

Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Hackettstown, New Jersey
Fourth Sunday of Easter, May 11, 2025



Rev. Leopoldo Salvania, Pastor

Rev. Robert Coruna, In Residence

**Deacons: Walter H. Pidgeon, Daniel Gallagher
and Paul Flor**

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Saturday 8:00 am

Also, on Friday 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Saturday Vigils: 5:30 pm (English) &
7:00 pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 8 am & 10 am (Both English)

Confession: Saturday 4:30 pm or by appointment

Adoration: Sat. from 8:30 am until Noon

PARISH OFFICE

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The Mission of the Catholic Community of The Church of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary is to be led by the Word of God, to proclaim God in our words and actions, and to follow the example of Mary our Mother in leading all people to God.

Offering one's time and talents is a great way to serve! If you would like to volunteer on any of our Parish Ministries, please contact the office!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Saturday, May 10th

5:30pm: For the People of the Parish

7:00pm: Rosa Rojas – Her Loving Family

Sunday, May 11th

8:00am: Dorothy Russack – r/o The Russack Boys

10:00am: The Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Joyce Kilmer Council and George Chung – r/o Steven & Julie Fantano

Monday, May 12th

8:00am: Jack Wyker (2nd anniv) – r/o His Loving Family

Tuesday, May 13th

8:00am: Francis Bluker – r/o His Estate

Wednesday, May 14th

8:00am: Rosa Ruguru Njeru – r/o Beatrice David

Thursday, May 15th

8:00am: Elettra O. Mazzarella – r/o Her Estate

Friday, May 16th

8:00am: Felicisimo & Dulcita Herrera – r/o Their Loving Family

7:00pm: Erario DeJesus Soberano Morales

Saturday, May 17th

8:00am: Rose Howe & Eugene Howe – r/o Barbara

5:30pm: Alfonse Solomita – r/o Tina & Jim Florence

7:00pm: For the People of the Parish and Mitchell Principe – r/o Amor

Sunday, May 18th

8:00am: Peter Muturi & Family – r/o Beatrice David

10:00am: Ken Fisher – r/o The Souls Family



*The Sanctuary candle burns in loving memory this week for the **Romano Burke Family** at the request of Agnes Burke.*



The next **Hospitality Social** and Parish Spring Bake Sale will be on Sunday, May 18th after the 10 am Mass. Kindly consider baking your special cake or cookies, and please fill out the Volunteer Baker's sheet in the Church foyer. Baked items can be left in the school cafeteria from 7:45 am to 10:30 am on May 18th. Many thanks for your time and God-given talents. See you in the cafeteria for fellowship and refreshments!



"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (ACTS 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!



May 14th - Congratulations Deacon Paul on your 3rd anniversary of Ordination to the Diaconate!!



2nd Annual Parish Picnic – We are in need of volunteers, as well as a chair person to head up our annual picnic committee. Please contact the office if you are interested. Many hands make light work for all!





Please join us for
**Vacation Bible
School** this year!!



Where: Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

When: July 7–11, 2025

Time: 9am to 12:00pm

Cost: \$10 per child

Who: Children entering Kindergarten to 4th grade in September of 2025.

Your children will learn that everyone is welcome at God's table! We will spend our time together learning, praying, doing crafts, singing, playing outside, eating snacks and building community. We will need many helpers and resources. Keep your eye out for registration and volunteer opportunities!! Contact Mary Cash 908-797-4071 or mcash6@yahoo.com with any questions.

PRAYER MINISTRY



Sunday Rosary Prayer

Please consider joining the Rosary Altar Society in

honoring Mary, the Mother of the Church and the Patron of Our Church, in praying the Rosary on Sunday mornings starting at 7:30 am, before the 8:00am Mass. ***If weather permits, we will be saying the Rosary this month, outside at the Grotto at 7:30 am.***

Zoom Rosary

Join us to pray the Rosary, Monday through Friday at 7:30 pm on ZOOM with Deacon Walter. **Zoom**

Meeting ID: [757 0643 7356](https://us02zoom.us/j/75706437356)

Pass code: [2INb48](https://us02zoom.us/j/75706437356) All are welcome!

PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS



Anthony Appleby-US Army, Nicholas Appleby, US Air Force, Jon Barrett-Marines, Shaun Collins-Navy, Private David Decker (ARNG), Nolan Drylie-U.S.M.C., Jason Fischer-US Army, Cabriella Gongala-E4 Airforce Reserve, Brial Holl, Sgt. Nicholas Jakfors, U.S. Army General Dixon Taylor-PFC, Alex Urankar-1st Lieutenant U.S.M.C., Ronald

James Vizcarra, Bret Wade-CSM, Ryan Oakley, U.S. Army Reserve, Antony Munene (Airforce), Sarah Mahanga Mando (Army), Mark Munene (Army) and Matthew Mugo (Army).



