

# Mass Intentions

- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3**  
 8:00 a.m. Ronald, Elena and Dr. Ralph Galdieri  
 5:30 p.m. Ruth and Merwin Cass
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4**  
 7:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 8:30 a.m. Rose Emmer  
 10:00 a.m. Eileen Noonan  
 12:15 p.m. Adam Mast  
 5:30 p.m. Rose Francavilla
- MONDAY, OCTOBER 5**  
 7:00 a.m. James, Elizabeth, and Mary Bernadette Beston  
 12:05 p.m. Robert Ayres, Sr.
- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6**  
 7:00 a.m. Anne Spina  
 12:05 p.m. Gerard M. Reilly
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7**  
 7:00 a.m. Jack Gilfillin  
 12:05 p.m. Gerard M. Reilly
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8**  
 7:00 a.m. Jessie Valletta  
 12:05 p.m. Robert Delaney
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9**  
 7:00 a.m. The Fiorina Zamarelli Family & Julie  
 12:05 p.m. John Reilly
- SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10**  
 8:00 a.m. Roger Egan  
 5:30 p.m. Guiseppe Oliveri
- SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11**  
 7:00 a.m. People of the Parish  
 8:30 a.m. Jack Gilfillin  
 10:00 a.m. Donald Flanagan  
 12:15 p.m. Florence Coppola  
 5:30 p.m. John A. Ricco

## **First Reading – Genesis 2: 18-24**

The Hebrew tradition perceived the inherent equality between female and male in the sight of God, although this understanding was not fully realized in Israelite society. In this reading from the book of Genesis, God forms a partner out of the man's very being. Since both man and woman are animated by the breath of God and both are fashioned by God, they are drawn together in unity.

## **Second Reading – Hebrews 2: 9-11**

For the next seven weeks, our second reading will be taken from the Letter to the Hebrews. It was written by an unknown Christian writer in the last third of the first century and stresses the newness and perfection of the covenant established in Christ. Today's excerpt teaches that the believers are the brothers and sisters of Jesus.

## **Gospel – Mark 10: 2-16**

In today's passage from Mark's Gospel, Jesus cites the book of Genesis in order to highlight the sacredness of marriage. In Jesus' society, only men could divorce their spouses, and women were often victimized by arbitrary dismissals by their husbands. Jesus insists that those who are married are united in a binding covenant.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the readings for next Sunday, October 11, **Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**First Reading:** Wisdom 7: 7-11

**Second Reading:** Hebrews 4: 12-13

**Gospel:** Mark 10: 17-30

### **GUIDELINES FOR INFLUENZA 'A' VIRUS**

Because of the danger of the influenza 'A' virus (H1N1) and our inability to predict what will happen, it would be prudent not to join hands at the Our Father. Please know that it is not necessary to shake hands during the Sign of Peace at Mass. A simple bow and greeting would suffice. Please remember that anyone who receives the Body of Christ receives the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ and is in no way deprived by not receiving the Precious Blood from the cup.

*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.*

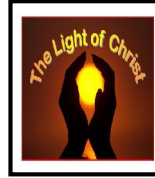
*Perpetual Adoration is observed seven days-a-week, 24 hours daily at St. Margaret of Scotland in Morristown.*

# Twenty-Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

## 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, Landa Martin, Mary Breen, Elizabeth Gibson, Theresa O'Connell, Maria Svaglinac, Christopher Scully, Malcolm Sutherland Foggio, Charles Lieb McCloskey, Marie Valvano, Charlotte Resz, Linda Rosenberg, Sheila Hare, Thomas Greer, Albert J. Kelly, Jr., Lucy Garchatorina, Monica Turner, David Monahan, Alice Slattery, Brittany Somol, Eugene R. Fennimore, and Neil, Julia Sillo, Amy Villoresi Cooney, Kenneth Donohue, Susan and Jaime Trent, Rick Baiter, Kathy Heregthy, Cheryl Collins, Dominick Vacca, Sebastian Accolla, Kyle Noonan, and infant Isla Dell'Aquila.

