



CHURCH OF THE *Assumption*

A Parish of the Archdiocese of Newark

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MR. SAINTEV.



Mass Schedule

Anticipated Sunday Mass at 5pm
Saturday Evening
Sunday 8:30 am, 10:00 am Family
Mass, 12:15 pm and 6:00 pm
Weekdays Monday – Friday
6:30 am, 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
Children's Liturgy of the Word
Second & Fourth Sundays of the
Month September to June at 10:00 am
Mass.

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 - 25th 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, Fridays
starting in September after Labor Day
through the first Friday in June

**Saturdays - Sacrament of
Reconciliation -** 10:30 to 11:45 am

Rectory Office Hours

9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Closed for Lunch from

1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.



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

DECEMBER 25, 2022

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

PASTOR'S LETTER

Thoughts From the Heart

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we celebrate the Nativity of Jesus, God coming into the world as man to die on the cross to redeem humanity and to give us a new life in the power of the Holy Spirit.

The shadow of the cross falls across the manger. Jesus came into the world with a plan and a purpose, which gives a plan and a purpose to our lives as well.

As we enter into the Christmas season may our hearts be filled with joy and gratitude.

Have a blessed Christmas season. *Love, Fr. Paul*

From the Pastor's Desk -

For the **Collection TODAY**, there will be 2 collections, one for Christmas and one for the Sunday.

Please be prepared with 2 envelopes. Thank you for your generosity.

STEWARDSHIP - \$11,800.00 is needed weekly in our collection to support our parish.

Thank you for your continued generosity to our parish.

STEWARDSHIP

The total offertory for December 10th/11th was \$ 5,386.00, the Vanco offertory for the week of December 10th/11th was \$ 4,602.00, which brought this week's total to \$ 9,988.00.

The total offertory for the week of December 17th/18th will be reported at a later date due to early submission of the bulletin.

We thank you for your continued generosity!



ASSUMPTION CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY RETURNS —

The Annual Christmas Party will be held on **Saturday, January 7th.**

It will be held in the Parish Center, formerly the Assumption Early Childhood Cafeteria from 7:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased after the weekend Masses, or at the Rectory Office during regular business hours, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Tickets will cost \$ 40.00 per person, and \$75.00 per couple. Kids eat for free.

This cost includes a gourmet buffet dinner, soft drinks, desserts and coffee, DJ music and 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 and non-parishioners, so invite your family and friends.

We thank the Assumption Knights of Columbus for organizing this event for our Parish.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, December 25th—The Nativity of the Lord/Christmas

8:30 For All Parishioners

10:00 For All Parishioners

12:15 For All Parishioners

Monday, December 26th—St. Stephen, The First Martyr

6:30 Frank & Norma DelloStritto R/b Their Loving Family

8:00 Albino Scrivanich R/b Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Scrivanich (Birthday Remembrance 12/25)

12:05 Martino Busanic R/b The Busanic Family

Tuesday, December 27th - St. John, Apostle & Evangelist

6:30 John Lynch R/b Maura & Pat Enright

8:00 Domenica Amato R/b Mary Ann & Joe Colucci

12:05 Jim Toolen R/b Mary & Tom Lynch & Family

Wednesday, December 28th - The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

6:30 John Lynch R/b Maura & Pat Enright

8:00 Mary Gibney R/b Maureen Foran

12:05 Frances Bowen R/b Her Loving Godmother, Francesca Ianora

Thursday, December 29th -St. Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr

6:30 Scott Latz R/b Luke Whelan

8:00 Frank Goodman R/b The Galano Family

12:05 Peg Mazziotti R/b Mary & Tom Lynch & Family (Birthday Remembrance)

Friday, December 30th - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

6:30 Desmond Foran R/b Maureen Foran

8:00 Paul A. Roman, Jr. R/b Adrienne Nelson & Kenneth Roman

12:05 Louis Cafone R/b His Loving Daughter & Family (46th Anniversary)

Saturday, December 31st - St. Sylvester I, Pope

8:00 Domenica Amato R/b Rich, Dayna & the Girls

12:05 In Thanksgiving for Jose & Amala Tom & Family R/b Jose Tom

5:00 Ed Velthaus, Sr. R/b His Loving Family

Sunday, January 1st - Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God/World Day of Prayer for Peace