*Please pray for all those who have died, especially **Charlotte Koslo and Jane Lombardi.** May*

their souls, and all the souls of the faithfully departed, rest in peace. Amen.



Rebecca Alberto, Debbie Alfieri, Anne Berberich, Bishop Paul Bootkoski, Jodi Bremner, Mary-Ann

Brzosko, Lucille Caldara, Joe Chiarello, Olga Cruz, Lili Decker, Edward Dimiceli, James Florence, Robert Foose, Brian Gorcki, Jeff Hill, Michael, Peg & KK Jeffery, Amanda King, Stacey Lennon, Carmela Lucarelli, Annette Murphy, Tiffany Pulis, Elaina Rewiski, Francisco Cristino Reyes, Joanne Riley, Anne Rowland Clymer, Tom Shields, Laura Stuart, Wileen Tavera, and Paige Ubertaccio.

MEN'S PRAYER GROUP

Our next Parish *Men's Ministry Group* will meet Saturday, June 14, 2025 from 9 am – 11 am in the Parish Center. All *men* are welcome to come and join other like-minded *men*, develop friendships, grow in faith with one another, pray together and hear the joys/challenges of our daily lives. Sharing with others is up to the individual. Deacon Walter walter.p257@comcast.net.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT

Finding our roots – a conversation 1700 years ago in May of 325, the Bishops of the Church came together at the Council of Nicaea. This council produced the Creed that we recite each Sunday at our Eucharistic Celebration of Mass. Come and learn more about the struggles of a young Church and the meaning of the words that sum up our beliefs. This is a study of the challenges the Church needed to overcome with commentary from Bishop Barron's series ***THE CREED.***

Come join us Monday evenings at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center auditorium and bring your questions.

Weekly Collection

5/04/25 – Weekly Collection... ..\$ 5,209
Electronic Giving.....\$ 1,017
Total.....\$ 6,226

Mother’s Day Flowers.....\$ 1,413

There is a second collection this week for Mother’s Day.

ELECTRONIC GIVING

Electronic giving is available to you for your weekly donations as well as all second collections to our church. Please go to our website (OLofA.org) and click on the “*Electronic Giving*” tab to set up your account, or click the *QR code* that will link you to Vanco, which is our electronic giving service. You can edit your account at any time. This service provides a convenient and consistent donation flow for our church. You can set up an automatic debit to your checking or savings account or use a credit card. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the Parish Office.



FAITH FORMATION

Carol Feula, PCL
908-619-0242

Faith Formation Office is located in the
School Building

faithformation@assumptionbvmnj.org

2025-2026 FF Registration is in process.
Please contact Rose Strohmaier or Carol Feula
with questions.

NOTE: When paying in cash, please bring the exact amount.

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY



ST. MARY’S CUPBOARD

Open: The first and third Tuesdays of the month from 6pm to 7pm and the second and fourth Saturdays of the month from 10am to 11:30am.

Donations can be dropped off in the Church or at the Pantry *during open hours*. Monetary donations are greatly appreciated. We are in need of Granola Bars. Thank you!!! For more information please call/text/email Kathy Segada at 908-337-2118, Kathleen.d.segada@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE

The Fundraising Committee is in need of volunteers to help with our upcoming 50/50 raffle. If you are able to give some of your time to help, please call Frank D’Alessandro at 862-485-4354.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Spring 50/50 raffle is in full swing. Members of the Knights will be selling tickets before and after all masses this weekend. Tickets are \$5.00 each and the drawing will be on Thursday, June 5th at 9:30 pm at the KoC Hall.

AROUND THE DIOCESE

2025 Bishop’s Annual Appeal
Pilgrims of Hope: Journeying Together in
Faith, Hope and Charity – Week #14

While serving at the altar and preaching are their most visible roles, our permanent deacons do so much more. To name just a few ways: they are the sign of Christ the Servant among us, they are baptizing infants, presiding at wake services, teaching faith formation classes, serving meals to the poor and bringing the Eucharist to the sick. Your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeals helps defray tuition costs for the formation and continuing education of our permanent deacons.

New Jersey Catholic Conference Nursing Services Funding

When it comes to state funding for Catholic schools, an especially important area for these schools is school health services in the form of a state-funded nurse when students are in the building.

NJCC recently issued an Action Alert asking you to put your faith into action by contacting your representatives in the NJ Legislature to express your support for increased funding in this especially important area.

The process for doing so is simple and can be accomplished with a few clicks. Start by clicking on the QR Code. You will then be guided through the process, which takes a few minutes. Feel free to use the message NJCC has crafted (which is pre-populated on the electronic form used to contact your legislators) or customize a message to express any thoughts you wish to share.

