

Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Hackettstown, New Jersey
Third Sunday of Easter – April 19, 2026



Rev. Leo Salvania, Pastor
Rev. Robert Coruna, In Residence
Deacons: Daniel Gallagher and Paul Flor
Dcn. Walter H. Pidgeon (Ret.)

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday – Saturday 8:00 am
Also, on Friday 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Saturday Vigil Masses: 4:30 pm (English) &
7:00 pm (Spanish)
Sunday Masses: 8 am & 10 am (Both English)
Confession: Saturday 8:30 am or by appointment
Adoration: Wed. & Sat. from 8:30 am until Noon

PARISH OFFICE

Jacki Ceaser – Secretary
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Office Hours: Monday–Thursday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
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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 with
any of our Parish Ministries, please contact the
Ministry Leader or call the Parish office!***

Prayer for a New Bishop

Oh Lord, Shepherd of Shepherds, we turn to you seeking your grace, that we in the Diocese of Metuchen may be given a bishop who is a shepherd after your heart and will guide us, your flock, to be a faithful flock and fruitful field in union with you now and for eternity. Amen.

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908-337-2118

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Ushers – Anthony Russack 908-601-3900
Flowers & Decoration – Alison Walsh – 908-528-6349
Lee Souders – 908-616-2813

Rosary Altar Society – Yvonne Pulis – 862-219-3667
Faith Formation – Carol Feula – 908-619-0242
Marriage Preparation & Annulment Process – Dcn. Walter Pidgeon – 908-310-8095

OCIA – Chris Wallace – 973-479-7223
Baptism Preparation English – Dcn. Dan Gallagher - 908-850-5587
Baptism Preparation Spanish – Nicolas Salinas – 908-884-7490
Men's Prayer Group – Dcn. Walter Pidgeon – 908-310-0407
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Ministry to Mothers – Mercedes Lopez – 201-213-1590
Marriage, Divorce & Remarriage – Nicolas Salinas – 908-884-7490
Prayer Group & Music Ministry - Jose Domingo 908-630-7335
Pro-Life – Anne Berberich 908-852-4383
Knights of Columbus – Robert Marks, GK 201-715-8021
Mom's & Littles – Aimee Rine – 862-266-6264
Daughters of Assumption – Rose Strohmaier – 908-303-9692
Vacation Bible School (VBS) – Mary Cash – 908-797-4071 and
Danielle Ferise – 201-230-8989



Saturday, April 18th

4:30pm: Bill O'Brien – r/o John O'Brien & Family AND Patricia Jukniewicz – r/o Edwin Jukniewicz (JR) and Anne Pedone

7:00pm: Ruben Guaman Torres & Rosa Rojas – r/o Their Loving Family

Sunday, April 19th

8:00am: Health & Blessings Darcie, Julie & Russ Strohmaier – r/o Karl & Rose Strohmaier AND Jane O'Neill – r/o Her Loving Family

10:00am: For the People of the Parish

Monday, April 20th

8:00am: Antonetta "Netta" Kravetsky – r/o Michele & Robert Kelly

Tuesday, April 21st

8:00am: Healing prayers for Jim Cash – r/o his Friends at the morning Mass

Wednesday, April 22nd

8:00am: Kevin O'Neill – r/o The Wunderly Family AND Rev. Edward Davey – r/o Deacon & Mrs. Walter Pidgeon

Thursday, April 23rd

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

Friday, April 24th

8:00am: Gary Hogan – r/o Jen English AND Kevin O'Neill – r/o His Loving Wife

7:00pm: Anna Cole – r/o Her Estate

Saturday, April 25th

8:00am: Marie Agnes Keeler – r/o Her Estate

4:30pm: Joseph Picone – r/o Deacon & Mrs. Walter Pidgeon

7:00pm: For the People of the Parish

Sunday, April 26th

8:00am: George Wyker III – r/o Kim & Jacki AND Health & Blessing for Jim Cash – r/o Tim and Kathy Segada

10:00am: Arnold & Theresa O'Donnell – r/o Kevin Linn AND Fay Chong Moore – r/o Deacon & Mrs. Walter Pidgeon

MASS INTENTIONS

We are scheduling up to two (2) Mass intentions per Mass. Each individual Mass intention is \$10. Please contact the Parish Office to request a Mass intention. Thank you.



