

Since 1848 The Parish Family of
**THE CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION
OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

Welcomes You

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 21, 2025



As we pray for you, we ask for your prayers.

**Mass
Schedule**

Saturday

8:00 a.m.
5:30 p.m.

Sunday

7:00, 8:00, 10:00 a.m.
12:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
(Sept.-May)

Weekdays

7:00 a.m.
12:05 p.m.

Holy Days

5:30 p.m. Vigil
(Day Before)
7:00 a.m. &
12:05, 7:00 p.m.

National Holidays

9:00 a.m.



Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

91 Maple Avenue, Morristown, New Jersey 07960

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Visit our Website: www.assumptionparish.org

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Pastor: Rev. Msgr. John E. Hart

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Krzysztof Tyszko

Weekend Assistants: Rev. Msgr. Kenneth E. Lasch, Rev. John Brandi

Deacons: Brian Beyerl, Michael Hanly, John Mihalko, Elliott Stein

Trustees: Kathleen Hyland 973-539-2860 / Bob Rohr 973-539-2693

Parish Coordinator—Linda Macios

Secretary—Liz Rotunno

Business Manager—Robyn Morris

Office Hours: Monday - Friday - 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Parish Registration: Call 973-539-2141 or visit the parish website at www.assumptionparish.org.

Assumption School: 973-538-0590; www.assumptionnj.org

Sr. Merris Larkin, S.C. Principal

Faith Formation: 973-267-5638,

Email: RelEd@assumptionparish.org

Linda Macios: Director

Christine Capo: Coordinator Grades 6, 7, and 8

Colette Geraghty: Confirmation & Youth Ministry

Tara Speer: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Sue Paradise: Secretary

Faith Formation for 1st through 8th graders is called *Forming Faithful Families*. We will provide 12 dates for *Mass & Class*. Families are strongly encouraged to attend 10 a.m. Mass followed by grade level class. Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes will meet September–April on Sundays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Confirmation Prep, for freshmen and sophomores of the parish, meet one Sunday evening per month. Register on the Faith Formation tab of the parish website.

Music Ministry—973-539-2141, extension 19

Paul Kusler, Music Director

Adult Choir, Youth Ministry Choir, Children's Choir

Parish Outreach—973-539-2141 extension 27

Claudia Nardi

Holy Rood Cemetery—973-539-7501

Website: www.holyroodcemeterynj.com

Diana Loughman: Cemetery Director

Emerson Brito, Eli Lima: Caretakers

Church Sexton—Mark Cassidy; Logan Lenahan

Deaf Interpreter - Kathleen Skaf

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays from 4:15 - 5:00 p.m. or by appointment.

Marriage: Arrangements should be made with a priest or deacon by registered parishioners **at least one year in advance** of the marriage date. Marriage arrangements should be made PRIOR to reserving reception facility.

Baptisms: Contact Liz Rotunno in the Parish Office to arrange your child's Baptism. For first-time parents, attendance at a Baptismal Preparation class is required. Prep classes are held on the second Thursday of every month at 7:30 p.m.

Visitation of the Sick and Elderly: Please keep us informed so that we may be attentive to those who are ill at home or in the hospital. Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring Communion on Sundays.

