CHURCH OF THE Assumption

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Ken Albers

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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 9:00 am only

Children's Liturgy of the Word
Second Sunday of the Month
September to June at 10:00 am Mass.

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

Monday- Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Marian Movement Cenacle Rosary
Monday after Novena at 12:05 p.m.

Tuesday - St. Ann/St. Joseph

Wednesday - St. Jude/St. Anthony

Thursday- St. Michael the Archangel

Infant of Prague - 25th of each month.

First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart
After 12:05 pm Mass
with Exposition and Benediction

First Saturday Devotion to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary
After 12:05 pm Mass

Individual Prayer For Healing after
12:05 pm Mass, First Saturday

Scriptural Rosary with Intercessory
Prayer Wednesdays after 8:00 am Mass.

OUR MISSION

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

JANUARY 26, 2020 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PASTOR'S LETTER

Thoughts From the Heart

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The image in the scriptures this week is the journey from darkness to light. The coming of Jesus into the world has brought the light, for those who wish to acknowledge and allow that light to shine on them.

Repentance from ones sin's, true sorrow for them, and conversion of life is the way in which we come into God's light. John's work was completed. Jesus announces the basic Gospel message which is "Repent of your sins and believe in the Gospel."

This message has won souls for Christ from the beginning, it must be our message as well, by which we announce the Gospel and point the way to Jesus for others.

This past Friday many went to our Nation's Capitol to once again March for Life. How can God be pleased with a nation that allows the freedom to destroy human life in the womb? God knew us from the moment of conception, and acknowledges this truth through the prophet." (**Jer. 1:5.)**

God himself acknowledges that the child in the womb is just that, a human being, with a soul. We can do no less than that, but yet our nation continues to allow the murder of innocent babies in the womb.

As we pray this weekend, may we ask God to bring about a change of heart, that his light will shine on the darkness that persists in the world, and upon those who cannot, or refuse to see that the child in the womb, and everyone in the world, has the right to life. Let us pray for a deeper conversion of heart. **Have a blessed week.**

Love, Fr. Paul

Social Concerns and Youth Group Soup Collection

The Social Concerns Ministry in conjunction with our Assumption Youth Group will be holding a **SPECIAL** collection for the month of **FEBRUARY** for the **OFFICE OF FOOD CONCERNS** in Englewood.

We are asking everyone to please donate a can of soup at Church, starting with **"SOUP-ER BOWL SUNDAY"** on **February 2nd** until the end of February…`

As always, the Social Concerns and Youth Group are extremely grateful for all of your support and donations for any and all of their functions, fundraising and collections!!

We are always appreciative of our Parish family and their families and friends for their continual support.

STEWARDSHIP

THE TOTAL OFFERTORY FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 18TH/19TH WAS $ 5,838.00.

TODAY, WE TAKE UP THE COLLECTION FOR THE CATHOLIC COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGN(CCC). YOUR SUPPORT HELPS THE CCC CONNECT PEOPLE TO CHRIST IN THE UNITED STATES AND AROUND THE WORLD THROUGH THE INTERNET, TELEVISION, RADIO, AND PRINT MEDIA.

HALF THE FUNDS WE COLLECT REMAIN HERE IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK TO SUPPORT LOCAL EFFORTS. BE A PART OF THIS CAMPAIGN TO SPREAD THE GOSPEL MESSAGE.

SUPPORT THE COLLECTION TODAY! TO LEARN MORE, VISIT WWW.USCCB.ORG/CCC.

January 26th - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." (Matthew 4:22)

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

HEALING MASS, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST AT THE 12:05 PM MASS -

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR MONTHLY HEALING MASS. **SEATING BEGINS AT 11:30, MASS BEGINS AT 12:05 P.M.,** WHICH INCLUDES SACRED MUSICAL CONCERT.

BRING FAMILY, FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS IN NEED OF HEALING. BE INDIVIDUALLY PRAYED OVER AFTER THE MASS.

COME AND RECEIVE THE HEALING TOUCH OF JESUS ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON, FEBRUARY 1ST!!

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Effective management of your parish requires that every Catholic family or individual living within the parish must be registered. Any changes should be reported to the Rectory.

Emergencies: 201-262-1122, ext. 9

Church Fax number: 201– 262-7855

Assumption Early Childhood Center - 201-262-0300

School Fax number 201-262-5910

NEWS AND EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE – FR. CHRIS'S GOLDEN JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Please save the date, **Sunday, May 31st, 2020,** when our own Fr. Chris Isinta will be celebrating **50** years in the Lord's service.