“Did not our hearts burn within us while He talked to us on the road, while He opened to us the scriptures?” (Luke 24:32)

How often do we take the time to discern what Jesus wants from us? Are our prayers always petitions, asking Jesus to do things for us? If so, that's a one-sided relationship. Living our faith means developing a personal relationship with Jesus. Just like any friendship, there is give and take, each side listening to each other and helping each other out. Take time in silence to listen to what Jesus is asking of you.

PRAYER MINISTRY



Sunday Rosary - Please join the Rosary Altar Society in honoring Mary, Mother of the Church and Patron of Our Church, in praying the Rosary on Sunday mornings starting at 7:30 am, before the 8:00am Mass.

Zoom Rosary - Join us to pray the Rosary, Monday thru Friday at 7:30 pm on ZOOM with Dcn. Walter. **Zoom Meeting ID: 757 0643 7356**
Pass code: 2INb48 All are welcome!



Pray for our soldiers - Max Cash (Navy), Antony Munene (Airforce), Sarah Wahanga Mando (Army), Mark Munene (Army), Matthew Mugo (Army), Lt. Col. Jonathan Tangara (Army) and Capt. Brendan Haes.



Please pray for those who have died. May the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace, Amen.



Pray for the Sick – Anne Berberich, Bishop Paul Bootkoski, David Burns, Sylvia Cáceres, Jim Cash, Dorothy

Cusack, Hugh Cusack, Jefry Martinez, Jaime Naranjo, Bryanna Penafiel, Junior Urena, Alex Rodriguez, Ed Gross and Mark Palmieri.



MEN'S PRAYER GROUP - Our

next Parish Men's Ministry Group will meet Saturday, May 9, 2026, 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. Contact Deacon Walter at 908-310-8095 or walter.p257@comcast.net.

OCIA MINISTRY - OCIA is for Catholics and non-Catholics alike, including those who want to finish their sacraments or join the Church, and is designed for people to learn more about the faith. *Classes are held on Thursdays at 7:00 pm in the Parish Center.* If you are interested in more information, please contact Chris Wallace at (973) 479-7223 or by email at cwallace@mlschools.org.

ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT - *Finding our roots – a conversation*

For Monday nights, we have returned to looking at the scripture from Mass. We will be focusing on the readings and blessings from the Masses that occur during Holy Week and the Easter season, especially the ones many people don't get the chance to participate in. If you need more information, contact Dcn. Dan at 908-850-5587 and he can get the particulars out for you. Come join the conversation Monday nights at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.

For Tuesday nights, we will continue looking at The Chosen Season 5. It is a reflection on Jesus' final trip to Jerusalem centered on the gathering of Jesus and his disciples for the Passover Meal in the Upper Room (what we know as the Last Supper). We will watch all or part of an episode and discuss the relation of what

has been seen, to our beliefs as members of the Catholic Church and the message of the Bible. Come with your movie snacks and join the conversation Tuesday nights at 7:00pm in the Parish Center.



DAUGHTERS OF

ASSUMPTION - As Catholic women, we all share one common goal and that is to be witnesses of our faith resulting from a deep

desire to please Christ in all our interactions. Our sessions offer the opportunity for women to gain support from one another in living out our calling, whatever the vocation, in a way that models that very goal. Women understand women best. Bring a friend and a cup of coffee or tea to join us on the first Saturday of every month (**May 2nd**) at 9AM in the Parish Center, 2nd floor. You can find more information on our website at Olofa.org, click on Parish Ministries, then on Daughter's of Assumption.

MOMS AND LITTLES – Join us on Saturday, May 16th at 10:30 am for our monthly gathering in the school building. We will have arts & crafts for the little ones, plus coffee and connection for moms. Contact Aimee Rine on 862-266-6264.



04/12/2026 - \$7,729

Rice Bowls through 4/12 - \$644

There is no second collection this week.

Thank you for your generosity to our Church each week. It is greatly appreciated. Fr. Leo



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.

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE -

We offer an adult English class on Tuesdays at the school from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm. If you are interested, please contact Vita Morales at vitam@aol.com.

FAITH FORMATION (FF)

Carol Feula, PCL - 908-619-0242

faithformation@assumptionbvmnj.org

Office hours are Wednesdays, 12- 3pm or by appointment. Text, call or email Carol.

Registration for the 2026-2027 school year has begun. Children received their registration forms at class. New registrations are welcome.

