

ASSUMPTION CHURCH, MORRISTOWN, NJ

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, MAY 16

8:00 a.m. Christine Dolan
5:30 p.m. Claire M. Dunlap

SUNDAY, MAY 17

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish
8:30 a.m. Irene and Paul Privitera
10:00 a.m. Andrew Horan
12:15 p.m. Betty Lyon
5:30 p.m. Nelly Llerena

MONDAY, MAY 18

7:00 a.m. Gretta Moloney
12:05 p.m. Joseph Baron

TUESDAY, MAY 19

7:00 a.m. Joseph A. Luciano
12:05 p.m. Donald and Teresa Buckley

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20

7:00 a.m. Dina Faul
12:05 p.m. Adam Mast
5:30 p.m. James Quinn

THURSDAY, MAY 21 – Ascension Thursday

7:00 a.m. Fr. William P. Glennon
12:05 p.m. Del Caprio
7:30 p.m. John McGowan

FRIDAY, MAY 22

7:00 a.m. The Maier and Barnes Families
12:05 p.m. Marjorie A. Graham

SATURDAY, MAY 23

8:00 a.m. Marjorie Graham
5:30 p.m. Alice Leyhan

SUNDAY, MAY 24

7:00 a.m. People of the Parish
8:30 a.m. Gay Petri
10:00 a.m. Sr. Gertrude Fitzsimmons
12:15 p.m. The Suess Family

First Reading – Acts 10: 25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Today's reading from the Acts of the Apostles presents a dramatic moment when it becomes clear that the Spirit of the Raised Lord has been given not only to Jesus' Jewish disciples, but to pagan Gentiles as well.

Second Reading – 1 John 4: 7-10

Both today's second reading and Gospel were written in the same early Christian community. The First Letter and Gospel of John both emphasize that God's self-giving love is meant to be reflected in the love uniting God's People.

Gospel – John 15: 9-17

The Gospel of John echoes the thought just presented in the First Letter of John by pointing out that Christians should love one another the way Jesus has loved us. Like Jesus, we too should be willing to lay down our lives for our friends.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the readings for next Sunday, May 24, **Seventh Sunday of Easter**

First Reading: Acts 1: 15-17, 20-26

Second Reading: 1 John 4: 11-16

Gospel: John 17: 11-19



ASCENSION OF THE LORD

This Thursday, May 21 is the Ascension of the Lord, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses for Ascension are Wednesday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m., and Thursday May 21 at 7:00 a.m., 12:05 and 7:30 p.m.

The Rosary is prayed every weekday 15 minutes before the 12:05 Mass.

Eucharistic Adoration is held every Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Notre Dame of Mt. Carmel, Cedar Knolls.

The Perpetual Novena in honor of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal is prayed every Monday immediately following the 12:05 p.m. Mass.

Perpetual Adoration is observed seven days-a-week, 24 hours daily at St. Margaret of Scotland in Morristown.

Mass Attendance for May 9 and 10

5:30 p.m.	293
7:00 a.m.	139
8:30 a.m.	265
10:00 a.m.	606
12:15 p.m.	329
5:30 p.m.	124
TOTAL	1,756

Sixth Sunday of Easter



PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE RECOVERY OF:

Pat and Bob Seely, Noelle Talarico, Lorraine McMahon, John Dingman, Judy Lynch, Romaine Rea, Agnes Hogan, Kathleen McCarthy Brennan, Tony Bersani, Mary Ascher, Irene Schreiber, Rita Ventre, Helen Bitondo, Gladys Mageau, Cindy Hogan, Becca Wishbow, Michael Garde, Joseph McGovern, Elsa McGlynn, Doris Lemieux, Patricia Barter-Varrichio, William Galligan, Doris Laurenti, Heidi Hertsgaard, Mary O'Connell, Janet Cloninger, Jerry Kwilos, Kathy Farrand, Robert Carduner, Sherry Rickely, Manuel and Delicia Calderon, Ariel Donnelly, Julie Ann Barlotta, Elaine Brady, Christy Lee Ascolese, Sabrina Sanchez, Miriam Frias, Jim Cavanaugh, Gabrielle Murtha, Jody Hartley, Doris Laurenti, Guy J. Palazzolo, Jane A. Mullins, Andy Scrone, Landa Martin, Mary Breen, Elizabeth Gibson, Theresa O'Connell, Maria Svaglinac, Christopher Scully, Siena Broesler, Malcolm Sutherland Foggio, Charles Lieb McCloskey, Marie Valvano, Conrad Geraghty, Charlotte Rez, John Maurello, Linda Rosenberg, Sheila Hare, Joseph Abrams, Dillon Pasapane, Thomas Greer, Albert J. Kelly, Jr., Lucy Garchatorina, Monica Turner, Alicia Boesgaard, David Monahan, and Dan Poling.