Revised flyers are at the doors of the Church for more information for the purchasing of tickets… Get yours now!!

Knights of Columbus # 5819

The Knights of Columbus Council # 5819 is running their **Annual 50/50 Raffle**. This is the only event that is used by the Council to help it continue to run throughout the year.

Tickets are $ 10.00 and will be available after ALL Masses starting the weekend of the 5th and in the Rectory Office during normal business hours.

The Raffle continues until March 29th this year. Please support your Knights by purchasing as many tickets as possible, so that we can continue to serve our community, our parishioners and our Church with our 50+ years of dedicated service. **We thank you for your support!!!**

Prayer Shawl Ministry is Meeting in January!! Calling all knitters and crocheter's! Come share your talent as we meet to create blankets and shawls at Assumption, in **the New Spiritual Center. (formerly the convent) located at 30 Locust Ave. behind the Church. Ample parking and only 2 steps in!!!**

Our next meeting will take place on **January 30th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** to make shawls and blankets that will later be blessed by our priests and then distributed to those in need.

If you are interested in being part of this ministry, please contact the Rectory Office at 201-262-1122.

Please Pray for the Sick:
John Sullivan Jr., Sara D'Elleto, Lucy DeCarolis, Bob Gilbert, Andrea Korner, Jimmy Muth, Jennifer Gismondi, Jackie Santalla, Mireya Devaraj, Jeanne Minck, Richard Pavone, Thomas Polenz, George Dfouni, Frank Bello, Nicholas Santiago, Laurel Saluzzi, Constantinos Ballas, Troy Wright, George Green, David Martin, Earl L. Harrison III, William Whelan, Trevor Monroe, Keith Sweatlock, Julie Cornella, Ned Holtje, Katie Wojcicki, Donna Jean Donaccico, Louise Romagnoli, Rose Ligammari, "Jenny" & "Sandra", Tommy Branchini, Brenden Ayers, Maryann Anselmo, Richard Semenock, Debra Kool, Michael Mulvenna, Declan Bogyo, Lauren Scarola, Samran Dhillon, Donna Woods, Connie Roccanova, Rev. William Pape, Leonardo Franchino, Rita Puleo, Rose Mulloy, John Bollinger, Thomas Blehl, Connor Hennessey, Marcelle Nelson, Elaine Ferretti, Dorothy Kalivas, Hugh Hennessy, "Bill" Baillargeon, Carly, Joseph Iskra, Kevin Frank, Marilyn Ferrity, Zach Spadaccini, Marianne Sullivan, Joseph Cittadino, Gerry Farrell, Debbie Hoehn, Arcangelo Colasuonno, Sr. Dominic, Felice Trotta, Child Hailey Anna Sipala, Deacon John Hogan, Ronnie Kazanchy, Terri Jansen, Pat Sforza, Chris Nallin, Joey Bulger, Kathy Kornhauser, Casey Walter, Fr. Tom Wisniewski, Shannon Mulvey, Dolores Maggipinto, Mary Smith, Alice Holzel, Special Intentions, Rene Hofman, Salmen Khoury, Charlotte Vandervalk & Family, Juliet Lagassi, George Murad, Julieta & Adriano Taormina, Gary Davila, Ruth Starkins, Josephine Cerruti, Eileen Dachelet, Baby Kevin Murad, Joseph Bobela, Zoe DiTrani, Butch Servilio, Barbara Monti, Michael, Tim Keohane, James Treacy, Mickey Flanagan, Rick Durham, Patricia Lore, Jerome Goldfischer, Pat Trovato, Millie Martinez, John Bush, Regina Romano, Domenica Amato, Debby DeCarlo, Victoria Gatollari, Jonathan Relay, Kathy Meinsten, Coach William Dockery, Elizabeth Joa, Elizabeth Korkis, Anthony Sipala, Todd Schuster, Mia Filan, Martin Casey, Frank Kingsley, Rosanne DiPasquale, Patricia Romano, Georgene Smith, Ron Kiene, William Byrnes, Eddie Ryan, Michael Murad, Sasha, Virginia Moran, Katie, and Bill Cillo.

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.