10:00 Kelly Paige Barone R/b Mom, Dad, Tracy, Charlie & Nicky (10th Anniversary)

12:15 Larry Ennis R/b His Loving Wife & Family (14th Anniversary)

WEEKLY OFFERINGS

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns in Loving Memory of **Domenica Amato (1st Anniversary 12/28)**

R/b Kathy & Anthony Sipala & Family

ST. JOSEPH CANDLE burns in Loving Memory of

John Downey

R/b His Loving Wife & Family

SANCTUARY LAMP burns in Loving Memory of

Frank & Patricia Ruzbarsky

R/b Their Loving Family

ALTAR FLOWERS were donated in Loving Memory of **Louise "Skippy" Pape (Birthday Remembrance 12/25)**

R/b Nancy & Stef

ALTAR BREAD & WINE were donated in Loving Memory of

Dan Petramale

R/b Janice & Stuart

ALTAR CANDLES were donated in Loving Memory of

Desmond Foran

R/b Maureen Foran

Pray For...

Please Pray for the Sick: John Sullivan Jr., Lucy DeCarolis, Bob Gilbert, Andrea Korner, Jimmy Muth, Jennifer Gismondi, Jackie Santalla, Mireya Devaraj, Jeanne Minck, Thomas Polenz, 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 Bogoy, Lauren Scarola, Samran Dhillon, Donna Woods, Leonardo Franchino, Rita Puleo, Rose Mulloy, John Bollinger, Connor Hennessey, Elaine Ferretti, 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, Sharon Fallon, Child Hailey Anna Sipala, Anthony Sipala, Michael Sipala, Ronnie Kazanchy, Terri Jansen, Pat Sforza, Chris Nallin, Casey Walter, Shannon Mulvey, Mary Smith, Alice Holzel, Rene Hofman, Salmen Khoury, Juliet Lagassi, Julieta & Adriano Taormina, Gary Davila, Ruth Starkins, Eileen Dachelet, Toddler Kevin Murad, George Murad, Sasha, Zoe DiTrani, Butch Servilio, Barbara Monti, Michael, Tim Keohane, Mickey Flanagan, Pat Trovato, Millie Martinez, Debby DeCarlo, Victoria Gatollari, Jonathan Relay, Kathy Meinsten, Coach William Dockery, Elizabeth Joa, Elizabeth Korkis, Todd Schuster, Mia Filan, Frank Kingsley, Rosanne DiPasquale, Patricia Romano, Eddie Ryan, Virginia Moran, Katie, Jay's sister, Elly & Jason Wolden, James Leung, Roger, Ronald & Monique Bermudez, Angela, Laura Degredon, Julian Albano, Marion Baldino, Connie Sullivan, Janice Barone, Charles Wrubel, Robert Cooper, Joel Rivera, Pilar Guzman, Melanie Tafuri, Alice Kirwan, Jenny Blanco, Joseph Mastro, Samantha Rodriguez, Tony Cucchiara, Patrick McGeough, Lynn Lee, Jeanmarie Artusa, Clara Urgo, Frank P. Bellavia, Peter Samperi, Frank Barker, Lisa Brown, Janet Marhevka, Craig Maniaci, Rogelio Lucas, Jessie Pereira, Barbara Schreiner, Sandra Griffen, Lorraine Degerdon, Bernadette Lukacs, Gail Joyner, Jesse Pereira, Will Lopez, Connie Kehoe, Anthony Fodi, Gary Pearson, Guillermo Velez, Stella Marenko, Rich Watanabe, Alexander, Goyzie Walker, Nicole, Anthony Rossi, Peter Weppler, Phil DiPasquale, Ilknur Oz, and Beverly Kuck.



Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God - January 1st

Next Sunday, **January 1st**, the Octave of Christmas ends with the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. It is a Holy Day of Obligation.

January 1st also marks the Church's commemoration of the World Day of Peace, first observed 50 years ago in 1968.

