities aims to help relieve the suffering of many in our society through its various programs. Please help Catholic Charities continue its mission by donating your unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, tools, toys, stuffed animals, knickknacks, and children's books to the Donation Bins located in the former Assumption Early Childhood Center parking lot on Locust Avenue.

May the spirit of the Risen Christ resound through your generosity. Thank you for your help.

### Brookdale Assisted Living Ride needed to Mass -

There is a gentleman at Brookdale Assisted Living Home in Emerson that is in need of a ride to 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sundays. If there is anyone who would be able to help him by giving him a ride to Mass, please call the Rectory Office during regular business hours for more information.

### DON BOSCO PREP OPEN HOUSE

Don Bosco Prep High School located at 492 N. Franklin Turnpike, Ramsey, NJ will be holding a **Spring Open House on Thursday, April 25th from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.**

Don Bosco is a top-tier Catholic High School that offers a traditional college-preparatory liberal arts curriculum. They are a lifelong brotherhood led by Salesian values: a Home that welcomes; a School that prepares for life; a Parish where our values shape character; and a Playground where our friendships are formed. Our excellence in the arts, athletics, business and engineering helped the Class of 2023 receive over \$46.5 million in college scholarships.

**Visit donboscoprep.org for more information.**

**OPEN HOUSE at St. Peter's Prep** - St. Peter's Preparatory School will hold its Spring Open House on **Sunday, May 5th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM** at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty & staff, as well as coaches, students, & parents will be present to answer questions about the school and tours will be provided. St. Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains N.J.'s only Jesuit High School. Call 201-547-6465 for more info.



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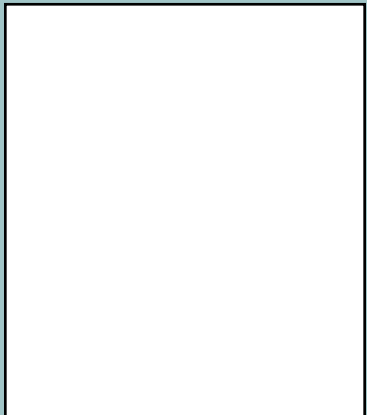


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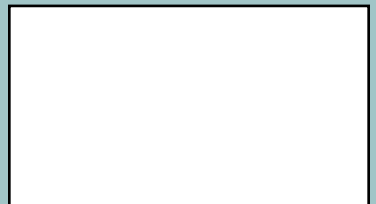
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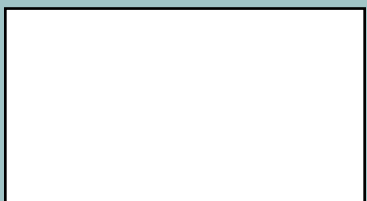
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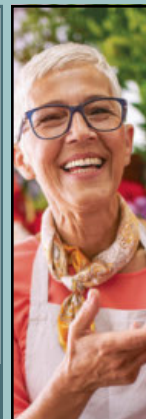
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