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

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

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

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 26th - 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 Clifford Coates — R/b Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Rossi & Family
10:00 Francis Galano (12th Anniversary) — R/b His Loving Family
12:15 Henry Soo Hoo — R/b Tina & Joseph Amato
6:00 For All Parishioners

Monday, January 27th - St. Angela Merici, Virgin
6:30 For Holy Souls in Purgatory — R/b The Estrellado Family for the Souls of brother, Pepe, Mother, Father, Relatives, friends & Ancestors
8:00 Anne & Louis Chiappone — R/b Louise Lucivero
12:05 For the Intentions of Fr. Paul — R/b Judi Agnew & The Religious Education Program

Tuesday, January 28th-St. Thomas Aquinas, Dr. of Church
6:30 Raymond Zorovich — R/b Mr. & Mrs. Francis Witkowski
8:00 John Trommelen — R/b Bernadette Horn
12:05 Al Zappulla (Birthday Remembrance) — R/b Debbie, Alf & A.J.

Wednesday, January 29th
6:30 Paul Scillia — R/b Eileen McCabe
8:00 Diane Drago — R/b Sue & Joe Sweatlock
12:05 For the Intentions of Fr. Chris — R/b Judi Agnew & The Religious Education Program

Thursday, January 30th
6:30 Joseph Francis Sweatlock — R/b Tim Keohane & Family
8:00 Edward Moylan (48th Anniversary) — R/b His Loving Family
12:05 Robert Grace — R/b John Whelan

Friday, January 31st - St. John Bosco, Priest
6:30 Kazimiere Majewski — R/b Mr. & Mrs. Gary Giannantonio & Family
8:00 Mary Lou Gorab — R/b Ron & Jennifer Micucci
12:05 Patrick McCormick — R/b John Whelan

Saturday, February 1st
8:00 Francis McGuirk — R/b Mary & Martin Casey
12:05 Anthony Amato — R/b The Amato Family
5:00 Henry Soo Hoo — R/b The Barno Family

Sunday, February 2nd - Presentation of the Lord, World Day for Consecrated Life, Scout Sunday
8:30 For All Parishioners
10:00 Frances Orzech — R/b Stephen Abrams
12:15 Olga Giacomelli — R/b The Parlanti Family
6:00 Susan Munroe, OCV (14th Anniversary of her Consecration) — R/b Susan Munroe, OCV

CANDLE BLESSINGS

BLESSED MOTHER CANDLE burns in Loving Memory of
Frances Scaffa (Birthday Remembrance 1/28)
R/b: Her Loving Daughter & Family

ST. JOSEPH CANDLE burns in Loving Memory of
Joseph Amato
R/b: His Loving Wife, Tina

SANCTUARY CANDLE burns with Birthday Blessings, Health, & Peace for
Regina SanMartin
R/b: Sofia

ALTAR BREAD & WINE were donated in Loving Memory of
Edward Moylan (48th Anniversary 1/30)
R/b: His Loving Family

ASSUMPTION EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER

Dear Assumption Parishioners,

Registration for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year is now taking place. If you would like a tour of the school, or if you need further information, please call 201-262-0300. Registration continues throughout the month of February.

It is never too early to talk about the school's Tricky Tray! Please mark **Saturday, April 25th** on your calendar for a fun-filled evening! If you would like to donate a gift to the Tricky Tray, please call the school during regular school hours.

The children are now getting ready for Catholic School Week…we have a bunch of activities planned!

Stay warm,
God Bless,
Susan Jurevich

ASSUMPTION EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTER CONTACT INFORMATION

WEBSITE: WWW.ASSUMPTIONACAD.ORG
PHONE: 201-262-0300 | FAX: 201-262-5910

GET INVOLVED! SCHOOL FUNDRAISERS

- **SHOPAROO**

Check one of our **BIGGEST** fundraisers here at school...**SHOPAROO!!** Download the Shoparoo App, complete some general information on your SmartPhone, list the name of our school & start helping us earn cash **asap!**

How can I help? All you do is scan grocery or non-grocery receipts into your SmartPhone… you will be credited with points & those add up to cash for us.

You do not have to have a child in the school to participate. This is an EASY fundraiser that I hope you will participate in throughout the school year. Flyers with instructions are available at the school, or in the Rectory. As of **January 22th,** our points are **36,430!!**

- **CHANGE IN BOX TOPS DONATIONS**

Traditional Box Tops clips are being phased out of production, but you can still support our preschool by sending any box tops that are in your possession.

