

# CHURCH OF THE ANNUNCIATION

*A Roman Catholic Community*

50 W Midland Avenue, Paramus, NJ 07652

## MISSION STATEMENT

The Church of Annunciation, united in faith and guided by the Holy Spirit, is a welcoming community of people, loving, serving, and sharing in the mission of Jesus Christ.



### Parish Center and Mailing Address

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### Faith Formation Office

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## Masses

Saturday (Sunday anticipated) 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., Noon

Monday through Friday 7:30 a.m.  
*Holy Family Chapel in the Parish Center*

Saturday 9:00 a.m.  
*Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Novena during Mass*

Holy Days of Obligation  
As announced

## Confession

Saturday 4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m., also by appointment

## Eucharistic Adoration

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Benediction*  
Wednesday 7:00 p.m.  
*Holy Family Chapel*

## PASTORAL STAFF

Reverend James V. Teti, *Pastor*

Reverend Monsignor Richard F. Groncki • Reverend Donald K. Hummel  
*In Residence*

Reverend John Stanley Gomes, *Sunday Associate*

Mr. Bernard Hayes, Mr. William Joyce, *Deacons*

James Carlo, *Director of Music*  
Lorraine Rose, *Cantor / Leader of Song*

Gladys Pozza, *Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation*

Robert Leichte, *Youth Minister*

Kimberly Harrigan, *Principal, Visitation Academy*

Ronald Pepson and Mary Sherry, *Trustees*



## A Note from Our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

I continue to extend to you summer greetings as we make our way into the heart of the month of August. I trust you are finding some time for the activities that we associate with this portion of the year and the warm days. May it be a sustained season of rest and joy! Of course, the concerns of the pandemic remain a factor in shaping our lives with restrictions and modifications of how we might normally be observing the summer. I'm sure we've all felt that exasperation with the situation that has been enduring for months now. The heat too has likely burdened us in some way over the last few weeks. May we continue to find hope in our lives of faith and prayer! Let's ask God for the patience to endure the mysteries we all face, even each day, including the ones that are collective and felt by all in some manner. We wish to return to normalcy. The efforts we make to stay safe and control the virus will help us as we look for that relief in the months ahead, along with the quest for a vaccine and the prospect of it arriving by year's end. I thank you for your prayers and continue to extend mine to you and your family members. We keep especially in our intentions those preparing for the reopening of all schools, and that they might have the wisdom to determine the best manner to proceed as September approaches. That hope remains ours as well for parish life, as we consider the best way to conduct religious education and faith formation this year, seeking to be safe and secure, and allowing our technology and efforts within the homes of individual families to be important ways that our mission continues. As we begin celebrations of First Communion this weekend and next, and look to Confirmation thereafter, it's a special time here in our parish right now in the summer weeks. We are finally able to carry out the celebrations that were postponed due to the church closings in April and May. I thank you for your prayers for our children, young people, and their families. It is a joyful moment as the grace of the sacraments deepens the faith journeys of our sons and daughters that began with their baptism. Let's all give thanks to God and rejoice in his everlasting promises to his people!

I thank those who have returned to sharing Mass regularly, both on Sundays and during weekdays. It is good to be together and see one another! For those remaining at home, we cherish everyone's decision about safety at this time, and how that directs our course of action. Again, as the weeks progress, we trust in a gradual return to how we expect things to be. Let's do so in safety, and by welcoming the direction of all those entrusted with producing guidelines for the public. I thank those who have been able to support our parish financially in an ongoing way. We keep praying and encouraging one another so that our offertory may return to the levels needed to support our life and ministry. If you remain unable to join us for Mass, I remind you to send your envelopes to the Parish Center so we can include them in the Sunday collections. Thank you for all that you do and share with our parish family.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Jim Teti



*...for those in need of healing...*

Luigi Vene, Walter Wyssenski, Carole Siekmann

*... for those who have entered new life...*

Joseph Ambrosio

*...for those serving during the coronavirus...*

our first responders, medical & healthcare professionals,  
mail carriers and delivery services, grocery store workers,  
& all other essential workers.

## Memorials



The sanctuary lamps were donated in memory of **John & Joseph Rainere** by the Rainere family.

