

# 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.

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!

MARCH 24, 2024 INTENTIONS

## PASTOR'S LETTER Thoughts From the Heart Dear Brothers and Sisters,

oday we begin Holy Week, in which we commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus, the events of our redemption.

Please try to attend the summit of the Liturgical Year, the Easter Triduum of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday, which leads to the Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at the Easter Vigil.

My prayer is for all of us to have a most blessed and meaningful Holy Week. **Love, Fr. Paul** 

### From the Pastor's Desk

Fr. John Ginty has been assigned to our parish as Parochial Vicar. He will be starting here on April 8<sup>th</sup>, and we look forward to welcoming him to our parish family.

## STEWARDSHIP

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

The offertory for the week of March 16th/17th was \$ 8,325.00. The Vanco online offertory for week of March 16th/17th was \$ 1,198.27.

The total offertory for the week of March 16th/17th was \$ 9,523.27.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

#### ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

We are looking for volunteers to help us decorate our Church for Easter Sunday and the Joyous Celebration of the Risen Lord.

Please come to the Church Saturday morning, March 30th between 9:45 and 10:00am to help us ready the Sanctuary for Easter.

We thank you in advance!!



### 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.

WATCH THE BULLETIN FOR MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW SOON

#### HOSPITALITY/WELCOMING MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS:

We are still looking for a couple more volunteers to join our newly formed **Hospitality/Welcoming Ministry**.

If you are interested in this Ministry, please contact our Rectory Office at 201-262-1122 during the regular business hours, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 pm.

#### **FUNERAL ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED -**

We are in need of a few people that would be available in the mornings, or occasional afternoons to serve as an Altar Server for our Funeral Services. If you are interested, please contact the Rectory Office as soon as possible at 201-262-1122.

#### MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

### Sunday, March 24th - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the

R/b Their Loving Grandsons. John & Luke

10:00 For All Parishioners

Patrick McCormick

12:15 Michael "Mike" Torre R/b His Loving Wife & Family

Monday, March 25th

8:30 James Whelan &

8:00 Dec'd Members of the R/b Rosanne Gallé

Gallé & Kelly Families

12:05 Catherine Taylor R/b Her Loving Daughter

Tuesday, March 26th

8:00 Gino Parlanti, Sr. R/b The Parlanti Family 12:05 Kenneth Dunne R/b His Loving Family

(3rd Anniversary 3/25) Wednesday, March 27th

8:00 Martin Enright R/b Maura & Pat Enright
12:05 Therese Gimbl R/b Steve Gimbl

Thursday, March 28th - Holy Thursday

9:00 am Morning Prayer 7:00 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper 8:00 pm Adoration following the Mass

### Friday, March 29th - Friday of the Passion of the Lord

(Good Friday)
m Morning Prayer

9:00 am Morning Prayer 12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross

3:00 pm Good Friday Service of the Lord's Passion

### Saturday, March 30th - Holy Saturday

9:00 am Morning Prayer 10:00 am Decorate the Church 11:30 am Blessing of the Food

8:30 pm Easter Vigil

### Sunday, March 31st - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

8:30 For All Parishioners10:00 For All Parishioners12:15 For All Parishioners

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns in Loving Memory of Michael "Mike" Torre (Birthday Remembrance 3/27)

R/b His Loving Wife & Family

SANCTUARY LAMP burns in Loving Memory of

Jan & Tekla Lozowski

R/b Sofia

ST. JOSEPH CANDLE burns in Loving Memory of

**Richard Pendzich** 

R/b Sofia

ALTAR CANDLES were donated for the continued prayers & healing of

**Christopher Prezioso** 

R/b His Loving Family

**BREAD & WINE** were donated in Loving Memory of

Joseph Enright

**R/b** Maureen Foran



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 Hennessy, 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, Mary Smith, 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, Clara Urgo, Frank P. Bellavia, Bermudez Family Members, Peter Samperi, Frank Barker, Lisa Brown, Janet Marhevka, Craig Maniacci, Rogelio Lucas, J.L. Pereira, Barbara Schreiner, Sandra Griffen, Bernadette Lukacs, Gail Joyner, 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, "Baby Owen," 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, Robin Kenney, Terry Byrnes, Tom Cirone, Jo Monahan, Joan Downey, Rachel Campbell, Antoinette Heyer.