The **NEW BOX TOPS** program will become digital ONLY. Participating brands are starting to change their packaging from a traditional Box Tops clip to the new Box Top label. If you see these labels, you can use the new Box Tops App to scan your receipt. Box Tops are still worth .10 for your school. The App will find participating products at any store and instantly add cash to your school's earnings online.

ANOTHER SMALL WAY TO GIVE TO CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION - Amazon has a charitable initiative called **AMAZON SMILE.** It allows you to give a very small part of your purchase to a charitable institution of your choice without any extra cost to you. The actual amount is 0.5% of your purchase, which means for every $ 10,000. spent $ 50.00 would go to Church of the Assumption. If all the members of the Parish that buy through Amazon sign up for **Amazon Smile,** eventually it will add up.

Go to this link to sign up directly: https://smile.amazon.com/ch/22-1729487

All of your giving is most APPRECIATED!!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION WINTER INFORMATION

Dear Parishioners,

A Happy and Healthy 2020 is our wish for ALL of you.

Our second graders made their **First Reconciliation on Saturday, January 25th, at 9:00 a.m.** As always the kids handled themselves wonderfully. Please keep them in your prayers during this month.

During the month of January our kindergarten & first graders continue to learn about the enormity of God's love & all that He does for us. Our second graders will be practicing for their First Reconciliation & reviewing the Act of Contrition. Our third graders continue learning about our Church & all of the prayers & devotions that are a part of it. Our fourth graders will be learning about the Ten Commandments, while our fifth graders continue their study of the sacraments. Our sixth graders continue to study & learn about the Old Testament & our seventh graders continue with The Decision Point program. Deacon Joe Sisco is continuing the Community Projects with our 8th Graders getting them ready for their Confirmations this April.

Just a reminder to our second grade and eighth grade parents that their Sacrament form, fee and wallet sized pictures are due in early January. Please get them into us, if you haven't already!

As always, we thank you ALL for supporting and caring for our programs!! Much love, Judi

RCIA

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

FEBRUARY CONFIRMATION SPEAKER AND PROJECT

Coming up this February, our Confirmation Candidates will be working on a Valentine's Day Project to benefit our Veterans who are living at the Paramus Veteran's Home in Paramus.

On February 5th there will be a veteran from our area that will talk to both groups at CCD about the "Call for Peace" and Serving Our Country.

On February 9th and February 12th we will be working on our "Hands On Project" of making Valentine Gift Bags for the 320 Veterans at the "Paramus Veterans Home."

Each Candidate is asked to bring:

8 Valentine Gift Bags
8 Small Candy Heart boxes of Chocolate, to fill the bag.
Assorted small individually wrapped candy to fill the bags
8 Valentine cards, to be filled out at the project by each student.

WE NEED 100% PARTICIPATION TO MEET OUR GOAL OF 320 BAGS! Any and all donations gratefully accepted!!

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!

BINGO PLAYERS!

Due to the TREMENDOUS increase in attendance at our weekly Bingo games we are in dire need of volunteers.

If you could spare approximately 2-3 hours ONCE ever 5 weeks it would be greatly appreciated.

If you would call 201-261-5712 and leave your name and phone number someone will return your call. Thank you very much.

Come join us **Friday nights this FALL** for **BINGO** in Assumption Early Childhood Center, School Gym and Cafeteria located on Locust Avenue in Emerson. Doors open at 6:30 p.m., calling starts at 7:30 p.m. Come and have some fun! We are fully Air Conditioned and/or heated, as necessary.

Refreshments and snacks are available at a nominal cost. If you have any questions, please contact Rectory Office during regular business hours at 201-262-1122.

BINGO WORKERS' SCHEDULE

JANUARY 31st TEAM 3

Youth Group Members Wanted!!!!

Assumption Youth Groups are always welcoming new family members. We understand that all you kids live & lead extremely busy lives. Nothing in the Youth Group is mandatory. The Youth Group family will enjoy opportunities of going on trips, having no-pressure social events, holding fundraisers, & having other service and community outreach opportunities.

