



**Deacons
Called
To Serve**

Deacon's Corner...

On March 4TH and 5th I had the privilege of taking my RCIA candidates down to the Cathedral for the Rite of Continuing Conversion on Saturday, and on Sunday for our catechumen for the Rite of Election. Cardinal Tobin had a busy two days as earlier on both days Essex and Union counties were first then Bergen and Hudson counties were there.. The Cathedral was filled for all the counties. On Saturday he recognized those that are continuing to become in full communion with the Church in getting First Eucharist and/or Confirmation. While on Sunday it was reserved for those getting Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation. What a wonderful sight to see so many turning to Our Lord Jesus Christ! Their journey will culminate at the vigil mass for Easter Sunday. Our candidates are almost complete with their studies so please remember them in your prayers.

So how are you doing with your Lenten Journey? As far as when I was writing this article I hadn't stumbled with my sacrifice of giving something up, but I have to admit that I came close. And that is all part of our human nature, for we are all sinners! But the greatest part is that God knows of our frailties and is ready to forgive us if we are repentant. His love for us is immense, and as long as we ask Him for forgiveness, and are truly sorry he will forgive and help pick us up. We do have to remember that all this is not a free ride and we must realize that we have to do our part to avoid sinning against God. Our repentance must be SINCERE! This is what Lent is all about, a journey to prepare our souls for God's grace through self denial, helping those in need including ourselves.

We all need to cleanse our souls through the sacrament of Reconciliation! Take advantage of this sacrament on Saturday afternoon or even calling the Friary and asking to make an appointment with Fr. Richard or Fr. Paul to receive this sacrament, which Jesus bestowed on both of them through their ordination to the priesthood, and they will be more than happy to impart God's forgiveness upon you! None of us knows the date, nor the time when we will be called home to God, the big question is will YOU be READY and in a state of grace when that time comes?

I found this in the Bible Diary that I read each day and I think it says it all:

'We cannot be at peace with God, if we are not at peace with one another. We cannot be at peace with one another, if we cannot be at peace with ourselves. The path of acceptance is the humble acceptance of our need for God and the readiness to seek His pardon!'

May your Lenten Journey be filled with God's forgiveness and grace.

- Deacon Frank



Please contact the Friary Office regarding submissions for our parish bulletin, announcements and prayer list



Annual Giving Comparison:
3/12/2017—\$7,672
3/14/2016—\$7,665

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Visit our website to sign up and begin contributing automatically to our parish online at:
www.assumptionparishwr.org



**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
CORNER
ST. ANTHONY COUNCIL
11585**



**A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL WHO ATTENDED OUR
ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DINNER !**

**JOIN THE KNIGHTS! Gary Lepore—
Grand Knight 201-522-1012 kofc11585@aol.com**



Wood-Ridge Knights Offer Scholarship

The Knights of Columbus, St. Anthony Council #11585 in Wood-Ridge, will again be awarding a \$500 **Anthony Giuseffi** Scholarship to any graduating 8th grader (Public of parochial school) who will be attending a Catholic High School in September 2017. The candidate must be a parishioner of the Church of the Assumption of Our Blessed Lady, Wood-Ridge, NJ. Applications are available in the Church Friary. The deadline for submission of the



The Knights of Columbus

St. Anthony Council #11585

invites all children of the parish 3rd Grade and under, to their 22nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15th. It will be held after the blessing of the Easter Baskets at 12:00pm noon at Assumption Parish (rain or shine). Tickets are limited and will be issued on a first come first serve basis from March 26th until April 9th at the Friary.



FOOD PANTRY



The season of Lent affords a variety of ways in which we can all take part in the ministry of feeding our sisters and brothers in need.

First and most importantly, pray for those who use and staff the Pantry. Your daily meditations and reflections provide the spiritual energies needed to support our efforts.

Second and most practically, relate your fasting and abstinence during this season with that of those who regularly go hungry and thirsty. Extend a personal sacrifice and transform it into abundance for others by picking up some of the items that keep the Pantry supplied.

Third and most generously, give alms to the poor by means of financial support to the Pantry where supermarket vouchers and gift cards allow our brothers and sisters to purchase perishable goods which we cannot stock.

By being faithful to Scripture's call for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, let our Parish Community truly experience how a life of penance is one of daily conversion, joy, and service in the name of Jesus Christ. Have a fruitful and spirit-filled preparation for Easter.