You are invited to call the Parish Office with the names of any loved ones who you would like included in the prayers for the good health of the sick and homebound.

Please notify us when our prayers for recovery have been answered, so we may remove the person from the list.

We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism



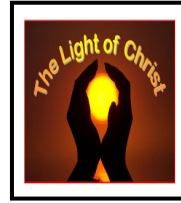
Olivia Clare Focht
Daughter of Norman and Lorin

Kyle Stephen Sick
Son of Stephen and Susan

Chase Thomas Kahle
Son of James and Rani

Austin Joseph Schiappa
Son of Matthew and Susan

Luke Hayden Kocal
Son of Michael and Rowena



SHINES AT ASSUMPTION

We believe that Jesus Christ breathes His Spirit on us so that we can strive to become a more perfect expression of the Good News in all aspects of everyday life.

A Thank you from Child and Family Resources....

Dear Father Martin,

Thank you and your generous parishioners for participating in the diaper drive that you recently held at Assumption. We are delighted to report that your diaper drive collected 2,372 diapers!!! Your generosity and thoughtfulness will move us closer to our goal of collecting the two million diapers needed this year. We would like to recognize that Assumption parishioners have made a significant contribution to the needs of the Morris County community and should be very proud of themselves, they have done an excellent job!

Diapers are not a luxury. They are a necessity that is frequently not covered by current safety-net programs such as Food Stamps, WIC, Medicaid and Medicare. Thanks to your support The Diaper Bank at Child and Family Resources will provide diapers for vulnerable populations in our community, including babies, the disabled, and the elderly.

To date, Child and Family Resources has collected over 100,000 diapers that will support children and families affiliated with our current community partners including, Morris ARC, Children on the Green, Interfaith Council for Homeless Families, Little People's Academy, the Morris County Office of Temporary Assistance, NORWESCAP Early Head Start, Jersey Battered Women's Services, Parsippany Child Day Care Center and Catholic Charities Hope House.

On behalf of the children and families that you are helping, we thank you.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THESE, O LORD



Gregory J. Kostyak
Brother of William

Annette Cattano
Mother of Anne Thomas

May 17, 2009

From Father Martin

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your warm and heart-felt response to last weekend's announcement of my retirement on June 29th of this year. Your applause and standing ovations left me feeling appreciated and affirmed. The many calls, notes, conversations, and offers of support I have received this week from Assumption parishioners have been both heartening and encouraging.

As I said in last week's homily, my greatest joy as pastor of Assumption has been watching our "success story" grow and flourish. For this, I thank Fr. Dennis; Deacons Mike Hanly, Brian Beyerl, and Bill Harty; our wonderful staff; and the school's passionate faculty. These people will be the new pastor's greatest asset and legacy when he arrives.

As you all know by now, I am especially proud of the generous outreach Assumption's parishioners have always shown to the poor and needy in this parish and beyond. If there is one wish I have for you, it would be that God would reward you one-hundredfold for all that you do for them. If there is one gift you could give to me upon this great milestone in my life, it would be to continue to give to the poor and needy in my name. As always, I ask you to give to Hope House – my favorite charity – or one of your own.

For all that has been, I say thank you to God and to you. I trust in God and my friends for all that will be.

Father Martin

Save the Date!

Father Martin's Retirement Picnic

Please plan on joining us for a free picnic to celebrate Father Martin upon his retirement:

Date: June 28, 2009

Time: 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Place: Assumption Church grounds and parking lot.

Stayed tuned to future bulletins for information on how you can make your reservation.

\$\$\$\$Financial Blessings\$\$\$\$

The collection for May 10 totaled \$15,898, last year's totaled \$17,960. The collection for Project Faith totaled \$2,634. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!



**FROM THE
ASSOCIATE PASTOR
CONVERSION**

One of the exciting results of Vatican Council II is the proclamation that all the baptized are called to Christian witness and service. All are called to be missionaries. All vocations are religious. The fundamental Sacrament is Baptism. Members of religious communities and the ordained simply live baptism in a certain way. Most of the baptized are missionaries in their family, work, neighborhoods and civic communities.

Scripture scholar Eugene Laverdiere insists that commitment to Christian mission is a sign of readiness for adult initiation. It is the fourth sign of conversion in the RCIA. Put negatively, if we aren't ready to witness actively to the Gospel, then we aren't ready for baptism. That means that some of us baptized as infants and raised on a passive diet of "pay, pray and obey" may yet have a long way to go in activating our missionary vocation.