It seems appropriate and fitting to be celebrated on a Marian feast day, for peace is only possible through total self-sacrifice and surrender - through total love and obedience to the will of God, of which Mary is an icon for the Church.



**ARRIVED SAFELY!!
MOTHER AND CHILD
DOING WELL.**



NEW UPDATED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION INFORMATION - 201-986-0970 - Office

Dear Parishioners,

Merry Christmas from Lusi and I, hope you are doing well. We continue to pray for you every day.

We are still in need of 2 in-person teachers (Grade One on Mondays and Grade Five on Tuesdays). Both classes have a teacher, but they are very large groups and I would love to split them up. While I am still praying every day for some volunteers, we are moving forward the best that we can with our 2022-2023 Religious Education Year.

Both Virtual and in-person classes began the week of September 19th and are progressing nicely. Some of the great things I have noticed going on in the classroom are our First Graders learning and continuing their prayers. Our Second Graders have learned about the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the meaning of sin. They are also doing some Advent and Christmas Activities. Our Third Graders have also been learning about Advent and also some special Saints. Our Fourth Graders have been doing some projects with the First Grade and learning about their conscience. Our Fifth Graders are learning about the Liturgical celebration of the Mass, as well as the Liturgical Calendar. Finally, our Sixth Graders have been spending some time learning about the Four Marks of the Church.

I am so appreciative of the hard work of all our teachers. Registration Forms for the 2022-2023 school year were mailed out in May and a reminder was e-mailed to everyone not yet registered at the end of July. We thank EVERYONE who has already registered, **but remind you that it is never too late.**

Just understand, if an in-person class fills up, the only option will be virtual. As always, if you need anything, please feel free to reach me on my cell phone at **551-265-2821**, please leave a message if I am unable to answer, or by e-mail me at

jagnew@assumptionchurchemerson.org.

Please keep all of our children in your prayers and we will keep you in ours. We wish you a Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy 2023.

Love, Judi



ARTS AND ENVIRONMENT MINISTRY

Thank you to all those parishioners and Knights of Columbus members who stopped in Friday, December 23rd, to help prepare the Church with the flowers and new trees, which were purchased and donated to us by our Knights of Columbus Council # 5819.

We appreciate everyone's time and talent.



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, Corporal Michael Velthaus, USMC; PFC Alex Reppenhagen, US Army; First Class Petty Officer Paul V. Roman, US Navy; PFC. 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, Mark Fredrick, USMC., Lt. Ann Mulvenna, US Army, Capt. Benjamin Clemente, US Army, Navy Lt. Jonathan Clemente, US Navy; Lance Corporal Nicholas J. Barone, USMC; Airman Nickolas J. Castrovillari, USAF.

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY WITH ANY CHANGES.



For adults who haven't received any of the sacraments and are seeking instruction, please call Fr. Paul A. Cannariato at 201-262-1122.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

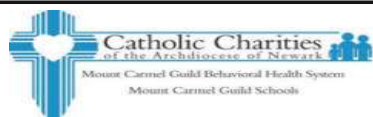
The Liturgy is geared toward young children as a way to help them celebrate the Mass and worship God. It will take place on the **2nd and 4th SUNDAYS of the month at the 10:00 AM Family Mass.**

Our NEXT Liturgy of the Word will be Sunday, January 8th, 2023 at the 10:00 AM Family Mass.

The Children will process downstairs to the Assumption Community Chapel (formerly known as Lower Church) for the CLW.

Parents are more than welcome to join.

For more information, please contact our Youth Minister **Richard Beahm, or Tina Miller at 201-262-1122, or e-mail rbeahm@assumptionchurchemerson.org**



Catholic Charities - How many gifts will you unwrap this Christmas?

Most gifts will bring you a deep sense of joy on many levels - joy from the actual item you received and joy in knowing that someone thought about you.

Catholic Charities reaches out to those who may not receive one gift and who may have very few, if anyone to think about them.

Please help Catholic Charities by contributing to the 2 Donation Bins located in the former Assumption Early Childhood parking lot on Locust Avenue. Thank you for your generosity and have a Blessed Christmas.

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.