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.**



## THE LIGHT OF CHRIST 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.*

## ASSUMPTION'S MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH REACH OUT TO THE COMMUNITY SOUP KITCHEN

On Sunday, September 27th, a group of sixty 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders from the parish came together again to make bagged lunches for the Soup Kitchen which were distributed to the needy folks in our community last Monday. This group of young men and women under the direction of parishioner Sue Maya put together more than 220 sandwiches and bags filled with drinks, fruit, and snacks. The Youth came together at Assumption School to participate in this service project sponsored by Assumption's Middle School Youth Ministry (MSYM) while at the same time they also had the chance to enjoy the night out with their friends. This included playing basketball, ping pong, video games, and just hanging out. We offer many thanks to the youth for coming out to help and for their generous donations. Entry into the event was an item for the soup kitchen or tube socks for the "Sock It To Me" program. We are also grateful to the many adults who volunteered their time to help with the event: Teddi Connor, Kathy Dempsey, Kathy Fadden, Linda Janssen, Bob Leach, Sue Maya, Milton Miyashiro, Sharon Panko, Marie-Therese Vaz, and Deirdre Vedova. To learn more about Assumption's MSYM email us at [MSYM@assumptionparish.org](mailto:MSYM@assumptionparish.org)

## AND THERE'S MORE.....

Not only did the youth have fun playing basketball, volleyball, ping-pong, etc, and prepared lunch bags for the Soup Kitchen IN ADDITION they brought white tube socks for the on-going Sock-It-To-Me" drive which provides socks for the homeless. The youth gave 278 pairs of socks. Thank you for thinking and caring for those who need your help and your prayers.

– Claudia Nardi



## HOSPITALITY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are presently looking for volunteers for our hospitality committee to serve food and beverages during our monthly "coffee and's". . and several other special events throughout the year. If you are interested in helping, please contact Liz Wilkey at 973-539-2141 or [liz.wilkey@assumptionparish.org](mailto:liz.wilkey@assumptionparish.org).

## Joined Together in Holy Matrimony "And the two of them become one body"

Judith Stauber to Luke Repici



## We welcome into the Church through the Sacrament of Baptism

*Elizabeth Blanche Turner*  
Daughter of Christopher and Aaron  
*Dylan Douglas Ahrens*  
Son of Douglas and Lisa  
*Arthur John and Sutton Ava Ritter*  
Children of Arthur and Rachel  
*Brendan Edward O'Dowd*  
Son of Thomas and Dara



## ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THESE, O LORD

*Sebastian Accola*  
Brother of Terri Abrams  
*Josephine Muldoon*  
Mother of Beth

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**RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY**

Today is Respect Life Sunday and we are challenged to promote greater respect for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death. All who are fragile - the preborn, the young, the elderly, the handicapped, the sick, the dying - must receive our compassionate care and our fierce protection. Here is a story about how care of the dying in the form of hospice developed because a compassionate woman answered the challenge.

Just after World War II, a young English nurse was on duty at a London hospital. She met a young Polish émigré, a waiter who had no family or friends, who was dying of cancer. His only consolation was the love they discovered for each other. She found genuine happiness in caring for him; she discovered that her presence at his side helped him face death calmly and peacefully.

When the young man died, he bequeathed to her all his worldly goods - five hundred pounds - with the cryptic wish that it might be "a window in your home."

What she learned from caring for the young man began to raise questions in her mind about the way her profession cared for the dying. She could no longer accept patients and families being told "there was nothing that could be done." Even though medicine could not provide a cure, it could provide some form of comfort in the form of pain relief. The medical and health care community could also provide guidance and support to those caring for the dying as they tried to provide their loved ones some happiness and quality of life in their final days.

She left nursing and went to medical school in order to study and research pain relief, receiving her medical degree at the age of 39. In her work at hospitals and clinics, she concentrated on the most effective methods of controlling pain and more compassionate and dignified ways of caring for the terminally ill.

Twenty years later, she finally realized her life's work: the opening of St. Christopher's Hospice in south London, a residence for those dying of cancer. St. Christopher's is considered the first modern hospice - and that young nurse, Cicely Saunders, is recognized as the founder of the hospice movement. Her vision led to new standards of care for the dying, matching quality medical care with emotional and spiritual support for the dying and their families. St. Christopher's has inspired the opening of similar hospices throughout the world; over 50,000 doctors, nurses and health care professionals have been trained in palliative care for the terminally ill at the facility. St. Christopher's also developed the first program in home hospice care.