### 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 Na-

vy; 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. Castrovillari, USAF.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION Dear Parishioners,

Happy March!! Lusi and I hope you are doing well! We continue to pray for you every day and hope this Lenten season finds you happy and healthy.

If you are in need of a re-registration form or a new registration form for an incoming first grader, or a new student, please call the CCD office at 201-986-0970. We will mail one out or e-mail a form to you. It is **NEVER** too late to register!!!!

Learning continues in all of our classes. I continue to be inspired by our Catechist's creativity and love seeing what they have planned each week in their classrooms.

This month many of our classes will center around why we celebrate our faith, how prayer can help us in life and also include activities about Lent and Easter.

Our Second graders received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday, March 2nd, at 9:30 am. They did an extraordinary job at completing this Sacrament.

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

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

Please keep all 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** 

Row Someone who is thinking of Becoming Catholic?

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a journey of faith

Or do you want to finish receiving your sacraments? Schedule a friendly, informal time to meet. 201-262-1122

### 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** ouse at 201-262-1122 to learn more about the organ-

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.

### **EASTER FLOWERS**

If you would like to donate one of the flowers that will decorate the Church for the Easter season, please complete this form and return to the rectory office by March 29th, 2024. Pink flyers are by the doors.

Name:		
Phone:		
#	of plants @ \$15.00 each. Total: \$	
	ke checks payable to Assumption Church**	
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For Someone Living:

WORSHIP MARCH 24, 2024

### NEW FOR LENT

### Don't' Missit - Women's Bible Study



We will reflect on how Jesus wants to Dwell in us, in the Eucharist Sundays at 9:30–10am starting March 1–April It's free! Sign up at srector@assumptionchurchemerson.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.



No Study in Scripture Changed My Life as Much as This One - Curtis Martin

Sign up for a Free "Story of Salvation" Bible Study

It is a story of lovers reunited, sinners redeemed, saints raised, and creation restored. And you are a part of God's plan.

### **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 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.



The Lunchtime Examen is a method of reviewing your day in the presence of God. It's actually an attitude more than a method, a time set aside for thankful reflection on where God is in your everyday life. Sign up for the Lunchtime Examen at <a href="https://www.AssumptionEmerson.org">www.AssumptionEmerson.org</a> (Home Page)

### Pope Francis' March Intentions —

**For New Martyrs** - let us pray that those who risk their lives for the Gospel in various parts of the world inflame the Church with their courage and missionary enthusiasm.



### 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, March 27th, 2024 at 10:30 AM.



#### **ASSUMPTION PRAYER WARRIORS**

When life is difficult, prayer is hope.

Need Prayers? Please e-mail your requests to Assumption's Prayer Warriors at:

assumptioprays@gmail.com.

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

### 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.

#### **ASSUMPTION YOUTH GROUP NEWS!!**

March 24th— Palm Sunday

March 24th—AYG Junior meeting 7 PM

March 24th-30th—Passiontide, setup in Sanctuary, TBA

## OUR NEW TODDLER MINISTRY MEETING IN MARCH - 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 for more information or to preregister.

#### ASSUMPTION YOUTH GROUP PROJECT

The Assumption Youth Group's Lenten mission this year is the **Baby Bottle Drive** for the Newark Mercy House. Please feel free to fill up your own baby bottle with loose change and drop them off at the Rectory or hand them to a AYG member after Masses. **PLEASE TURN YOUR BABY BOTTLES INTO THE RECTORY OR IN THE LOBBY OF CHURCH BY FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH. Thank you for your donations.** 

The Mercy House is a diocesan ministry that gives to all those in need in their area. Specifically mothers who are not blessed with a support system and even post-abortion healing. E-mail Rich Beahm for more info at:

rbeahm@assumptionchurchemerson.org.