With your help, our voices become even stronger and together we can help increase critical funding for our schools so families who wish can continue giving their children the kind of value-based education that only a Catholic school can provide.



Anchored in Hope A Formation Event for Men

The Diocese of Metuchen is partnering with the Brotherhood of Hope, as well as the Men of St. James (Basking Ridge), to host Anchored in Hope, a night of good food, wine, teaching, music, and faith sharing. This free event (a free will offering will be collected at the event) is open to all men and will be held at the Stone House at Sterling Ridge on Thursday, May 22. For questions, or to RSVP, please email Terry Conley at terryconley@me.com.

No Fee Event – A Day for Grandparents and Seniors July 24, 2025

The Diocese of Metuchen is pleased to host a Celebrate Life Event - A Morning for Grandparents & Seniors (55+) on Thursday, July 24, 2025 from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm at the St. John Neumann Pastoral Center, Piscataway. The morning will include, breakfast, fellowship, and a guest speaker presentation followed by Eucharist Adoration and

Holy Mass. This event is an outreach to our aging Catholic community and promises to be an upbeat day! There is no fee to attend but registration is required. Register online <https://diometuchen.org/humanlifeanddignity-seniorday2025>. For questions or more information email amarshall@diometuchen.org or call 732-562-1543.

2025 Jubilee Year of Hope



Diocesan Pilgrimage to Washington, DC - Jubilee 2025!

The Diocese of Metuchen will be hosting a pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception on September 20 in celebration of Jubilee 2025. Please join Bishop Checchio and hundreds of other parishioners this fall as we travel to Washington, DC, to celebrate the 2,025th anniversary of the Incarnation of Our Lord.

Also, for those who are unable to travel to Washington, DC, for the Diocesan Pilgrimage, please know that Bishop Checchio, in accordance with the directives of the Holy See, has designated the following sites as sacred places in the Diocese of Metuchen where the faithful may obtain a Jubilee indulgence:

- Cathedral of St. Francis of Assisi, Metuchen
- Shrine Chapel of the Blessed Sacrament, Raritan
- National Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima, Washington
- National Shrine of St. Lucy Filippini (inside St. Mary of Mt. Virgin Church), New Brunswick

HISPANIC MINISTRY

“Y los discípulos quedaron llenos de alegría y del Espíritu Santo.” (Hechos 13:52)

Los discípulos escucharon el llamado de Nuestro Señor y fueron capaces de esparcir el mensaje del Evangelio con fortaleza y vitalidad. Nosotros también podemos experimentar la misma alegría si hacemos espacio para que el Espíritu Santo llene nuestros corazones. Cuando utilizamos nuestros dones de la manera que el Señor quiere. Él nos llena de alegría sobrenatural.

¡Una alegría que los demás notan y que los atrae!

Ofrecemos una clase de inglés para ADULTOS los martes en la escuela de 5:30 pm a 7:00 pm. Llame a la Rectoría 908-852-3320 para dejar un mensaje para Vita si está interesado o comuníquese directamente con ella a vitam@aol.com.

Guarde la fecha



¡Únase a nosotros en nuestra Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones este año!



Dónde: Iglesia de la Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

Cuándo: Del 7 al 11 de julio de 2025

Horario: De 9:00 a. m. a 12:00 p. m.

Para quiénes: Niños de kínder a 4.º grado en septiembre de 2025.

Costo: \$10 por niño

¡Sus hijos aprenderán que todos son bienvenidos a la mesa de Dios! Pasaremos tiempo juntos aprendiendo, orando, haciendo manualidades, cantando, jugando al aire libre, comiendo pasabocas y construyendo comunidad. Necesitaremos muchos ayudantes y recursos.

¡Esté atento a las inscripciones y oportunidades de voluntariado! Si tiene alguna pregunta, comuníquese con Mary Cash al 908-797-4071 o a mcash6@yahoo.com.



**PEREGRINACIÓN HISPANA
AL SANTUARIO DEL BLUE ARMY
(Hispanic Pilgrimage - Blue Army Shrine)**



**Reserva la Fecha!!
Peregrinación Hispana al Santuario Nacional Blue Army de la Virgen de Fátima.
"Familias Hispánicas, Peregrinas de Esperanza".**

Acompáñanos el **14 de junio de 2025** de 9:30 am a 3:00 pm en el Santuario Nacional Blue Army, donde podremos recibir la indulgencia jubilar. Tendremos adoración al Santísimo, confesiones, rezo del Santo Rosario, el Angelus y la Misa de clausura.

El evento es gratuito. No requiere registro previo. Por favor lleva tu comida, para compartir. ¿Más información? comunícate al 732 243 4573 o a Lescobar@diometuchen.org

Si usted quiere recibir la Virgen Peregrina, por favor comunicarse con La Sra. Nohemy Oliver.

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