April

Sun 19 - FF Communion Prep and Religion Readiness

Sun 19 - Year 5 and Religion Readiness host mass

Wed 22 - FF L1 - Conf 2, Confirmation 2 interviews. See interview schedule.

Sun 26 - FF Communion Prep and Religion Readiness

Sun 26 - Confirmation 2 Hosts mass. Confirmation 2 families remain to practice ceremony

Tues 28 - Confirmation 5pm Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish

Wed 29 - FF all L1 - Conf 2 - Evaluations, Communion 2: 1st Communion Practice Confirmation 1: Assessment

May

Sat 2 - 1st Communion 11:00AM, Communion 2 and Communion Prep

Sun 3 - No Faith Formation, Attend May crowning

Sun 3 - May Crowning & Closing-Catechists Host Mass

Wed 6 - Faith Formation L1 - 6 class Confirmation 1: Assessment review Confirmation 2: No class

2026 Bishop's Annual Appeal–Bulletin #13 ONE IN CHRIST: Called to Love and Serve

If you missed it, you can still see the Bishop's Annual Appeal video by going online to <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>. Watch it and see all the good work being done in your name, thanks to your support of the Bishop's Annual

Appeal. If you haven't already done so, please prayerfully consider a gift today!

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. Please do not leave items outside of the school. We are currently in need of pasta and spaghetti sauce. Thank you all for your continued support of this very important Ministry. For more information, please call/text/email Kathy Segada at 908-337-2118, Kathleen.d.segada@gmail.com.

HISPANIC MINISTRY

"¿No ardían nuestros corazones mientras nos hablaba en el camino, mientras nos explicaba las Escrituras?" (LUCAS 24:32)

¿Con qué frecuencia nos tomamos el tiempo para discernir lo que Jesús quiere de nosotros? ¿Nuestras oraciones son siempre peticiones, pidiéndole a Jesús que haga cosas por nosotros? Si es así, esa es una relación unilateral. Vivir nuestra fe significa desarrollar una relación personal con Jesús. Al igual que en cualquier amistad, hay que dar y recibir, cada lado escuchándose y ayudándose mutuamente. Tómese el tiempo en silencio para escuchar lo que Jesús le está pidiendo.

Ofrecemos una clase de inglés para - ADULTOS los martes en la escuela de 5:30 pm a 7:00 pm. Si estás interesado, contacta a Vita en vitam@aol.com.

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

**Campaña Anual del Obispo, 2026
Boletín #13**

UNO EN CRISTO: Llamados a Amar y a Servir

Si usted no ha podido ver el video de la Campaña Anual del Obispo, aún puede hacerlo en línea en <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>. Mírelo y vea todo el buen trabajo que se realiza en su nombre, gracias al apoyo que brinda a la Campaña Anual del Obispo. Si aún no lo ha hecho, ¡considere en oración hacer un aporte hoy!

FORMACIÓN DE FE

Carol Feula, PCL - 908-619-0242

faithformation@assumptionbymnj.org

El horario de atención es los miércoles de 12:00 a 15:00 o con cita previa. Envíe un mensaje de texto, llame o envíe un correo electrónico a Carol.

Ha comenzado la inscripción para el año escolar 2026-2027. Los niños recibieron sus formularios de inscripción en clase. Se da la bienvenida a los nuevos inscritos. Por favor, comuníquese con Carol para obtener más información.

Abril

Domingo 19 - Formación en la fe, preparación para la comunión y preparación religiosa

Domingo 19 - Los alumnos de 5.º año y de preparación religiosa organizan una misa

Miércoles 22 - Formación en la fe L1 – Conferencia 2, Entrevistas de confirmación 2

Domingo 26 - Formación en la fe Preparación para la comunión y la religión

Domingo 26 - Misa de Confirmación 2. Las familias de Confirmación 2 permanecen para practicar la ceremonia.

