

Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Hackettstown, New Jersey
Fifth Sunday of Easter – May 3, 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.

PARISH MINISTRIES & LEADERS

Board of Trustees – David Didimamoff & Arturo Lucero
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Parish Finance Council – Chair, Heidi Wohlleb 908-902-6146

St. Mary's Cupboard & Thanksgiving Baskets – Kathleen Segada
908-337-2118

Giving Tree – Kelly Bunk – 908-358-5284

English as 2nd Language ESL – Vita Morales – 908-619-0512

Liturgy – Dcn. Dan Gallagher 908-850-5587

Eucharistic Ministers – Fanny Magdaleno 973-223-0928

Lectors - Robert Marks – rjmarks71@gmail.com

Altar Servers – Fr. Leo – 908-645-3596

Choir – Casandra LaMotte – 973-479-7820

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

Hospitality – Jacki Ceaser – 908-246-9154

Church Cleaning Coordinator – Michael Paul – 908-674-1604

Parish Collection – Counting – Tom Hoffman

Fundraising – Frank D'Alessandro – 862-485-4354

Hispanic Ministry – Nohemy Oliver – 973-229-7389

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, May 2nd

4:30pm: Marie Agnes Keeler – Her Estate
7:00pm: Maria Susana Lopez Castro – r/o the Bolick Family **AND** Luis Felipe Lara Miranda – r/o the Bolick Family

Sunday, May 3rd

8:00am: For the People of the Parish **AND** Anniversary Blessings Donald & Linda Marciano – r/o Matthew Marciano
10:00am: Health & Blessings Darcie, Julie & Russ Strohmaier – r/o Karl & Rose Strohmaier **AND** Fr. Edward Davey – r/o 4th Degree Knights of Columbus Council 2450

Monday, May 4th

8:00am: Georgene Wyker – r/o Kim & Jacki

Tuesday, May 5th

8:00am: Emiliano A. Mazzarella – r/o His Estate

Wednesday, May 6th

8:00am: George W. Wyker III (15th Anniversary) – r/o Kim & Jacki

Thursday, May 7th

8:00am: Genevieve Bluker – r/o Her Estate

Friday, May 8th

8:00am: Lance & Marie Keeler – r/o Their Estate

7:00pm: **No Spanish Mass**

Saturday, May 9th

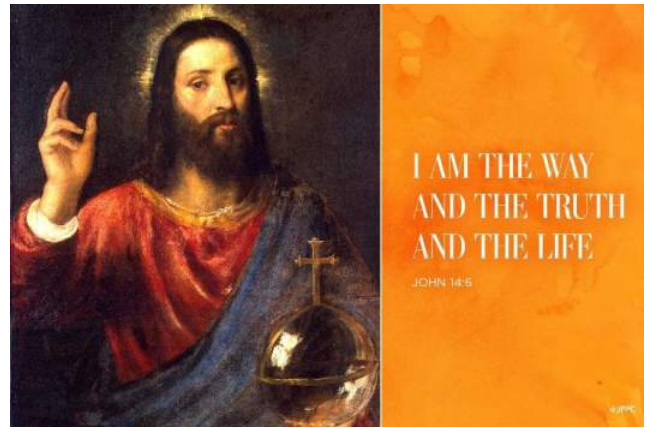
8:00am: Dominick Prevete – r/o His Loving Wife Rita
4:30pm: For the People of the Parish
7:00pm: Leticia Naranjo Henao – r/o Raul Henao **AND** Nohemy Soto – r/o Berta Soto

Sunday, May 10th

8:00am: Dorothy Russack – r/o The Russack Boys **AND** Theresa Mahal, Past President of the Altar Rosary Society
10:00am: Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus Joyce Kilmer Council



*The Sanctuary candle burns this week in loving memory of **George & Georgene Wyker**, at the request of Kim & Jacki.*



“The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.” (1 Peter 2:7)

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called “charisms” and they are used to build God’s kingdom on earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God’s salvation plan.

MASS INTENTIONS

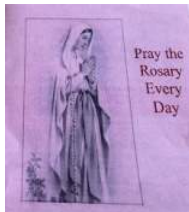
We are scheduling up to two (2) Mass intentions per Mass. Each individual Mass intention is \$10. Please contact the Parish Office to request a Mass intention. Thank you.

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



May, the Month of Mary

Please take time this month to Pray the Rosary. There are options at the church or find quiet time at home.



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 Hayes.



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.

Weekly Collection

04/26/2026 - \$6,329

Catholic Relief Services - \$2,307

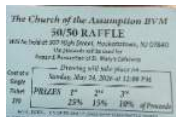
There is a second collection this week for Mother's Day Flower offering.

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.