The e-mail does not need to include names and your prayer requests can be made for individuals, groups, national, and global intentions.

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!!

NEW!! 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. Please note the new time is 12:00 NOON!!**

We will also pray for unborn and newborn babies. For registration and more information please contact: Susan Rector at Assumption003@gmail.com.

Please remember that you are always welcome to join us at any time!!



A New Bible Study Coming Soon

We're starting a new Bible Study for Women in their 30's. Want to join? Email: Assumption003@gmail.com.

Come meet young women of like mind and heart for a little social time.



FRIDAY NIGHT ADORATION

Assumption Church has Adoration in front of the Blessed Sacrament from **6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday nights.**

There is no limit to the number of people who can come and pray!! There is no limit to the graces that can be received through prayers!!

Please join us !!!

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 Office to register.

VISITATION/ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Please inform the Rectory Office regarding person/persons who are hospitalized or confined to home, and arrangements will be made to bring the Sacrament to them. In case of emergency, call 201-262-1122, ext. 9 at any hour of the day or night.

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 a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life should speak with one of the Priests, and contact the Vocations Office at (973)-497-4365.

YOUTH GROUP MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

If you know of anyone grades 6 or older that may be interested, or if there are any new students in the school, who may need a place to meet their peers, please have them contact Rich Beahm at 201-638-4209, or e-mail at rbeahm@assumptionacad.org

ASSUMPTION YOUTH GROUP Merchandise -

Your own Assumption Youth Group has Merchandise!! Please see the flyers at the entrances of the Church to order your AYG Merchandise now! Show your support for the future of the Parish and get some Assumption Youth Group Gear! There are many styles and size choices to choose from.

For more information, please reach out to Rich Beahm.

Youth Group Chaperones Needed!

Do you enjoy kids? Do you enjoy trips? Then the Youth Group has the opportunity for you!! We need young and dynamic chaperones for our Youth Group.

In order to take overnight trips, we need chaperones to come enjoy their time and also take a responsibility over our teens. We are in especially DIRE need of engaging female chaperones for the young ladies in our group!!

So if you are interested, reach out to Rich Beahm. There is no extra commitment needed, except to come on any trips that you can. You can e-mail Rich at rbeahm@assumptionacad.org or call or text Rich at 201-638-4209.



ASSUMPTION YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS GREENS SALE
THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR THE YOUTH GROUP GREENS SALE. At this time we cannot accept anymore orders.

If you have placed an order before December 12th, please call to see if your order has been delivered.

If you have any questions, please email Rich Beahm, rbeahm@assumptionchurchemerson.org, or leave a message at the Rectory Office.

Assumption Youth Group thanks you all for your support and love!!



BINGO VOLUNTEERS STILL NEEDED!!

We would like to start our weekly BINGO games. **BINGO CANNOT RESTART** until we get more volunteers to help work. If we could get 5-6 people each week, you would only need approximately 2-3 hours ONCE every 5 weeks & it would be greatly appreciated.

If you would call **Maria at 201-261-5712** and **leave your name and phone number someone will return your call.**

Thank you very much. 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.

For more information, please contact Tom Babcock at 1-551-206-4288, or the Rectory Office at 201-262-1122.



Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting Date
We would love to have you join the Prayer Shawl Ministry this WINTER!!

We are returning to our knitting/crocheting this January. If you are in need of a refresher we can help with that as well.

Please join us in January on January 11th and/or January 25th from 1:30 to 3:00 p.m. We would love to have you join us in JANUARY!!!

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 one of our beautiful blessed Shawls up.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS Membership Information —

All men 18 years and older wishing to join the Assumption Council #5819 Knight 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.



SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY

The Giving Trees UPDATE —

The **SOCIAL CONCERNS MINISTRY THANKS** all those who so generously took one or more cards from the Giving Trees and brought in gifts.

The beneficiaries of your love are NCC NW Community Corporation in Newark, Family Promise of Ridgewood, the John T. Gregorio Towers in Linden House, and St. Vincent Academy in Newark.

All the beneficiaries in Newark and Linden picked up their gifts and gift cards last week.

