

# Saint Mary of the Assumption

## Roman Catholic Church

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### FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

**FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

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**Ms. Tina Cedeño**

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Trustee

#### **CONFESSION:**

Confessions are available Saturdays from 4:00pm - 5:00pm, or by appointment.

#### **BAPTISM (UP TO AGE 7):**

English: Second Saturday of the month at 12:00pm.

Spanish: Third Saturday of the month at 12:00pm.

\* Parents must meet with a priest at least two months in advance.

#### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**

Our program is for baptized children ages 6-17 who are not currently enrolled in Catholic school. **(Begins Sept, 2021):** on Sundays from 10:40am -11:45am at St. Mary's High School. Parents

must register their children at the rectory and supply a recent copy of their baptismal certificate.

Classes are in English only.

#### **1ST CONFESSION & 1ST HOLY COMMUNION:**

Children complete these two sacraments in level two of our religious education program.

#### **CONFIRMATION:**

Children make their Confirmation in level eight of our religious education program.



#### **RCIA: (Begins Sept, 2021):**

Unbaptized adults or children ages 7+ may take classes for two years to prepare for their Baptism, Confirmation, and Communion.

Baptized adults ages 16+ may take classes for several months to prepare for their Communion and/or Confirmation. Those interested must speak with a priest.

#### **MARRIAGE:**

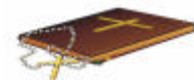
Couples who want to be married in the Catholic Church must meet with a priest at least one year in advance to make arrangements and prepare for their sacrament.

#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK:**

Anyone whose health is seriously impaired by sickness or old age may be anointed by a priest. Please call the rectory to make arrangements. If there is an emergency (someone is in danger of dying), please leave a message on extension 100.

#### **VOCATIONS:**

Anyone discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life is invited to speak with a priest or call the Vocations Office at (973) 313-6190.



#### **CONFESIONES:**

Las confesiones son los sábados de 4:00pm - 5:00pm, o por cita.

#### **BAUTISMO (Hasta los 7 años):**

En inglés: Segundo sábado de cada mes a las 12:00pm.

En español: Tercer sábado de cada mes a las 12:00pm.

\* Los padres deben reunirse con un sacerdote al menos con dos meses de anticipación.

#### **EDUCACIÓN RELIGIOSA:**

Nuestro programa es para niños de 6 a 17 años, bautizados, que no asistan a escuela católica.

**(Comienza sept, 2021):** Son los domingos de 10:40am a las 11:45am en la Escuela Secundaria de Santa María. Los padres deben matricular a sus hijos en la oficina

de la parroquia y suministrar una copia reciente de su fe de bautismo. Las clases son únicamente en inglés.

#### **PRIMERA CONFESION Y PRIMERA COMUNION:**

Los niños reciben estos dos sacramentos en el segundo nivel de educación religiosa.

#### **CONFIRMACION:**

Los niños hacen su confirmación en el nivel ocho de educación religiosa.



#### **RICIA: (Comienza sept, 2021):**

Adultos o niños no bautizados edades de 7 en adelante pueden tomar clases por dos años para prepararse para su Bautismo, la Confirmación y la Comunión.

Adultos bautizados edades de 16 en adelante pueden tomar clases por varios meses para prepararse para su Comunión / Confirmación. Los interesados deben hablar con un sacerdote.

#### **MATRIMONIO:**

Las parejas que desean casarse en la iglesia católica deben reunirse con un sacerdote al menos con un año de antelación para hacer los arreglos y prepararse para su sacramento.

#### **UNCION DE LOS ENFERMOS:**

Cualquier persona cuya salud se vea seriamente afectada por enfermedad o ancianidad puede ser ungida por un sacerdote. Por favor llame a la oficina de la parroquia para hacer arreglos. Si se trata de una emergencia (alguien está en peligro de morir), por favor deje un mensaje en la extensión 100.

#### **VOCACIONES:**

Cualquier persona que sienta el llamado al sacerdocio o a la vida religiosa debe de hablar con un sacerdote o llamar a la Oficina de Vocaciones al (973) 313-6190.