Parish Ministries

Africa Surgery	Tom Johnson	973-234-6383
Altar Linens	Mike Cherello	973-267-6825
Altar Servers	Fr. Krzysztof Tyszko	973-539-2141
Bereavement	Marybeth Wooters	201-602-8723
	Andrea Beyerl	973-476-9406
Bethany Ministry	Linda Macios	973-539-2141
Building/Grounds	Patrick Burke	908-510-6677
Cub Scouts	Cassandra Nielsen	973-452-3857
CYO Basketball	Mike Keown	862-432-9071
Endowment for Poor	Claudia Nardi	973-539-2141
Eucharistic Min.	Marybeth Wooters	201-602-8723
Faith Com/ Nursing	Mary Kennedy	917 860-1337
Family Promise	Brian Doherty	973-714-7674
Finance Committee	Greg Kurlander	973- 984-9516
Food Pantry	Claudia Nardi	973-539-2141
Gardening	Mark Cassidy	973-539-2141
Giving Tree	Brian Morgan	973-462-6972
Home School Assoc.	Meredith Ricciardi	973-713-2962
Homeless Solutions	Ralph Ferrara	973-769-6418
Knights of Columbus	Bill Kostyak	973-714-8188
Lectors	Kathleen Fennelly	973-476-2011
Men's Group	Peter Zaremba	215-518-4973
Nursing Homes	Mary Dibble	973- 998-0838
Pre-Can	Ken & Rosa Rose	973-539-9845
OCIA	Fr. John Hart	973-539-2141
Respect Life	Sue O'Dougherty	973-647-0892
Safe Environment	Linda Macios	973-539-2141
Scouts	Kevin Kelly	973-727-7082
Separation / Divorce	Denise Wennogle	973-292-1800
Soup Kitchen	Richard Schleckser	603-785-0836
Spiritual Direction	Karen Florance	973-476-5542
Ushers	Anthony Romano	973-267-5433
Village Angels	Paul Boehler	973- 722-4994
Welcome /Hospitality	Maira Clarkin	973-539-4390
Vocations	Christine Myers Gorski	973-539-2141
Young Professionals	Fr. Krzysztof Tyszko	973-539-2141
Youth Ministry	Colette Geraghty	973-539-2141

MASS INTENTIONS

SATURDAY	September 20
8:00 a.m.	Kevin and Mary Cassidy Olgierd Prus
5:30 p.m.	Eugene Ciszewski William Prendergast
SUNDAY	September 21
7:00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
8:00 a.m.	Pearl Shea Katherine Moronski
10:00 a.m.	Elizabeth McNichol Edmund Russell
12:00 p.m.	John Tice VanDyk Delia Saile Ciocon
5:30 p.m.	Rosalina Matos Kevin Flanagan
MONDAY	September 22
7:00 a.m.	Justin Orendain
12:05 p.m.	Thomas M. Connolly
TUESDAY	September 23
7:00 a.m.	Biaggio Modugno
12:05 p.m.	Kevin Flanagan
WEDNESDAY	September 24
7:00 a.m.	Sage Ecko (Living)
12:05 p.m.	Al Garcia Jr.
THURSDAY	September 25
7:00 a.m.	Theresa Cox
12:05 p.m.	Lisbeth Hernandez
FRIDAY	September 26
7:00 a.m.	Yolanda Malferrari
12:05 p.m.	Louis Tremallo Sr.
SATURDAY	September 27
8:00 a.m.	Madalyn Castelucci
5:30 p.m.	The Sexton and Tedeschi Families Francis E. Nolan
SUNDAY	September 28
7:00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
8:00 a.m.	Dominick Biello Jr. William Rudewick Jr.
10:00 a.m.	Karen Ann Kurlander (Living) John F. Donohoe Jr.
12:00 p.m.	Joseph Wint John Donohoe
5:30 p.m.	George L. Schneider Susan DeMark

Pray the Rosary weekdays 20 minutes before the 12:05 p.m. Mass. On Thursdays, the Rosary before 12:05 Mass is offered for priests and for vocations to the priesthood.

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Our selection of Scripture readings all discuss, in diverse ways, how believers should relate to the world's political authorities and to material wealth. In the first reading from the Hebrew Scriptures, the prophet Amos attacks wealthy rulers who use their power to cheat and oppress the poor. He forcefully condemns their greed.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

In the second reading, a disciple of Paul, living under the threat of persecution from the Roman Empire, adopts a more amicable tone. He urges believers to pray for political leaders so that they govern justly and that the empire will be filled with God's peace.

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Our Gospel reading features one of the most difficult to interpret of Jesus' parables. It may be best understood by noting that it is followed in the same chapter of Luke by the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, our Gospel reading for next week. A dishonest manager takes swift action to ensure his own future when faced with a crisis. Jesus suggests that believers should be similarly moved to take swift action because they, too, face a crisis—how to live out their faith in the world. Like the manager, they must decisively use the world's goods to ensure their future. However, to believers, the only proper use of the world's resources, as seen in the parable about Lazarus, is to use them on behalf of the oppressed.