So if you are interested, please pick up a form at the church entrance and fill it out with your Name, Address, Phone Number, and Grade, then hand it in to the rectory **Attn: Rich Beahm.** Doing this will get you in Youth Group and put you on a mailing list to receive a calendar every month. You can also e-mail an inquiry to Rich at rbeahm@assumptionacad.org and he'll e-mail you a form back. CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK!! www.facebook.com/assumptionemerson.org

FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM! **@assumption_youth_group**

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY:

Lt. Col. Jonathan Varoli, USAF; PFC Justin Mignogna; Lcpl. Capt. Trev Moncure; Brian Cirola, Staff Sgt. David Elliott; Lcpl, Sgt. Damon Baker; Justin Di Niro, US Navy; Major Michael Anthony Franson; 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; Sean Flanagan, US Navy, Salvatore B. Petruso, Tannor Saberon -Dover, Lance Corporal Michael Velthaus, USMC, PFC Alex Reppenhagen, US Army, First Class Petty Officer Paul V. Roman, US Navy, Pvt. Robert C. Saul, US Army, Airman First Class, Morgan Hofmeister.

PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY WITH ANY CHANGES.

St. Thomas Aquinas - Feast Day, January 28th

St. Thomas Aquinas (January 28th) was a large man and a brilliant student, but he was quiet and seldom spoke. His classmates called him the "dumb ox".

Thomas' wealthy family sent him at age five to be taught by the Benedictines in hopes that he would join their community and be an abbot. But then the Dominicans' life-style of prayer and study attracted Thomas more, and he joined them instead. His family was shocked and upset that Thomas, a nobleman, would join a group of poor friars, so they captured Thomas and kept him imprisoned for more than a year in the family castle. Nothing could change his mind, however, and they finally released him to join the Dominicans.

Thomas first studied science under Albert the Great, but he preferred theology. One of the greatest Christian thinkers and writers, Thomas Aquinas is well known for his writings in philosophy and theology. He reportedly never forgot anything he read and could dictate to four secretaries at the same time on different subjects. His most famous work, the *Summa Theologica*, contains five volumes of his thought on all the Christian mysteries. Though he was considered great even in his own time, he remained humble and quiet. He prayed often and acknowledged that his gifts came from God.

While offering Mass on December 6, 1273, Thomas had a spiritual experience. After that he stopped writing completely. He said that after what he had seen, all he had written was just straw. A few months later, the Pope invited him to the Council of Lyons in France, but Thomas died on the way.

Thomas had been an advisor of kings, a writer of masterpieces, a counselor to Popes, and a teacher of classics. Most of all, Thomas was a servant of God. He is a Doctor of the Church and called "the angelic doctor" for his purity and knowledge.

St. Thomas Aquinas, ora pro nobis!

Starts In The Heart Ministry - This ministry is lead by Mary Jo Armen, who has a combined experience of psychology, pastoral counseling, religious education, and spiritual direction. Through this ministry Mary Jo will offer faith-based counseling, spiritual direction, and programs offering spirituality to Parishes. Please call 201-262-1122, ext. 24, to make an appointment with Mary Jo.

I Love My Catholic Mom's Group - Love, Laughter, Moment of Grace - Think about starting a Catholic Mom's Group at Assumption. We want to encourage Catholic moms in Emerson and the surrounding towns to open your hearts to the idea of joining or starting a Mom's group. It can be in someone's home, in the Parish Spiritual Center, or at a coffee shop in the area. What one Mother said… "I enjoy the wonderful women, their friendship and the chance to learn more about our faith together as women and mothers." Let us help you get started! We will supply support materials. Your group can be as small as 2 or as big as 30. **If you are interested in starting or helping to start this small group ministry please e-mail Sue at srector@assumptionacad.org, or call 201-290-8756.**

ASSUMPTION KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #5819 ANNUAL SPELLING BEE —

The Assumption Knights of Columbus # 5819 is running a Council Spelling Bee for 8th Grade Students only. Both public, private and non-public students are welcome to attend. The Spelling Bee is scheduled for **January 26th, 2020 at 1:00 p.m.** in the Media Room at the Emerson Junior/Senior High School.

Prizes will be awarded for First place, Second place and Third place. The First place winner can go onto the Regional Spelling Bee in March. Family, teachers, and friends are welcome to attend. Light refreshments will be served. A list of ALL the words can be picked up at the Rectory of Assumption Church, or call Dawn at 201-262-1122 for more information.

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 Prosecutor within the Archdiocese are:

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

Out with the old....to help others

"Out with the old and in with the new" is a popular expression at this time of the year. Would you be willing to clean out that closet or attic to help the many struggling members in our society?

One way to do this is by donating any unwanted clothing, small appliances, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, novels, toys, children's books, and knickknacks to the Catholic Charities donation bin located in the parking lot of the Assumption Early Childhood Center on Locust Avenue.