FUNDRAISING MINISTRY



We will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets before and after Masses, or you can purchase tickets at the Parish Office between 9 am and 3 pm, Mon-Thurs. Tickets are \$10 each and proceeds will go toward the cafeteria renovations. The drawing will take place at 12:00 noon on Sunday, May 24, 2026. Please remember to keep your raffle stub. We appreciated your continued support.

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.

Volunteers needed in all capacities for the '26 - '27 Faith Formation year. Please consider helping out. No amount of time is too little.

May

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 #15 *ONE IN CHRIST: Called to Love and Serve*

Thank you to all who have given so generously to the 2026 Bishop's Annual appeal. If you have not made a pledge, there is still time to participate. Mail your gift to Diocese of Metuchen Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 or give online at <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

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.



Vacation Bible School Update

We want to share that due to the ongoing construction in the cafeteria and kitchen, our Vacation Bible School has been postponed until next year. We are already looking ahead with excitement to next year's Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School and all the fun, faith and fellowship that it will bring! Please feel free to reach out with any questions. Thank you, Mary Cash and Danielle Ferise

HISPANIC MINISTRY

"La piedra que los constructores rechazaron se ha convertido en la piedra angular". (1 PEDRO 2:7)

Cada persona ha recibido dones del Espíritu Santo. Estos se llaman "carismas" y se utilizan para construir el reino de Dios en la tierra. Si bien muchas personas pueden reconocer sus talentos y habilidades naturales, pueden no estar seguros de sus carismas. Si conoces a alguien que está luchando por una dirección en la vida, dale un poco de aliento. Ayúdalos a discernir sus carismas y cómo Dios los está llamando a usarlos. Recuerde: ningún regalo es demasiado pequeño o insignificante en el plan de salvación de Dios.

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 #15

UNO EN CRISTO: Llamados a Amar y a Servir

Gracias a todos los que han contribuido tan generosamente a la Campaña Anual del Obispo, 2026. Si aún no ha hecho una promesa de donación, todavía tiene tiempo de participar. Envíe su donación por correo a Diócesis de Metuchen Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 4000, Metuchen, NJ 08840-4000 o done en línea en <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>.

FORMACIÓN DE FE

Carol Feula, PCL - 908-619-0242

faithformation@assumptionbvmnj.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.

Se necesitan voluntarios para todo tipo de funciones durante el año de Formación en la Fe 2026-2027. Por favor, considere colaborar. Ninguna cantidad de tiempo es demasiado pequeña.

Mayo

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 - 6

Confirmación 1: Revisión de la evaluación

Confirmación 2: No hay clase



Actualización sobre la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones

Queremos informarles que, debido a las obras de construcción que se están llevando a cabo en la cafetería, nuestra Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones ha sido pospuesta hasta el próximo año. ¡Ya esperamos con entusiasmo la Escuela Bíblica de Vacaciones del próximo año —«Rainforest Falls»— y toda la diversión, la fe y la comunión que traerá consigo! Por favor, no duden en ponerse en contacto con nosotros si tienen alguna pregunta. Gracias, Mary Cash y Danielle Feris.

AROUND THE DIOCESE



COUPLES MARRIED 1-5 YEARS IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH ARE INVITED

Post-Cana Workshop

Sponsored by The Catholic Dioceses of Trenton & Metuchen and Integrated Hearts Counseling & Consultation

Topics Include

- ✓ Friendship & Communication
- ✓ Spirituality & Prayer
- ✓ Catholic Parenting
- ✓ Intimacy

DETAILS

Saturday, June 20th
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
St. Anselm Church, Tinton Falls





II ETAPA PLAN PASTORAL PARA EL MINISTERIO HISPANO

10
Prioridades
del Plan
Pastoral
Nacional

Cómo escribir
metas y
objetivos
pastorales

Escucha Activa
herramienta
básica de la
planeación
pastoral

Avance
diocesano y
cronograma
siguiente etapa

MAYO 16, 2026 **8:30 AM**
2:30 PM

146 Metlars Ln, Piscataway NJ, 08854.
No tiene costo.
Por favor confirmar asistencia en

diometuchen.org/planpastoralhispano



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
May 3rd	11:00 PM	May Crowning
	12:00 PM	Baptisms - English
4 th	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Enrichment – 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
7 th	7:00 PM	OCIA – Parish Center
9 th	9:00 AM – 11:00 AM	Men's Prayer Group – Parish Center
	10:00 AM – 11:30 AM	Food Pantry
10 th		Mother's Day
11 th	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Enrichment – Parish Center
12 th	5:30 PM	ESL Class – Parish Center
	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Enrichment – Chosen - Parish Center
16 th	10:30 AM	Moms and Littles – Parish Center
17 th	10:30 AM	Hospitality Social and Bake Sale at the Knights of Columbus Hall
18 th	7:00 PM	Adult Faith Enrichment – Parish Center

Confirmation 2026



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