**We invite you to prayerfully reflect
on the Readings for the week of September 21**

Monday	Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday	Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday	Ezr 9:5-9; Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thursday	Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Friday	Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22
Saturday	Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sunday	Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Am 6:1a, 4-7; Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

PLEASE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR THE RECOVERY OF:

Charles Arteglier, Greg and John Baxter, Paula Rose Carducci, Jim Cavanaugh, John Hyland, Nancy Arteglier, Jack Guerriero, Francesca Kobylarz-Bongiorno, Louis Cicitta, Audrey Roast, Vivian Hart, Mark Anderl, Esther Salas, Kenneth Krause, Sangita Rossano, Sharon Mistretta, Janet Cicarello Cook, Gloria Dabal, Dr. Tom Emmer, Msgr. Herbert Tillyer, Barbara Syvarth, Joseph Chopiak, Barbara Ryan, Jennifer Dudley, Suzann Tedeschi, Henry Tanski, Joe Longo Sr., Donald Baron, Sherry Corbin Hayes, Deborah Higginbotham, Brady Sannito, Maryann Gallo, Peggy Kusler, Arthur D'Onofrio, Roy Williams, Sister Jeanne Jordan, Brenda Quagliato, Peter Donnelly, Barbara Leydon, Kevin Lauter, Jamie Pritzlaff, Fr. Mark Olenowski, Susan Martin, Connie Williams, Peter Donchak, John Branco, Julie Koepff, Karen Wagner, James Matthew Zenker, Bruce Dedrick, Larry Trapp, Deborah DeMarzo, Noelle Albanito, Charles Bommer, Carmen Harten, Peter Thomas, Dr. William Sullivan, Ryan Ball, John Gao, Donald Benally, Richard Doran, Elia Ortiz Fraguoso, Tom Hudak, Talia and her family, Margarita Pabalan, Lucille Joel, Suzanne Martin, Judy Ort, William Porcell, James Kaminovich, Patricia Nelson, Frank Leanza, Tom Barbara Collins, Donald White, Teresa Gallo, Raffaele Puoti Fr. Joseph Buffardi, Joan Russell, Abby Levitt, Ron Steffes, Doris Costello, Walter Majowicz, Huguette Porte, Betty Scuman, Joseph Takaruz, George H. Becker, Jr, Susan Rohr, Shelley Maher, Anna Arnold, Ralph Schmitt, Santa Scarangelli, Patricia Miltner, Mary McGlew, Pat Cavanaugh, Amy Stuono, Ann Cahill, Peter Gianusso, Greg Smith, Emily Calderone, Dan Martin, Rose-Marie Harkin, Nancy Farrell, Ann Rose, Ellen O'Connell, David Madalema, Andrew Cortina, Bonnie Gerechoff, Beto Desimone, Ruth Necco, Joy Wu, Raphael Puoti, Daniel Velrz, Anthony Romano, Michael Wisniewski, Lily Camaya, Jim O'Hern, Patrick and Ronnie Brunnock, Steve Cooper, Baby Theo, Sharon A. Carr, Dave and Kathy Fadden, Irma Estrada, Tish Roite, Charles and Lorraine Perisek.

Please call the Parish Office at 973-539-2141 with the names of who you would like included in the prayers for the good health of the sick and homebound.