Dr. Saunders often said: "You matter because you are you, and you matter to the last moment of your life [...]. Dr. Cicely Saunders died a few weeks ago. (July 14) of cancer at St. Christopher's, lovingly cared for the some of the thousands of men and women she trained in hospice care. A window at the entrance of St. Christopher's Hospice honors the memory of the Polish waiter who inspired a nurse's mission.

Jesus Christ requires that we protect fiercely the unborn who are most vulnerable. The Church has always taught that abortion is morally unacceptable because it is the taking of an innocent life. Abortion is intrinsically evil. Here is some important information.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states: "Since the first century the Church has affirmed the moral evil of every procured abortion. This teaching has not changed and remains unchangeable. Direct abortion, that is to say, abortion willed either as an end or a means, is gravely contrary to the moral law" (No. 2271).

In response to those who say this teaching has changed or is of recent origin, here are the facts:

- From earliest times, Christians sharply distinguished themselves from surrounding pagan cultures by rejecting abortion and infanticide. The earliest widely used documents of Christian teaching and practice after the New Testament in the 1st and 2nd centuries, the Didache (Teaching of the Twelve Apostles) and Letter of Barnabas, condemned both practices, as did early regional and particular Church councils.
- To be sure, knowledge of human embryology was very limited until recent times. Many Christian thinkers accepted the biological theories of their time, based on the writings of Aristotle (4th century BC) and other philosophers. Aristotle assumed a process was needed over time to turn the matter from a woman's womb into a being that could receive a specifically human form or soul. The active formative power for this process was thought to come entirely from the man - the existence of the human ovum (egg), like so much of basic biology, was unknown.
- However, such mistaken biological theories never changed the Church's common conviction that abortion is gravely wrong at every stage. At the very least, early abortion was seen as attacking a being with a human destiny, being prepared by God to receive an immortal soul (cf. Jeremiah 1:5: "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you").
- In the 5th century AD this rejection of abortion at every stage was affirmed by the great bishop-theologian St. Augustine. He knew of theories about the human soul not being present until some weeks into pregnancy. Because he used the Greek Septuagint translation of the Old Testament, he also thought the ancient Israelites had imposed a more severe penalty for accidentally causing a miscarriage if the fetus was "fully formed" (Exodus 21: 22-23), language not found in any known Hebrew version of this passage. But he also held that human knowledge of biology was very limited, and he wisely warned against misusing such theories to risk committing homicide. He added that God has the power to make up all human deficiencies or lack of development in the Resurrection, so we cannot assume that the earliest aborted children will be excluded from enjoying eternal life with God.
- In the 13th century, St. Thomas Aquinas made extensive use of Aristotle's thought, including his theory that the rational human soul is not present in the first few weeks of pregnancy. But he also rejected abortion as gravely wrong at every stage, observing that it is a sin "against nature" to reject God's gift of a new life.
- During these centuries, theories derived from Aristotle and others influenced the grading of penalties for abortion in Church law. Some canonical penalties were more severe for a direct abortion after the stage when the human soul was thought to be present. However, abortion at all stages continued to be seen as a grave moral evil.

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- From the 13th to 19th centuries, some theologians speculated about rare and difficult cases where they thought an abortion before “formation” or “ensoulment” might be morally justified. But these theories were discussed and then always rejected, as the Church refined and reaffirmed its understanding of abortion as an intrinsically evil act that can never be morally right.
- In 1827, with the discovery of the human ovum, the mistaken biology of Aristotle was discredited. Scientists increasingly understood that the union of sperm and egg at conception produces a new living being that is distinct from both mother and father. Modern genetics demonstrated that this individual is, at the outset, distinctively human, with the inherent and active potential to mature into a human fetus, infant, child and adult. From 1869 onward the obsolete distinction between the “ensouled” and “unensouled” fetus was permanently removed from canon law on abortion.
- Secular laws against abortion were being reformed at the same time and in the same way, based on secular medical experts’ realization that “no other doctrine appears to be consonant with reason or physiology but that which admits the embryo to possess vitality from the very moment of conception” (American Medical Association, Report on Criminal Abortion, 1871).
- Thus modern science has not changed the Church’s constant teaching against abortion, but has underscored how important and reasonable it is, by confirming that the life of each individual of the human species begins with the earliest embryo.
- Given the scientific fact that a human life begins at conception, the only moral norm needed to understand the Church’s opposition to abortion is the principle that each and every human life has inherent dignity, and thus must be treated with the respect due to a human person. This is the foundation for the Church’s social doctrine, including its teachings on war, the use of capital punishment, euthanasia, health care, poverty and immigration. Conversely, to claim that some live human beings do not deserve respect or should not be treated as “persons” (based on changeable factors such as age, condition, location, or lack of mental or physical abilities) is to deny the very idea of inherent human rights. Such a claim undermines respect for the lives of many vulnerable people before and after birth.