May your continued generosity brighten every day of the New Year. Thank you!

STRESS in Your Marriage?

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage? Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Does talking about it only make it worse?

Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

UPCOMING WEEKEND: February 21-23, 2020

For more information, call the Archdiocese of Metuchen Family Life Office at 1-732-562-1990, ext. 1543

TO REGISTER: Call Rich & Annette Colasuonno at 1-732-236-0671, or e-mail 3024@retrouvaille.org

Immaculate Conception Church, 211 Summit Avenue, Norwood, presents Fr. Albert Haase's video series, ***Keeping the Fire Alive: Navigating Challenges in the Spiritual Life.***

The spiritual journey often takes twists and turns through territory that is uncharted and unexplored. It's so easy to become disoriented, lost and even discouraged. Where do we go for direction? How do we find our way?

This 6 week series is a follow-up to Fr. Haase's ***Catching Fire, Becoming Flame,*** but attendance for that series is not necessary. These sessions will be held on Mondays, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church Hall on the following dates:

January 27: Near Occasions of Grace and Spiritual Direction
February 3: Resisting Temptations
February 10: The Four D's of the Spiritual Life
February 17: Making Sense of Suffering
February 24: Living in the Present Moment
March 2: The Agenda of the Ego

To Register please call the Rectory **at 201-768-1600, or e-mail: immaculateconception@iccnorwood.**org with your name, address, phone number and e-mail, and the number of people attending.

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.

If you are interested in having a previous Sacramental marriage annulled, you are invited to contact Fr. Paul A. Cannariato, at 201-262-1122, who serves as a Procurator and Collegial Judge in the Metropolitan Tribunal Office in Newark.

Annual Men's Weekend Retreat

In John 14:2, Jesus said "In my Father's house there are many mansions." You have the opportunity to spend some quiet time with the Lord in a mansion in Morristown, NJ, at a Jesuit retreat this February. Details to follow next week.

You are invited to join me and your brothers in Christ on retreat the **weekend of February 21-23, 2020.** The retreat begins at dinner on Friday night and ends after lunch on Sunday, and will be lead this year by Fr. Steve Pugliese, SJ, on the theme "The Sermon on the Mount." If the weekend of February 21-23 is not convenient for you, other retreats for Men, Women, or both are also available on other weekends through June 5th. For further information and registration, please call Ed Delaney at 201-602-6372.

Annual Men's and Women's Retreats

For the Men's Retreat - Man of God...I am my Brothers' Keeper

You are invited to join us in celebration on Retreat, **Saturday, February 29th, 2020** for this uplifting Men's Retreat Experience.

This Retreat will take place at Seton Hall University, 400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Speakers include: Bishop John Flesey, Andres Arango, Fr. Jeivi Hercules, Fr. John Gordon, Paul Kim and Diacono Asterio Velasco.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin will be the celebrant at the closing Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Cost of the day is $ 30.00/Clergy/Religious are free. For more information or to register go to: CatholicMen@rcan.org or call 973-497-4545. Continental Breakfast & Lunch included.

For the Women's Retreat - Alive in Christ, The Eucharist...His Heart in My Heart

You are invited to join us in celebration on Retreat, **Saturday, March 7th, 2020** for an uplifting Women's Retreat Experience.

This Retreat will take place at Seton Hall University, 400 South Orange Avenue, South Orange, NJ from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Speakers include: Sr. Bethany Madonna, SV, Colleen Kelly Rayner, Dianne M. Traflet, JD, STD., Kathia Arango, Sidelis Rosario, Yamilka Genao, and Kelvin Joel, Music Ministry.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin will be the celebrant at the closing Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Cost of the Day is $ 30.00/Clergy/Religious are free. For more information or to register go to: CatholicWomen@rcan.org or call 973-497-4013. Continental Breakfast & Lunch included.

Family Promise Annual 50/50 Raffle

Thank you for your ongoing friendship and support of Family Promise of Bergen County. Thanks in great part to you and your congregation, the Family Promise 50/50 Raffle raises significant funds each year to help provide shelter and support to homeless working families with children. Your support of the raffle in 2020 is critical. We hope that you will once again welcome us to your parish one weekend to briefly address your parish and sell raffle tickets after each Mass. **Please watch the bulletin for our next visit to your parish.** We sincerely thank you for your personal support and compassion for the families we serve.

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