That does not mean that most live that vocation in a formal Church ministry, for example, Lector, Eucharistic Minister or catechist, to name a few. Too often we only recognize and celebrate those ecclesial ministries. But the reason those specialized ministries exist is to empower all the baptized to live the Gospel of compassion, justice, peace and love in the world where the reign of God happens (or does not happen). All ministries of liturgy and catechetics are there to launch and celebrate ministries of "Diakonia", that is the ministries of us all, called to service and witness in a broken world crying for hope and healing.

Fr. Dennis

**OPPOSE DESTRUCTIVE EMBRYONIC STEM
CELL RESEARCH**

National Institute of Health (NIH) is proposing guidelines to destroy human embryos derived from in-vitro fertilization – a "create to kill" policy. Our Tax dollars will pay for this research! Please complete the following form, cut it out and send to NIH: I oppose the destruction of embryonic stem cells for body parts and cloning.

Name: _____

Address: _____

**Mail to NIH Stem Cell Guidelines, MSC 7997, 9000
Rockville Pike, Bethesda, MD 20892-7997**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

COURAGE OF THE ITALIANS

There is an important new book out entitled: IT HAPPENED IN ITALY- Untold stories of how the people of Italy defied the horrors of the Holocaust, by Elizabeth Bettina. Elizabeth is a New Yorker who has spent much time in Italy with relatives in Campagna. She stumbled on this story then pursued the facts and documented them. She contacted survivors, both Jews and the other Italians who protected them. Elizabeth was able to arrange meetings with Vatican cardinals to tell them of her work. They met with a few of the survivors who were still alive. With friends, she started to collect oral histories from people who had been involved. Many of the Italian people risked everything they had to protect their fellowman. What we have is a story of goodness in a time of evil.

Not all Jews in Italy survived the Holocaust. But 75 to 80% of them did. In the German camps 80% perished. This is a startling difference. Private citizens including the local police simply ignored orders to deport Jews. Priests and sisters hid them in churches, monasteries and convents, gave them new names, Baptismal certificates, and when the time was right, help in getting out of Europe.

Giovanni Palatucci was one Italian who went above and beyond in helping people survive. When people asked him why he was assisting these people, he replied that Jesus said "Love your neighbor as you love yourself." He was found out and sent to Dachau where he died two months before the camp was liberated. Palatucci has been beautified by the Church.

Amidst the terrible horrors that people in this world can experience, there are always tales of heroism and goodness. We lose sight of this, perhaps.

– **Sr. Patricia L. Marks**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



WHAT IS LOVE?: Our faith declares that God is love, and we see in Jesus the human (incarnate) face of divine love. The love revealed in Jesus is the measure of all human love. *Adults:* How deeply do I understand (and live) the connection between self-sacrifice and love in its most pure form?

Children: What is one specific thing I can do this week to follow Jesus' command that we should love one another?

A Family Perspective: As you gather as a family, talk about the meaning of the word generosity. Ask each family member to describe an action that shows generosity.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD: Use one of these suggestions or one of your own to respond to God's word this week.

In the home: Read together Jesus' words about love, and talk over what that means for you as a family.

In the workplace or in school: Find a single opportunity at work or school to do a hidden, unseen act of kindness for someone who seems particularly in need.

In the community: Spread "good news" by telling five people at work or school about a community service organization that you feel is particularly worthwhile, and urge them to support it in some way.



www.FaithFirst.com

Click on "Faith First for Families," then "Gospel Reflections" and share today's Gospel reading as a family. Also find practical ways to put your faith into action, monthly activities and family service projects.

RAVE REVIEW: LOVE NEVER FAILS: SPIRITUAL REFLECTIONS FOR DADS OF ALL AGES. Too often reflective parenting books are the domain of mothers only. Patrick Reardon's book, however, shows that fathers can reflect on their parenting journey just as surely as mothers. The book offers brief reflections, each page treating a different aspect of fatherhood – from a dad's first look at his newborn daughter to his thoughts on dropping his son at college. A quote from a famous person – not always a father – underlines Reardon's point from the page, and he also provides a website concerned with the theme. Reardon's background as a journalist comes through clearly. The writing is tight and never preachy or heavy-handed. Available at www.amazon.com in time for Father's Day.