ST. MARY OF THE ASSUMPTION CHURCH, ELIZABETH, NJ



**Saturday, February 20**

5:00 PM + James & Beatrice Fanfulik

6:00 PM (Español) + José Selaya

Martin Morales

Emilio Peláez

Juan & Javier Quevedo

Teófilo & Julio Vilcahuaman

Lucio & Teodoro Vilcahuaman

**Sunday, February 21: First Sunday of Lent**

9:00 AM + Eleanor Mazzeo

Eugene Kyne

10:30 AM (Español) + Joseph Manfredi

12:00 PM (Español) + Gladys Rueda

Juanita Siebert

**Monday, February 22: The Chair of St. Peter**

7:00 AM + Carlos García

Rosa Guzmán

Remedios Medina

In Thanksgiving Georgina Dako

**Tuesday, February 23: St. Polycarp**

7:00 AM + Mary Drahos

Rev. Pedro Navarro

Isael Pérez

Fernando Pérez

In Thanksgiving Georgina Dako

**Wednesday, February 24**

7:00 AM + Msgr. Furlong

In Thanksgiving Georgina Dako

**Thursday, February 25**

7:00 AM + Bea Miller

Msgr. Thomas Kleissler

All Souls In Purgatory

**Friday, February 26**

7:00 AM + Peter & Binnie Bosch

7:00 PM + Vía Crucis



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**February 14, 2021**

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## 1st Sunday of Lent

St. Oscar Romero said, “Aspire not to have more, but to be more.” These powerful words provide the perfect framework for a conversion oriented Lenten experience. God is giving us this Lenten sign to stop being concerned about what you have and focus on who you are. This requires that we create a desert space and listen more attentively for God to reveal His presence. It is all so wonderfully simple on the one hand and so incredibly challenging on the other. The message is simple: love God, neighbor, and self. Those simple words make great sense, but we struggle translating them into reality. Our attachments, compulsions, obsessions, addictions, routines, and busyness all anchor us to the “idol of the self,” keeping us mired in our compulsive need for self-aggrandizement. It’s not about us!

God vowed, long ago, to nurture, sustain and protect the relationship He has with His people. He called us into being, nurtures us in being, and sustains us in being. Without the Loving Divine Presence, all life would cease. Once we slow down a bit and clear away some of the clutter, we can see how the journey of our life is unfolding. We can see what brings us in and out of tune with God’s love and how we can better imitate God’s loving fidelity in our relationship with Him. In short, we will see our myopic short sightedness and figure out how we can better share the Divine Fire within with others. Lent isn’t just about giving stuff up for forty days and indulging again at Easter. We need to push things much farther and wrestle with the question of how we can be more. “Being more” means becoming more fully alive and in touch with the holiness of life and the divinity that lives in and empowers all beings and things. It is realizing that the “quality” of our presence is crucial to being an effective witness and herald of God’s unconditional love.

The illusion we have bought into causes us to believe that the wrong things and systems matter. We tirelessly fight to keep things the way they are, to return to the former ways of doing things or restore some nostalgic fantasy memory of “life in the good old days.” Lent isn’t about maintaining what we have or returning to something that is gone. It’s about becoming something new. It’s about being more focused, centered, convicted, and grounded so that we can be a person who truly loves and treasures being made in the image of God. The secret to Gospel living is not found in accumulating anything for ourselves, even merit points for heaven. Gospel living means learning how to live with less so that others can live with more. The thought of permanently giving something up makes us feel uncomfortable. Truth often does.





## **A PRAYER FOR LENT**

**O most gentle Jesus,  
by your precious blood,  
deliver us from all evils.  
By your most bitter death  
give us a lively faith,  
firm hope and perfect charity,  
so that with our whole hearts  
we may love you  
with all our soul and strength.  
Make us persevere  
In your service,  
firm and steadfast in  
good works,  
so that we may be always  
able to please you.**

## **1er Domingo de la Cuaresma**

Preparados o no, estamos en el primer domingo de Cuaresma. El pasado miércoles, 17 de febrero, iniciamos la Cuaresma. La Cuaresma es un tiempo para llevar a cabo más tiempo de calidad en la oración, ayuno y limosna. Estas prácticas cuaresmales ayudan a llegar a la Pascua preparados y ligeros de equipaje. Este tiempo es un llamado fuerte a la conversión. “El tiempo se ha cumplido, el Reino de Dios está cerca. Renuncien a su mal camino y crean en la Buena Nueva”. (Marcos 1:15). El Evangelio de Marcos no explica las tentaciones de Jesús como Mateo y Lucas. Marcos solo lo especifica así: “Enseguida el Espíritu lo empujó al desierto. Estuvo cuarenta días en el desierto y fue tentado por Satanás. Vivía entre los animales salvajes y los ángeles le servían”. (Marcos 1:12-13).

“Es saludable contemplar más a fondo el misterio pascual, por el que hemos recibido la misericordia de Dios. La experiencia de la misericordia, efectivamente, es posible sólo en un ‘cara a cara’ con el Señor crucificado y resucitado ‘que me amó y se entregó por mí’. Un diálogo de corazón a corazón, de amigo a amigo. Por eso la oración es tan importante en el tiempo cuaresmal”. El hecho de que el Señor nos ofrezca una vez más un tiempo favorable para nuestra conversión nunca debemos darlo por supuesto. Esta nueva oportunidad debería suscitar en nosotros un sentido de reconocimiento y sacudir nuestra modorra. (Tomado del Mensaje de Cuaresma del Papa Francisco 2020). ¿Qué debo sacudir de mi persona en esta Cuaresma?



**“COULD YOU NOT WAIT ONE HOUR WITH ME?”**

Matthew 26:40

### **Preachers**

#### **Lenten Holy Hour with Confessions**

**St. Mary of the Assumption**

**Wednesdays: 7-8 PM**

#### **February 24**

Fr. Andrew De Silva, St. Agnes, Clark

#### **March 3**

Fr. Hermes Díaz Vargas, St. Paul, Ramsey

#### **March 10**

Fr. Danny Rodrigues, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Newark

#### **March 17**

Fr. Thomas Quinn, St. Mary of the Assumption, Elizabeth

#### **March 24**

Fr. Danny Pabón Pabón, St. Anastasia, Teaneck

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