PRAY FOR MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

COMMUNITY AND THEIR LOVED ONES WHO HAVE SERVED, OR ARE SERVING, IN THE ARMED FORCES

CW3 Michael Benkosky Green Beret, Special Forces, Airborne Joint Forces; Captain William H. Shipp, Military Professor, Naval War College, Newport, RI; Andrew Vasquez US Army; Andy Soucy US Army; Dan Lessnau Former Marine and Veteran of the Viet Nam War; Lt. Tim Fleury, US Navy; Staff Sergeant William J. McSweeney Retired Marine Served Around the World; Matthew Gonabe, Lt. US Navy Pilot Serving in the Persian Gulf; David Ribardo, 1st Lt. US Army Serving in Afghanistan; Capt. Brendan Griswold 82nd Air Borne in Afghanistan; Capt. Patrick Flynn, US Army 1st Infantry, Afghanistan; Sergeant Richard Galluzzo Serving in Afghanistan, Scott and Meghan Harra, US Army in Afghanistan; Captain Timothy Newcomb, US Army Special Forces; Col. Jason M. Barrett, USMC in Iraq and Afghanistan; SMSgt. John Bartow, Stratton ANGB NY, Douglas Reisch, 1/325 Infantry, 82nd Airborne Division, Daniel Baron, US Navy, Hawaii, CPT Schuyler Orecchio, US Army, USN, Staff Sargent Brent M. Betit, ARNG, 1st Lt. J.D. Poling, US Army, Gitmo, Cuba, PFC Second Lt. Andrew Mitchell, USMC, Dale G. Potter, Retired Lt. Commander US Navy, and Major US Marine Corps, Lt. Michael Herbert Jr. 3-66 Armored Brigade 1st Infantry Division Fort Riley Kansas deployed to Germany, Navy EOD Connor Fitzpatrick, Guam, Sergeant Brendan Rochelle, 1/127 82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg, CH (CPT) Przemyslaw J. Nowak, US Army, CH (CPT) John Edison Madrid, US Army, CH (CPT) Adam Muda, US Army, Kelsey Bergh, US Navy LCDR, Japan, Fr. Michal Falgowski, USAF PVT. Nicholas Rapa, Army Sargent Combat Medic. CPT, Mathew Ryan Lombardi, US Army, Dermot Grennan - US NAVY Nuclear - Indiana Submarine, US Army, Capt. Mike Wisniewski - Army Intelligence.

PLEASE CONSIDER BECOMING AN USHER

The ministry of ushers is the oldest lay ministry in the Catholic Church. During the time of Christ, the Doorkeepers of the temple numbered in the hundreds and were the forerunners of today's ushers. Today the usher's responsibilities include greeting and welcoming parishioners as they enter the church, helping them to find seats, taking up the collection and wishing everyone a good day at the conclusion of the Mass. Please consider joining our team of ushers. Contact Anthony Romano at 973-267-5433.

OFFERTORY PROCESSION

As we gather to celebrate Mass each week, we encourage families and couples to participate in the Offertory Procession. If you wish to take part in the presentation of the gifts of bread and wine, please see one of the ushers prior to the start of Mass.

SERVE GOD!

“For the children of this world are more prudent in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light.” “No servant can serve two masters . . . You cannot serve God and mammon.” Luke 16: 1-13

Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy.

There was once a farmer named Pahom. As a young man, he took over the family farm and made quite a success of it. Soon he bought the neighbor's farm, and then that neighbor's farm, and so on until he owned thousands of acres of land. He continued to buy land until he was the largest landholder in the district. But it was not enough. Pahom wanted more.

A traveler told him of the far away country of the Bashkirs, where acres and acres of the most beautiful land were waiting to be farmed and harvested. Pahom investigated the traveler's story and found that it was true. Pahom immediately sold his land and homestead at a hefty profit and journeyed to the land of the Bashkirs.

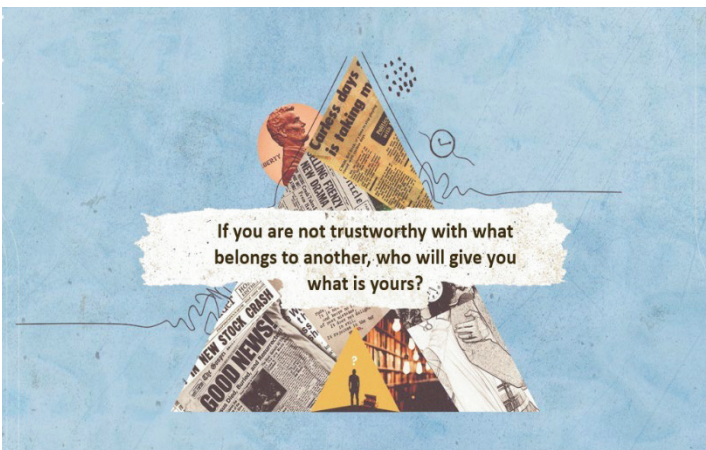
Upon his arrival, he presented himself to the Chief of the Bashkirs. Pahom offered to buy as much land as they would sell. The Chief said the price was set: One thousand rubles a day. One thousand rubles a *day*? What kind of measure is that? “We sell it by the day. As much as you can go round on your feet in a day is yours, and the price is one thousand rubles a day.”