Martes 28 - Confirmación 5pm Parroquia Asunción de la Santísima Virgen María

Miércoles 29 - Formación en la fe para todos 1 – Conferencia 2- Evaluaciones, Comunión 2: 1st

Práctica de la comunión Confirmación 1: Evaluación

Puede

Sábado 2 - 1st Comunión 11:00 AM, Communion 2 y preparación para la comunión

Domingo 3 - No hay formación en la fe, asistir a la coronación de mayo

Domingo 3 - Coronación y clausura de mayo: los catequistas ofrecen una misa

Miércoles 6 - Formación en la fe Clase L1 – Confirmación 1: Revisión de la evaluación
Confirmación 2: No hay clase

AROUND THE DIOCESE

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OUR SPEAKER:
JOHN EDWARDS
FOUNDER OF PEW MINISTRIES AND HOST OF "JUST A GUY IN THE PEW" PODCAST

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Contact Adam Carlisle, Secretary for Evangelization and Communication
acarlisle@diometuchen.org or 732-529-7935

Scan QR CODE to Register

Friday, April 24
7:00 PM From Addict to Evangelist: John's Powerful Conversion Story
8:15 PM Confession / Reception

Saturday, April 25
9:00 AM Holy Mass
9:45 AM Breakfast
10:15 AM Session One: The Mind and Heart of a Leader
11:15 AM Group Discussion and Q&A
11:45 AM Session Two: What Men Want / What Men Need
12:30 AM Group Discussion and Q&A
1:00 PM Lunch
1:30 PM Session Three: How to Build a Successful Men's Group
2:15 PM Group Discussion and Q&A
2:45 PM Session Four: Next Steps / Practical Suggestions
3:30 PM Final Q&A
4:00 PM Dismissal

NEW JERSEY Catholic Mental Health CONFERENCE
SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY MAY 2, 2026
8:30AM - 3:15PM

From Isolation to Belonging: Mental Health and the Catholic Church
A statewide gathering to strengthen understanding, compassion, and pastoral support for those facing mental health struggles.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER
Most Reverend Bishop John P. Dulan, Bishop of the Diocese of Phoenix is well known for his leadership in mental health initiatives, his commitment to education and advocacy, and his efforts to integrate mental health support into the fabric of the Catholic Church on a local and global scale.

ADDITIONAL PRESENTERS

- CARDINAL JOSEPH TOBIN**
C.S.B., B.D., Principal Celebrant and Homilist for Mass
- BETH HILBSE**
Program Director, Notre Dame, Our Program on Faith & Mental Health
- BEN WORTHAM**
VP Behavioral Health Integration, Catholic Charities USA
- DEACON ED SHOENER**
Founder, International Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

- CLERGY/RELIGIOUS
- PARISH LEADERS
- MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS
- EDUCATORS
- MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONALS
- AND ALL seeking deeper understanding of mental health and how the Church can respond.

SATURDAY MAY 2, 2026
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JUBILEE OF ST. FRANCIS

Franciscan Lecture Series

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April 16th at 7:00 p.m.

A Saint Who Changed the World: The Historical Impact of St. Francis
by Fr. Luke Mary Fletcher, CFR | Blue Army Shrine of Our Lady of Fatima

April 30th at 7:00 p.m.

*How St. Francis Shaped Catholic Devotion:
Crèche, Stations of the Cross, and Eucharistic Adoration*
by Rev. David M. Friel, S.T.D. | Director of Liturgy & Chair of the Department of Pastoral Theology

May 7th at 7:00 p.m.

The Practical Wisdom of St. Francis
by Msgr. William Benwell, JCL | Diocese of Metuchen

Can't make it? Watch on 'Live Stream' at stfranciscathedral.org

For more information on this year's Jubilee celebrations and activities, visit www.stfranciscathedral.org

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Parish Calendar

Saturdays	8:30 AM – 12 PM	Confessions/Adoration/Benediction
Wednesdays	8:30 AM – 12 PM	Adoration/Benediction
Sundays	7:30 AM	Pray the Rosary before 8:00 AM Mass
April 20th	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Enrichment – Parish Center
21 st	5:30 PM	ESL Class - Parish Center
	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Food Pantry – Parish Center
	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Enrichment – Chosen – Parish Center
25 th	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Food Pantry – Parish Center
	7:00 PM Spanish Mass	First Communion (1 student)
27 th	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Enrichment – Parish Center
28 th	5:00 PM	Confirmation – Bishop Serratelli
May 2nd		No Adoration
	11:00 AM	First Communion
3 rd	12:00 PM	Baptisms – English
4 th	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Enrichment – Chosen – Parish Center
5 th	5:30 PM	ESL Class - Parish Center
	6:00 PM – 7:00 PM	Food Pantry – Parish Center
	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Enrichment – Chosen – Parish Center
6 th	4:30 & 6:30 pm sessions	Last day of Faith Formation

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