Please pray for the following members of our parish family who will receive the sacrament of Confirmation and be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit this month:



Gaetano Vincenzo Aiello  
Pedro Francis Andreazza  
Kaitlyn Mildred Callahan  
Domenic Cianni  
Vincent Cianni  
Michael Domenick DeRobertis  
Anthony DiDomenico  
Lea Katherine DiStefano  
Lauren Angela Felten  
Michael Thomas Finedt  
Massimo Nicholas Guacci  
Maximilian Michael Hegewald  
Jason Joyce  
Kiersten Teresa Kelleher  
Anthony LaFerlita  
Parker Joseph Lillo  
Noelle Rose Marciniak  
Juliana Antonia Matina  
Gianna Christiana McDermott  
Lucas Mosquera  
Matthew Joseph Niland  
Jacqueline Patricia O'Hara  
Anthony Michael Palmieri  
Anthony Panagia  
Isabella Elizabeth Patti  
Michael Piccinich  
Alyssa Therese Prado  
Samantha Theresa Salvemini  
Vanessa Veronica Scrivanich  
Jenna Anne Tarabocchia  
Mariella Rose Tucker  
Jessica Alyce Ventura



Saturday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As the Solemnity falls on a Saturday this year, the obligation to attend Mass is abrogated. Join us to honor Mary, our mother, and commemorate the assumption of her body and soul into heavenly glory at 9:00 a.m. in the church.

## ***Daily Prayer this Week***

Finding intimacy with our Lord is not limited to people who can go away on a retreat. We can all be contemplatives in action, if only we can focus on our relationship with the Lord in the background, every day. This week we can feed on the words of life which Jesus gives us. And, we can ask for the graces we need, in the midst of our busy lives. With the celebration of the Assumption toward the end of the week, we can ask Mary to help us keep our consciousness on connecting our desires with the concrete details of our life this week.

Throughout this week, we can wake up and go through our morning routine asking for the grace that God's mercy might flow through us this day. One day, I might take notice of those in my life who need my forgiveness. I might pay attention to the one who frustrates me or has hurt me or has hurt those I love -- real people I know (living or dead) or the anonymous people who represent the systems, institutions and structures that seem unjust or sinful. There are people who benefit from war, the poverty or slavery of others, the sacrilege against the dignity of life itself, the drug trade and the destruction of the environment. I can actually take the grace-filled moments of brief intimacy with Jesus this week to forgive! This week of mercy can be a powerful blessing for our whole lives.

This can be a wonderful week for us to remember how many times we are called to forgive. And, we might want to take a few extra moments to reinforce this by re-reading the parable of the servant who has been forgiven himself but refuses to forgive. If we are really stuck in our struggle to forgive, we can find times to beg for the grace: "Dear Lord, you keep forgiving me, please let me experience the intimacy of forgiving as you have forgiven me. Give me the humility of a little child to remember how often I need to forgive others."

Throughout this week, our hearts go out to little children and other "little ones" because we will be delighting in being one with him and his being one with us. And, we'll give thanks and praise.

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**Mass Intentions**



**Saturday, August 8**

5:00 p.m. **People of the Parish**

**Sunday, August 9: Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. **Ron Mikolajczyk req. Ed & Julie Malek**

10:30 a.m. **Betty DeRosa req. the Smith family**

12:00 p.m. **Anita Carlin req. Susan Geiger**

**Monday, August 10: Saint Lawrence**

7:30 a.m. **People of the Parish**

**Tuesday, August 11: Saint Clare**

7:30 a.m. **People of the Parish**

**Wednesday, August 12: Saint Jane Frances de Chantal**

7:30 a.m. **Genevieve Waller & family**

**Thursday, August 13: Saints Pontian & Hippolytus**

7:30 a.m. **People of the Parish**

**Friday, August 14: Saint Maximilian Kolbe**

7:30 a.m. **Jean Barone Berry req. the Windt family**

**Saturday, August 15: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9:00 a.m. **Allison Bird req. the Trigani family**

5:00 p.m. **Mary Kelly req. Fr. Jim & the Annunciation staff**

**Sunday, August 16: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 a.m. **John & Joseph Rainere req. the Rainere family**

10:30 a.m. **Anita Carlin req. the Fazio family**

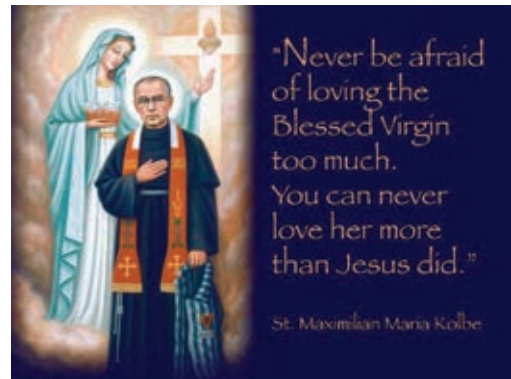
12:00 p.m. **Roberto Delgado req. the Fanelli family**



**Please Note:** There will be no collection held the weekend of August 29-30 for the Missionary Cooperation Plan Appeal.