### BE THE DIFFERENCE! GENTLE YOGA CANCER FUNDRAISER

On **Saturday, April 13th, at 10:00 am** in the former Assumption Academy gym, Sr. Maggie Lopez, a Sister of St. Francis and the State

Grassroots Manager for the American Cancer Society Cancer Action network, will be hosting a "Gentle Yoga" benefit HERE at Assumption.

Gentle Yoga is a gentler style of yoga practice. It is performed at a slower pace, with less intense positions. Our instructor, **Erika DiPasquale** is a highly skilled and certified yoga instructor. Erika will once again provide a yoga experience that will relax our bodies, minds, and spirits.

Please join us and invite others to join us as well.

Registration is \$ 25.00. If you are not able to make it, please consider making a donation

"Contributions or membership payments to the American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, Inc. are not tax deductible."

If you have any questions, please e-mail Sr. Maggie Lopez at Maggie.Lopez@cancer.org.

### Together, we can help saves lives from cancer.

Flyers to register are at the doors of the Church for information on how to register with the QR code.

### 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 April 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

**Social Concerns Ministry** will be holding their annual Lenten Food Drive, in Honor of **St. Patrick and St. Joseph.** 

All food donations will be divided between Office of Food Concerns in Englewood & St. Andrew's Food Pantry in Westwood.

The following items are suggested and greatly appreciated; but CEREAL is the most critical: Canned juice, canned vegetables, canned fruits, pasta, powdered milk, canned meat, soups, instant potatoes, rice, peanut butter, jelly, pork and beans, tea, coffee, hot chocolate, pudding, toilet paper, paper towels and baby goods, including diapers.

Please leave all non-perishable food in the lobby starting March 3rd, and throughout the month of March.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and sacrifice.

### 40 Days of Life

Make a real difference. Join the battle against abortion. From February 14th until March 25th pro-life Americans will be praying, fasting, and/or standing vigil at abortion clinics in the US.

Will you be one of them? "One life can be saved, one mother protected, one mind changed."

Check out: www.40daysforlife.com.

### Rutgers University-Newark Summer Basketball Program

Rutgers University-Newark will be running its 21st Annual Summer Basketball Program for children ages 6-17. The program runs from July 8th through August 2nd, week days from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm.

We offer early drop off and late pick up **FREE of CHARGE.** 

The cost for one week is \$ 185.00. Discount rates will apply if you attend more than one week.

For more information or a brochure, please call Joe Loughran at 973-353-1483, or e-mail Joe at loughran@rutgers.edu.

SERVICE MARCH 24, 2024

### 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.

- 2. 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 <u>First Sunday of Lent</u>, <u>February 18</u>, <u>2024</u>
   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 NAIROB!

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

### LENT—SACRIFICE — DONATION BINS- ANY CONNECTION

Lent is a time of sacrifice in order to bring us closer to Christ. As we do so, we become more charitable.

Would you be willing to sacrifice your time and efforts to go through your closets and donate: clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, and children's books to the Catholic Charities Donation Bins located in the former Assumption ECC School parking lot on the Locust Avenue side of the property.

If you do, you have made the connection. Thank you.

### St. Andrew's Charismatic Prayer Group

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

Our next meeting will be Monday, March 25th, 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 & song, reflect & 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.



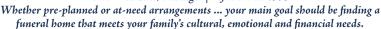
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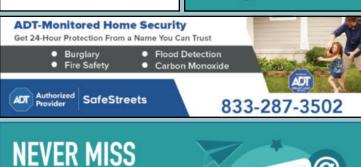


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