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**MORE NEWS FROM SAINT PAUL
THE GENIUS OF SAINT PAUL**

The historical importance of Saint Paul is impressive. He was a man of grace. He was an active person of boundless energy. His letters tell us of his passion to spread the Good News. He inspires love, respect, and hope. He is a model of evangelization because he preached the Word of God to all people. Paul's life was filled with adventure and heroic actions. Nevertheless, the spiritual meaning of the Year of Saint Paul reminds us that we are the Church and we must work together to advance one of the central works of the Church—evangelization. The best way to spread the Good News is to live it everyday with love, faith, and hope in and beyond our parish boundaries.

Since Saint Paul's words express his own profound relationship with Jesus Christ, they remain an indispensable aid for perfecting our prayer life and for deepening our union with the Lord. It is the Apostle Paul who enjoins us time and again in his letters to "persevere in prayer" (Rom 12:12; Col 4:2) and to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thes 5:17). "in everything," he says, "by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God" (Phil 4:6). May Saint Paul's timeless example, wisdom, inspiration, and intercession enlighten, encourage, and generate each of us every day of the year.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Relay for Life is the American Cancer Society's signature activity. It is an opportunity for everyone in the community to participate in the fight against cancer. Teams of people camp at a local school or park and take turns walking or running around a track or path. Each team is asked to have a representative on the track at all times during the event. Relays are an overnight event, up to twenty-four hours in length. We invite you to join the Morristown/Morris Township, and Morris Plains Relay for Life celebration that will take place on June 5 and 6 at Morristown High School's outdoor track. For further information to form a team or make a donation, please go to our website at www.relayforlife.org/morristownNJ. Thank you.



NON-FOOD FOR THE FOOD PANTRY.....

The Interfaith Food Pantry is in serious need of empty boxes (many boxes) with lids (preferably copier paper boxes). They use the boxes to sort incoming food and then transport to their pantry at Speedwell Avenue. If your business or anyone you know has access to any amount of boxes, please contact Mary at the Pantry at 973-538-8049, extension 10. *PS – It would be great if you were able to drop off the boxes at the Pantry, otherwise they will pick them up.*



**HOPE HOUSE GOLF 9TH
ANNUAL
GOLF CLASSIC
NOW NAMED
"9TH ANNUAL FATHER
MARTIN HOPE GOLF TOURNAMENT"**



Join me and Hope House on June 29 at the magnificent, "members only" Spring Brook Country Club to celebrate 38 years of service to the community. Since 1971, Hope House has opened its doors to those who need it most...the elderly, those living with HIV/AIDS, the disabled, and the impoverished. Your generous support of this event is vital to the future of Hope House. For information, call Mel in the Parish Office at 973-539-2141

GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

Parish volunteers are available to help others in a variety of ways: appointments, shopping/banking, and errands. We will also visit in hospitals, nursing homes, your home, and provide brief respite care. Let us know your needs and we will try to provide for you. Please call this month's coordinator, Mary Baccigalupi at 973-984-6988 if you need assistance.



PLEASE HELP US WITH OUR WEBSITE.....

*We're looking for pictures of Sacramental events and/or activities here at Assumption to put on our website. Do you have pictures of your children's baptism, First Communion, Confirmation, religious education events, even marriages? If you do, please email them in **jpeg** format to the parish Office at assumption@assumptionparish.org*

A TASTE OF WINE

Please join us to taste various wines and enjoy a variety of hors d'oeuvres.

Monday, May 18, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Charlotte's Web

39 West Clinton Street, Dover

RSVP to 973-361-1364

All proceeds to benefit Hope House and Feed the Children Charities

Suggested Donation is \$60 per person.

USED MICROWAVE NEEDED

PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU HAVE A MICROWAVE YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE TO A FAMILY IN NEED.



Poems from the Pew, From a Child's View



*Here is my commandment.
Love each other, just as I have loved you.
John 15: 12*



The New Commandment



Jesus gave a new commandment that taught me what to do,
He said to, "Love each other just the way that I've loved you."
But now that I have tried it, I've made a big discovery,
it's oh-so-hard to be a kid with this philosophy!
To live by this commandment – I know it's sad, but true –
I've had to give up many things that I used to do!

Like fighting with my sister to put her in her place,
or pointing at the new kid with dimples on his face.
I can't get mad when my best friend wins the spelling bee,
nor can I hit my brother back whenever he hits me.
When I strike out at baseball I no longer kick and shout,
but must I now say "Thank You" to the kid who struck me out?

God, I'm trying really hard to be the kid I should,
and treat all other people like I know that Jesus would.
For Jesus never laughs at me when I'm unsure or scared.
He always finds a way to show me just how much he cares.
Yes, I'm sure that Jesus loves me – of this I have no doubt.
It's the "loving other people" part that I could do without !!!

– Liz Wilkey
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