Peace and All Good!

Items Needed This Week:

Paper Products



ASSUMPTION AIDS MINISTRY—PRAYER PETITION

That all who hunger and thirst for justice will never be hungry or thirsty again, especially those affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic, we pray to the Lord...

Readings for the week March 19, 2017



Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41(1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38)

Please Pray For those who are ill especially:



Anthony Pinghera, Caroline Fay, Margie Testa, Julia Betz, Diane Calabria, Jean DePitina, Lindsay Hodgkins, Mary Keller, Baby Dominick Hale, Delaney Kurdyla, Desmond Nannetti and Barbara Colgan, that they may experience the healing power of God and the support of our faith community.

For the deceased—that they may find eternal peace in God’s kingdom.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK



Saturday March 18

5:30pm + Dominic & Philomena Gonnella

Sunday March 19

8:00am + All Parishioners

9:30am + Rose Cappolino

11:00am + Rossa Cole, Serpa & Coccozzo Family
Deceased members

Monday March 20

7:30am + Carmen Ginard

12:10pm + Adelaide & John Marchini

Tuesday March 21

7:30 am + John Glakin

12:10pm + Betty Callahan

Wednesday March 22

7:30 am + Sartori Family

12:10pm + Thomas A. Crimmins

Thursday March 23

7:30am + George & Michael Driscoll

12:10pm + Maria & Francesco Corvo

Friday March 24

7:30am + Olga Agresti

12:10pm + Cristina Lucanie

Saturday March 25

7:30am + Lu Rowinski

5:30pm + John Clemente

Sunday March 26

8:00am + All Parishioners

9:30am + Maria Elvira Paiba & Elise Castiblanco

11:00am + Patrick Reid

Military Prayer Requests...



Please keep in your prayers...

**A/C Julian Bencivenga,
51st Security Forces Squadron Air Force**

SSG Michelle Wood, US Army

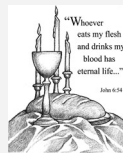
Sgt. Thomas Hull, US Army

Please contact the Friary if you would like a deployed loved one

Remembered in our bulletin prayer list. Thank you.

The Week of March 19, 2017

*The Altar Bread will be consecrated in
Loving memory of
Elaine Kramer*



*The Altar Wine will be consecrated
In loving memory of
Elaine Kramer*

*The Sanctuary Lamp will burn
in loving memory of
John F. Krommenhock*

*The Mass Candles will burn
In loving memory of
All Parishioners*



**Attention all
9th-12th graders!**

Please join us on **March 19th 7-9 pm**
at the Assumption Hayes Center

(top floor). There will be a witness talk by one of our teens. Make sure to come out and support your peer. Hope to see you there!

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS!



Calling All Kindergarten Parents:

We are pleased to announce the return of a Kindergarten class this fall as part of our religious education program. This is a free Sunday program! Please spread the word for all students entering Kindergarten this fall!

First Grade means the start of Religious Ed prep for First Communion! Please pass this word on to other Kindergarten parents. Registration begins Wednesday, March 1. Our first Saturday registration date will be March 25th! For more information, please call us at 201-933-6118

Re-registration begins March 1. All Religious Education fees and testing requirements must be met before re-registration. There will be a Saturday registration on March 25th. The family fee remains at \$225 and includes all children in your family. There will be a summer program that will run Sunday June 25th through Thursday, June 29th for grades 1,2,3,4,5.

There will be a **6th grade** summer program that will run in the evenings June 19-22

The Confirmation program for **grades 7 and 8** will run in the evening the week of June 19-22 and June 26-29th.



PRE-CANA FOR ENGAGED COUPLES

Our parish will be offering a full day pre-cana program on Sunday, April 2nd following the 11:00 a.m. Mass and ending at approximately 6:00 p.m. A light lunch will be served followed by refreshments throughout the day. All engaged couples who will be married within the next year should consider attending.

If you need more information or wish to sign up, please contact Marie Gallo 201-288-0276.



