

# Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Roman Catholic Church A Parish of the Archdiocese of Newark

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#### **SERVED BY:**

Rev. Paul A. Cannariato Pastor Rev. Charles M. Kelly Curate Rev. Mr. Joseph J. Paulillo Deacon

Judi Agnew Pastoral Associate for Youth Formation Lusi Murad Youth Faith Formation Secretary

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YOUTH MINISTER: Richard Beahm

**Pastoral Council Chairperson**: Paul J. Brignola, Sr.

PARISH FINANCE COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON: Ken Albers PARISH TRUSTEES: 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!

#### MARCH 31, 2024

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

s you know from the message read to you last Sunday at Mass, I am in respite care for some heath issues I have been having.

This will help me to return to you, better than I am now. I thank all the priests who will be covering the parish in my absence.

Please pray for me, and have a blessed Easter Day and season. Love, Fr. Paul



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

The offertory for the week of March 23rd/24th was \$ 8,005.00. The Vanco online offertory for week of March 23rd/24th was \$ 1,570.00. The total offertory for the week of March 23rd/24th was \$ 9,575.00. **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 watch the upcoming bulletins for the time of departure from

Assumption Church.

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.

#### 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.

#### CONGRATULATIONS TO MONICA MACIERA ON BEING THE WINNER OF THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS 50/50 RAFFLE TICKET!!

## MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

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

8:30 For All Parishioners 10:00 For All Parishioners 12:15 For All Parishioners Monday, April 1st 8:00 Patricia Ruzbarsky (2nd Anniversary 3/30) 12:05 Libero & Joan Braiuca Tuesday, April 2nd 8:00 Ronald Reneri 12:05 Jose Alto (Birthday Remembrance 3/30) Wednesday, April 3rd 8:00 Julia Enright 12:05 Harold Gumb (4th Anniversary) Thursday, April 4th 8:00 Thomas Polenz (1st Anniversary) 12:05 Mary Dunne

## Friday, April 5th

8:00 John Downey (Birthday Remembrance) 12:05 Rocco Parisi (9th Anniversary)

Saturday, April 6th

8:00 George P. Feldner

12:05 Mary Dunne

R/b Her Loving Family

R/b Diana Coren

INTENTIONS

R/b His Loving Wife R/b His Loving Wife & Family

R/b Maura & Pat Enright R/b His Loving Sister

R/b Mary Ann Torre

R/b Eileen Campbell-Kelly

R/b His Loving Wife & Family R/b His Loving Wife, Christina

R/b Judi Agnew

(1st Anniversary 4/1) R/b The Callagee Family 5:00 Patrick & Michael McNamara R/b Their Loving Family Sunday, April 7th - Second Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday R/b Jean & Brian Flanagan

8:30 Angela Arias 10:00 For All Parishioners

12:15 Susan Munroe, OCV (Mass for Healing Intentions)

R/b Susan Munroe, OCV



#### WEEKLY OFFERINGS

**BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE** burns in Loving Memory of Frank & Patricia Ruzbarsky **R/b** Their Loving Family SANCTUARY LAMP burns in Loving Memory of Francis "Frank" Scotto R/b Sofia ST. JOSEPH CANDLE burns in Loving Memory of

John Downey

**R/b** His Loving Wife & Family ALTAR CANDLES were donated for the continued prayers & healing for **Christopher Prezioso R/b** His Loving Family

BREAD & WINE were donated for all the Intentions of the **Bermudez Family** R/b M. Bermudez

## WORD



#### 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, 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.



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 Easter!! 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** 



#### **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.



Please pray for our recently deceased:Thomas AmatoKim AlmonteJohn HoffmanVeronica ManziOwen CassidyMary T. SmithGlenn Charles DaviouVeronica

Our Parish Community extends our deepest sympathies to each family on the loss of their loved ones.

## **CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION -**

#### WORSHIP

## Don't' Miss it - Nomen's Bible Study



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



journey of parenting. Day/Time determined by group's preference Sign up at srector@assumptionchurchemerson.org.



Jesus I Trust in You!

#### 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

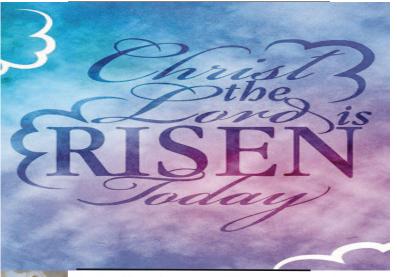
e-mail:Assumption003@gmail.com Please feel free to join us!

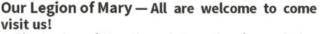
#### DAYTIME MOM'S PRAYER GROUP

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 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 3rd, 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:

#### assumptionprays@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.

#### MARCH 31, 2024

#### COMMUNITY BUILDING

#### 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.

#### CHILDREN OF GOD MEETING- April 7th

A Children's Youth and Prayer Group will be meeting on **Sunday, April 7th, after the 12:15 Mass** in the Youth Room inside the Assumption School through the red doors by the Grotto of Mary.

Join Paul DeLalla and Theresa Weglarz as they have fun with the children, **ages Kindergarten to 3rd Grade.** 

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.

#### American BE THE DIFFERENCE! GENTLE YOGA CANCER FUNDRAISER Cancer Society Cancer Cancer Society Cancer Cancer Concer Society 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.

#### **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.



#### 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**.

#### THIS WILL BE THE LAST WEEKEND FOR OUR FOOD

## **COLLECTION.** We thank all of you for your generosity and sacrifice to help others in need.

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.

#### St. Andrew's Charismatic Prayer Group

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

## Our next meeting will be Monday, April 1st, 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.

#### 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 friend-ships 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.

#### MARCH 31, 2024

#### SERVICE -

#### 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.
- 3. 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

#### 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.

#### 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.

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#### Brookdale Assisted Living Ride needed -

There is a man at Brookdale 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.