In light of the current pandemic situation and the need for travel to be involved for the missionaries, it has been decided that there will be no appeal taken this year.

If you are an envelope user, you will have received an envelope for the Appeal. We will not be taking a collection without the presence of the missionary, so please disregard this envelope!



**Readings for the Week**



- Monday: 2 Cor 9:6-10; Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9; Jn 12:24-26
- Tuesday: Ez 2:8-3:4; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
- Wednesday: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 18:15-20
- Thursday: Ez 12:1-12; Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62; Mt 18:21 - 19:1
- Friday: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or Ez 16:59-63; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6; Mt 19:3-12
- Saturday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28  
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56
- Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Rom 11:13-15, 29-32; Mt 15:21-28

**Our Giving**



Please remember to fill in the donation amount on your offertory envelope!

Thank you for your continued support during these difficult times.

August 1-2

Income from 85 envelope users	\$ 5,364.00
Out-of-pocket gifts	\$ 4,336.00
Electronic giving (weekly average, 58 families)	\$ 1,968.38
<b>Total weekly income</b>	<b>\$ 11,668.38</b>

Annunciation's Parish Center is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

### **Parish Center Directory**

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### **BAPTISM**

The sacrament of Baptism is celebrated for infants on the second and fourth weekends of each month, except during the Lenten season. The celebration may take place during the 10:30 a.m. or 12:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday, or at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday. Parents are invited to contact Judy Fanelli, even before your baby is born, so that participation in our preparation program can be arranged and the baptism planned.

### **RECONCILIATION**

The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered in the church on Saturdays between 4:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. Personal appointments for other times are available and can be made by contacting Father Jim.

During the Lenten Season, a communal Celebration of Reconciliation is offered in conjunction with Our Lady of the Visitation parish.

### **VOCATIONS**

Are you being called to priesthood or religious life? As you discern God's calling, explore [www.rcan.org/vocation](http://www.rcan.org/vocation).

### **MINISTRY TO THE ILL AND HOMEBOUND**

At times, physical injury, old age, or debilitating disease prevents our parishioners from participating regularly in the celebration of the Eucharist. During such times, contact with the community of faith is needed more than ever before. We can arrange for you to receive the Eucharist, the sacrament of Reconciliation, and/or the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick in your home or hospital room. Please call the Parish Center if you wish to be visited.

### **PARISH MEMBERSHIP**

If you are new to the parish, please submit a completed parish census form. Blank forms are available in the Gathering Space and on our website. Families already registered with the parish are encouraged to keep current their membership information.

### **INITIATION INTO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

The *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* (RCIA) is a process of formation and initiation for those (age seven and older) who have never been baptized and wish to become members of the Roman Catholic Church.

Formation and initiation opportunities also exist for adults baptized into the Roman Catholic Church as infants, but who have not received the sacraments of Confirmation and/or Eucharist.

Christians baptized in Eastern Orthodox Churches or in communions other than Roman Catholic who wish to enter into the fullness of Catholic communion may also participate in the RCIA formation process.

For more information, please contact Father Jim.

### **VISITATION ACADEMY**

Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education are encouraged to consider Visitation Academy, a National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence. Located in Paramus and supported by the Catholic parishes of Paramus and Rochelle Park, Visitation Academy offers classes for Grades pre-K3 through eight. For more information, please visit [www.visitationacademyparamus.org](http://www.visitationacademyparamus.org) or call 201-262-6067.

### **INTENTION REQUESTS**

We can spiritually remember an anniversary of marriage, ordination or death, birthday, or other significant milestone for the living or deceased by dedicating the items we use for worship: the sanctuary lamps which burn constantly before the Blessed Sacrament in the church and Holy Family Chapel, the altar candles which remain lit during each liturgical celebration, the bread and wine consecrated at Mass, the Advent wreath candles, and the Paschal candle. Masses may also be offered for a special intention.

A set donation is requested for each intention, a card is provided, and the intention is printed in the bulletin. To request an intention, please visit the Parish Center.

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