THE MYSTERY OF GOD SERIES

John Tamborini will facilitate the Bishop Barron series "The Mystery of God" during Lent. The series will meet on Tuesdays: March 21, March 28, April 4, and April 11 at 7:30 pm in the

Lions Club Pancake Breakfast

On Palm Sunday, April 9th, the Wood-Ridge Lions Club will hold their annual pancake breakfast in the All Purpose Room in the High School from 8:00 until noon. Come on out and enjoy the pancakes with syrup or fruit toppings, sausage, juice and coffee. Tickets are \$5.00 (children under 5 are free) and are available at the door. All proceeds will be used to help the blind, sight impaired and others in need. Thank you for your support.

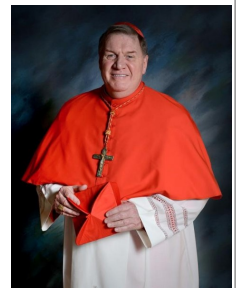


LET US MEET AND PRAY WITH OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP TOBIN TOGETHER!
PLEASE JOIN US!

**FRIDAY MARCH 24TH 2017
7:30PM MASS
ST. MARY CHURCH
91 HOME AVENUE
RUTHERFORD NEW JERSEY**

PLEASE JOIN OUR FELLOW DEANERY PARISH COMMUNITIES TO WELCOME AND PRAY WITH OUR NEW ARCHBISHOP

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS SERVED FOLLOWING THE MASS IN THE PARISH HALL





**Bingo Wednesday
Evenings
Father Patrick Morris Hall**

**Doors open: 5:30 pm (Food available
for purchase) Games begin: 7:15 pm**

The Week Ahead :

Monday March 20



Tuesday March 21

Mystery of God—Tamborini Series 7:00pm FPMH

Wednesday March 22

BINGO - 5:30m doors open FPMH

RCIA Class—7:00pm—FMR

Thursday March 23

NA Meeting Hayes Center—7:00pm

Friday March 24

Holy Hour following the 7:30am Mass

OFS—FMR 7:30pm

Stations of the Cross—7:30pm Church

Saturday March 25

Franciscan Challenge

AA Meeting Hayes Center—9am –12pm

Religious Education Registration in Friary 10am

Youth Group Stations Rehearsal 2pm Church

5:30pm—Family Mass Religious Ed

6:30pm—Religious Education Family Craft FPMH

Sunday March 26

Franciscan Challenge

11:00 Religious Education Family Mass

12:00pm—Religious Education Family Craft FPMH

Safe Environment:

Any person who wishes to report an incident of sexual misconduct by a member of the clergy, religious or lay staff of the Archdiocese of Newark should contact the Archdiocese as follows: by mail, Director, Office of Child and Youth Protection, The Archdiocese of Newark 171 Clifton Avenue Newark, NJ 07104 , phone 201-407-3256, fax 973-497-4001 For more information visit their website at www.rcan.org and click on the "Safe Environment" tab on the left

HOLY THURSDAY WASHING OF



**THE FEET CEREMONY ... WE ARE STILL IN
NEED OF 8 PARTICIPANTS TO HAVE THEIR FEET
WASHED AT THE HOLY THURSDAY MASS. ALL
ARE WELCOME TO BE PART OF THIS TRADITION. PLEASE
CALL ROSE LEPORE AT 201-438-5555 X 28 TO SIGN UP OR
EMAIL AT ASSUMPTIONROSE@YAHOO.COM**



**The Rosary Altar Society will have their next
meeting on April 4th at 6:45pm at the Hayes
Center. The March meeting was cancelled due
to the snow storm. Thank you. All Women of
the parish are welcome !**

Audrey L. Nagel Scholarship –

**Applications are now available for the \$1000.00
Audrey L. Nagel Scholarship for a student that
will attend a Catholic High School in the fall.**

Applicants must be graduating from a parochial
grammar school and a member of a family regis-
tered in Assumption Parish or a Wood-Ridge resi-
dent that attends a parochial grammar school in
the area. Applications are available in the friary.

Lions Club Scholarships – Applications
are now available for the Wood-Ridge
Lions Club Scholarships.



A minimum of 3 awards totaling \$6000.00 will be
made this June. All high school graduating stu-
dents (public or private high schools) who are res-
idents of Wood-Ridge or Moonachie may apply.

Applications are available at Wood-Ridge High
School, The Wood-Ridge Library, Assumption Fri-
ary and in Moonachie at JAN PROMOTIONS 50
Moonachie Road.

Deadline for applications is Thursday April 27th.