Family Promise gifts were delivered and Several Sources picked up their gift cards last week as well.

May you all have a blessed Christmas and a Happy, Safe, and Healthy New Year.

St. Andrew's Charismatic Prayer Group

Everyone is welcome to the St. Andrew's Charismatic Prayer Meetings, on **Monday nights.**

Our next meeting will be held on Monday, December 26th, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. 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.

Is Your Marriage Valid?

If you were married civilly, that is, not in the Catholic Church before a priest or deacon, it might not be a valid marriage. Some couples believe that a marriage before a Justice of the Peace, or a non-Catholic minister is valid.

For a marriage to be valid in the Catholic Church, the marriage must be in a Catholic Church or Chapel and officiated by an authorized Catholic priest or Deacon, along with 2 witnesses. (There are limited interfaith exceptions with proper permission.)

We invite you to speak with one of our priests if there are any questions, or if you wish to validate your marriage. The process can be very simple and your marriage will now be blessed by the Church.

Please call Fr. Paul A. Cannariato for more information at 201-262-1122, who serves as a Procurator & Collegial Judge in the Metropolitan Tribunal Office in Newark.

Pascack Valley Council for Special Education

Attention Parents!! Is your child late in talking or walking? Has poor coordination? Has delayed development? Has communication delays?

Is your child lagging significantly behind his or her peers in academics, cognitive and/or social/emotional development? If so, appropriate evaluations and programs are available for **children ages 3-21**.

If you suspect that your child may need services, please contact your District's Department of Special Services. Emerson—201-599-4186, ext. 1; Hillsdale -201-664-0504 Montvale- 201-391-2900, ext. 3600; Park Ridge - 201-573-6000, ext. 1300; PVR- 201-358-7060, ext. 24018; River Vale-201-358-4000, ext. 4101; Westwood- 201-664-0880, ext. 2031

LEVELUP MD Urgent Care Now OPEN in Emerson

Emerson Recently opened a brand new Urgent Care Facility in the Stop and Shop Strip Mall.

The address is 484 Kinderkamack Road right here in Emerson. **Hours are:**

Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Saturday and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For more information, call **201-801-6200**

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RIDE CONNECT PROGRAM

Bergen County Age-Friendly Initiative

The "Ride Connect" program is designed to simplify the process by which Seniors request transportation when calling Bergen County Community Transportation.

"Ride Connect" provides Bergen County residents, aged 60 and over, a one-stop travel information and trip planning service, provided by a Mobility Manager, to help Seniors find information on available transportation options to Senior Centers, Medical Appointments, shopping, etc..

The process is simple. The Community Transportation operator works with the Mobility Manager to help Seniors connect with the most accessible, reliable, and affordable option for their transportation needs. Options include County Shuttles, local town buses, EZ Ride, NJ Transit, AccessLink (if eligible) and more.

To request this service, call Bergen County, Division of Community Transportation, Monday to Friday from 10:30 AM to 2:00 PM at 201-368-5955



Rebuilding Together North Jersey

Do you need home repairs but can't afford them? Rebuilding Together North Jersey can help.

The 501 (c)(3) nonprofit makes critical home repairs at no cost for low-income homeowners in Bergen and Passaic Counties. Please call 201-447-8886 or e-mail info@northjersey.org More information can be found at www.rtnorthjersey.org. (Re)pairing homes, (re)vitalizing communities, (re)building lives.



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.

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

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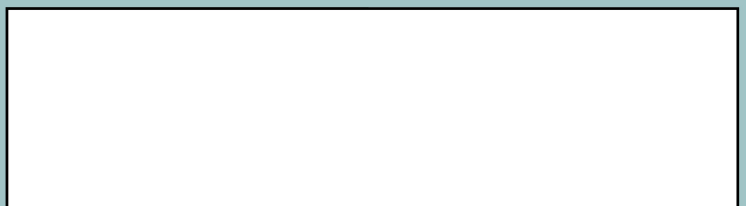
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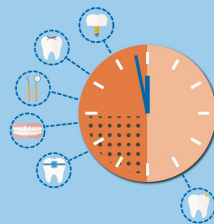
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