When we speak against abortion we should take great care not to condemn all individuals who have undergone abortions or who have helped to procure them. Many people make this unfortunate choice during a time of fear and confusion and later repent of this act. We must reach out with the compassion of Christ to all single mothers and fathers who have made the right choice to bring their babies to birth and raise their children or provide for suitable adoption.

May the Lord guide us and strengthen us as we proclaim the dignity of all human beings and profound respect for life in every opportunity entrusted to us by God, the author of all life.

In Christ’s Peace,  
Father John

*When people begin to ignore human dignity, it will not be long before they begin to ignore human rights. (G.K. Chesterton)*



### **FROM THE ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

#### **LAMB OF GOD**

With the establishment of the temple at Jerusalem around 960 years before Jesus’ birth, Israel offered its daily sacrifices to Almighty God in a majestic setting. Each day, the priests sacrificed two lambs, one in the morning and one in the evening to atone for the sins of the nation. Those were the essential sacrifices; but, throughout the day, the smoke rose from many other, private offerings. Goats, bulls, turtledoves, pigeons, and rams were offered on the huge bronze altar that stood in the open air at the entrance to the inner court of the Temple. The “Holy Place” of the Temple was just beyond that altar, and the “Holy of Holies”—the dwelling place of God—was even farther in the deep recesses of the Temple. The “altar of incense” stood immediately before the Holy of Holies. Only priests were permitted into the inner court of the Temple; only the high priest was permitted in the Holy of Holies, and even he could enter only briefly, and only once a year, on the Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur. For even the high priest was a sinner and thus unworthy to abide in God’s presence.

The Jerusalem Temple brought together all the strains of sacrifice that had gone before. Built on the site where Melchizedek had offered bread and wine, and where Abraham and Sarah had offered their son, and where God had sworn his oath to save all nations, the Temple served as the enduring place of offerings, principal of which was identical with that most ancient sacrifice of Able: the lamb.

For the great day of sacrifice remained the feast of Passover, when as many as two and a half million pilgrims thronged Jerusalem, coming from the far corners of the known world. The first-century Jewish historian Josephus records that, on Passover in the year A.D. 70—only months before the Romans destroyed the Temple, and some forty years after Jesus’ Ascension—the priests offered more than a quarter of a million lambs on the Temple’s altar—256,500 to be precise.

*Love, Fr. Dennis*

#### **NATIONAL LIFECHAIN 2009 – OCTOBER 4**

Join with family, friends and neighbors in a peaceful and prayerful public witness of pro-life Americans standing for one hour praying for our nation and for an end to abortion on demand and protection of elderly and disabled on Sunday, October 4, from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Morristown Memorial Hospital. (please park your vehicle at 65 Madison Avenue across from the hospital). For more information please contact Morris County Right to Life, email [ncrtl@optonline.net](mailto:ncrtl@optonline.net) or 973-538-9140, 973-543-7037.

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS. . .**

On Saturday, November 7, Bishop Serratelli will be here for the official installation of Msgr. John Hart as our new pastor of Assumption Parish. All are invited to attend the 5:30 Mass and reception following.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS



### BROUGHT TOGETHER BY GOD'S LOVE:

Many people see marriage – an institution and a communion of life – as being under siege. For example, the economic pressures on families today and casual attitudes about commitment exert powerful negative forces on marriages and families.

*Adults:* What do I do to promote, protect, and nurture marriage?

*Children:* How have my parents helped me understand how much God loves me?

*A Family Perspective:* As you gather as a family, talk about what it means to make a promise or a commitment to someone. Offer examples of promises that are fairly easy to keep. Talk about examples of promises and commitments that might be more difficult to honor, like the marriage commitment that Jesus is asked about in this Gospel. Talk about how we need God to help us honor our commitment to love and care for each other. Jesus teaches that we should be like children before God, trusting God's promise to care for us and asking for his help to keep our commitments to love and care for others. Conclude by praying together that God will give his grace to us that we may honor our commitments to one another.

**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:* Surprise your spouse with some outward sign or symbol of your attention and commitment. Make your love clear.

*In the workplace or in school:* Share your admiration for couples who have weathered stormy times in their marriage and family life.

*In the community:* Inform yourself about the resources available for strengthening marriages and families.

**HOW MASS CAN MAKE YOUR WEEK BETTER:** Perhaps you've included Sunday Mass on your list as another thing your family has to fit into an already overloaded schedule. But what if you started to think of it as the one time in the week when you can connect with God in a special way? Research studies show that children who go to church every week:

- have an increased average life expectancy of eight years
- have a reduced tendency toward rebelliousness
- develop a solid sense of right and wrong
- improve their attitudes and increase participation at school
- have a reduced likelihood of using alcohol, tobacco or drugs\

### ATTENTION CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Please remember to bring in a bag of non-perishable food for the Food Pantry to your next class. All donations are appreciated by the Morristown and Morris Township communities. Thank you so much for your support!



[www.envs.org](http://www.envs.org) Catholic Network of Volunteer Service lists more than 200 domestic and international volunteer and lay mission opportunities.

Search by location or various placement preferences.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Interested in learning more about the different books of the Bible? Would you enjoy some stimulating adult conversation on the Word of God as it was written and to further understand its meaning for us today? Consider joining this group on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. in the Community Room of the Parish Center as they continue their reflections on the Acts of the Apostles. Please RSVP to Bernice Anglin at [bebeang52@yahoo.com](mailto:bebeang52@yahoo.com) or 973-538-4063.



### PILGRIMAGE TO OBERAMMERGAU AND PASSION PLAY IN GERMANY SPRING 2010

Father John will serve as a spiritual escort for an eleven-day pilgrimage to Oberammergau, Germany for the historic Passion Play conducted there every ten years. The group will be departing on May 29 and returning on June 8, 2010. In addition to Germany, the trip will include the countries of Switzerland, Austria, and Liechtenstein with visits to Heidelberg, Lucerne, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Munich and Garmisch. A cruise down the Rhine River is also planned. Space is limited and reservations must be made early. For information about this exciting pilgrimage and complete itinerary, please contact Fr. John or stop in the Parish Office to pick-up a brochure. The cost of the pilgrimage, including transportation to and from the airport and airfare is \$4,335 double occupancy plus \$795 for single supplement.

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

The collection for September 27 totaled \$16,300. Last year's totaled \$15,799. Thank you for your continued generosity and support!

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### BENEFIT CONCERT FOR AFRICA SURGERY, LEONE, WEST AFRICA

An exciting performance by the Full Count Big Band will be held on Saturday evening, October 17, at 8:00 p.m. at Assumption Church, 91 Maple Avenue in Morristown, featuring a great mix of classic swing music of the 1940's with the contemporary sounds of today's popular big bands, as well as arrangements of familiar popular music, and jazz standards, website: [www.fullcountbigband.com](http://www.fullcountbigband.com).



All this plus great refreshments for only a \$10 suggested donation for adults, children free. All proceeds will go toward Tommy Johnson's work with Africa Surgery, Inc. providing medical care and surgical treatment to needy people in Sierra Leone, West Africa, (website: [africasurgery.org](http://africasurgery.org) (no www. in front)). For directions or for more information, call the office at Assumption: 973-539-2141. Anyone wishing to help Tommy by providing baked goods or beverages for refreshments, can contact him at 973-292-3320 or email: [tomandtomjr@msn.com](mailto:tomandtomjr@msn.com).

### ASSUMPTION SCHOOL FASHION SHOW



The Assumption School HSA cordially invites you to join us for their annual Dinner and Fashion Show, **'Feelin' Groovy'**. This major, sell-out event directly benefits the students of Assumption School, and is a wonderful evening for all!

Thursday, October 22, Birchwood Manor, Whippany  
The Gift Auction and hors d'oeuvres begin at 6.00 p.m., with dinner following at 8:00 and fashion show at 9:00 p.m... Tickets for the event are \$65. For more information, please contact Stacey Gallagher 973-539-9149.

### VOLUNTEER NEEDED FOR GIVING TREE MINISTRY

We are currently looking for another committee member to help with the Giving Tree Program. It involves approximately 20-25 hours of time during the 2-3 weeks after Thanksgiving and before Christmas. Duties include scheduling "elves" to help sort gifts, ordering posters for church and making sure all gifts are ready for pick-up. Please call Dawn Young at 973-539-9530 if you are interested or have any questions.



### HUNGER WALK 2009 OCTOBER 18 – RAIN OR SHINE



Join together with 500 walkers to raise funds for the Community Soup Kitchen and Outreach Center. This is a 3.1 mile pledge walk. Registration begins at 1:00 with a starting time of 1:30 p.m. Refreshments and

music will follow at 2:30 p.m. The walk begins at the dining hall of the Church of Redeemer on South Street.

Ask your friends, relatives, co-workers and neighbors to make a donation in honor of your efforts (or you can also sponsor yourself). All walkers raising \$100 or more will receive a Hunger Walk T-Shirt.

Each walker will be able to assume the identity of a composite Soup Kitchen guest and track their character's story through cards handed out at story stations during the walk. To register online please go to [www.cskmorristown.org](http://www.cskmorristown.org). For more information, please call 973-267-0709.

### BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Assumption's Bereavement Support Meetings will begin on Tuesday, October 29 and run for six consecutive Thursdays in the Library of our Parish Center beginning at 7:30 until 9:00 p.m.



Topics will include:

- ☞ The normal grieving process
- ☞ How to handle feelings of anger and guilt
- ☞ What you can do to help yourself
- ☞ How to remember loved ones and go on

All are invited. Registration forms may be picked-up in the Parish Office. Registration is preferred, but not required. Please call Michele Cameron at 973-769-9634 for more information.

### MOMS AND TOTS

Assumption's Moms and Tots program had its first weekly get-together on Tuesday, September 29. All moms with "tots" under the age of 3 are invited to join us in the Meeting Room of the Parish Center (downstairs). We meet from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. Snacks for the kids and coffee for the moms will be provided. Please join us for a chance to make new friends and socialize on a weekly basis.



### GOOD SAMARITAN MINISTRY

The Good Samaritan Ministry reaches out to the sick and homebound and provides the following services:



- Sends out "Get Well" and "Notes of Encouragement" cards.
- Offers short friendly visits and phone calls.
- Provides occasional rides to church liturgies.
- Provides meals for parishioners in need due to sudden illness or family crisis.
- Plus other acts of love, support and kindness.

The monthly coordinator until October 18 is Pat Moore at 973-267-5304.

### KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

"The Knights of Columbus will be conducting a Membership Drive the weekend of October 17 and 18. For over one hundred years, the Knights have supported causes important to our Church and raised money for charities throughout the world. Men 18 and over, who are interested, may speak with members of the Knights in the Community Room following Mass."

### MASS ATTENDANCE FOR SEPTEMBER 26 AND 27

5:30 p.m.	279
7:00 a.m.	103
8:30 a.m.	176
10:00 a.m.	521
12:15 p.m.	340
5:30 p.m.	<u>309</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,728</b>

October 4, 2009

# Poems from the Pew, From a Child's View

Let the children come to me; do not prevent them,  
For the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these.  
Mark 10:14

## I'm Not Too Small for Jesus

My brother tells me I'm too small to play ball with the guys.  
My sister says I'm just a punk who always whines and cries.  
They tell me I'm too young to stay up late and watch t.v.,  
and tease me 'cause I'm way too short to climb the apple tree.

I have to stand on tippy-toes to reach the cookie jar,  
and am not old enough for the front seat of our new car.  
My Grandpa says when I grow up I will be tall and strong.  
I only wish I didn't have to wait so very long!

But there's one place where I can go and never feel too small;  
a place where I can tell that there is love enough for all.  
For when I go to God's house, I know that I can stay,  
'cause Jesus loved the children and would not send them away.

He said his Father's kingdom belongs just to folks like me;  
for children act the way that sometimes grown-ups need to be.  
With Jesus as my friend, I know I'm always the right size,  
because he said that kids like me are perfect in his eyes!

- Liz Wilkey  
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