Pahom was shocked. “But in a day you can get round a large track of land.” “And it will be yours,” the Chief said. “But there is one condition: If you don't return on the same day to the same spot where you started, your money is lost.” The excited Pahom paid the money and agreed to begin his trek the next morning. That night Pahom could hardly sleep, he was so excited. The virgin soil was the most beautiful he had ever seen, rich and black, level and stoneless. All of it would be his.

Just before sunrise the next morning, Pahom met the Chief and his council at the appointed place. As the sun appeared over the horizon at dawn, Pahom dug his spade into the dirt, marking his starting point. The race was on. Pahom walked as fast as he could, making marks along the way. As the day grew warmer, he cast aside his coat. Soon he was running. By noon he was very pleased at the great distance he walked — but time was wasting. He did not stop to eat, but kept up his pace, almost running. Pahom would not even take time to rest or take a drink of water. Although near exhaustion, the promise of land kept him going.

All afternoon he ran — but as the sun was about to set, Pahom realized that he had gone too far. He had less than an hour to make it back to the starting spot. Horrified at his blunder, Pahom ran faster and faster, his legs becoming heavier and heavier. The sun began to set over the western horizon. Pahom could see the Chief and the Bashkirs waiting for him. Pahom dragged his body across the plain, crying for more time. As the sun disappeared, Pahom dropped to his knees before reaching the mark he had made at sunrise. But he had no strength left to make his final mark. Broken and exhausted, Pahom collapsed before the Chief.

The Bashkirs picked up his shovel and buried Pahom on the spot. Six feet from his head to his heels was all he needed. From the story “How Much Land Does a Man Need?” by Leo Tolstoy, from Walk in the Light and Twenty-Three Tales.]



Jesus constantly warns his followers of the dangers of money and possessions. Sometimes we let the things we possess possess us, demanding our time and attention at the expense of the people we love. The danger of owning things is forgetting that the value is not in the thing itself but in that thing's enabling us to make our lives productive and meaningful, to help us to focus on and embrace the lasting values of the Kingdom of God. (Connections)

In Christ's Peace,
Father John



JUST AND GENEROUS

At different points in our lives, we stop and we plan. We make decisions about how we are to live and how we are to use the resources entrusted to us. For people of faith, these questions take on special meaning.

Adults: How often do I speak for justice or act with generosity?

Children: When do I have a chance to make sure that others are treated fairly?

A Family Perspective: Talk with your children about some things that they have done to show that they can be trusted. Talk a bit about what it means to be responsible. Read together the short form of today's Gospel, Luke 16:10-13. Talk about the importance of responsible use of money and our material possessions. As a family, commit to one action that you will take this week to show that your family serves God and not money.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

Are you, or someone you know, a person who wonders why Catholics do the things they do? Do you know a non-Catholic who is perhaps pondering the faith and considering joining the Church? Is the Holy Spirit leading anyone you know to pursue full initiation? Were you baptized Catholic as a child, but have not made the Sacraments of Communion and/or Confirmation? OCIA could be the answer. Email msgjrjohnhart@assumptionparish.org or call 973-539-2141 for more information about our OCIA program.

CARITAS GALA 2025 THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH | 6:00 PM THE MEADOW WOOD, RANDOLPH, NJ

We are honored to celebrate these exceptional individuals who exemplify Catholic service and dedication:

- Diocese of Paterson Bishop's Award: Paul & Anne Krump
- Msgr. Mark Giordani Award: Rev. Owen B. Moran
- Fr. Jack Wehren Award: **Rev. Msgr. John E. Hart**
- Fr. Norman James O'Connor Award: Harpreet Peleg

Join us in recognizing our honorees and celebrating the Transformative work of Catholic Charities throughout the communities we serve.

Tickets & Sponsorships: ccpaterson.org/caritas

**ETERNAL REST
GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD**

Enoch Rudolph Jr.

Maureen Pace
Mother of Daniel

MASS ATTENDANCE SEPTEMBER 13/14

5:30 p.m.	173
7:00 a.m.	123
8:00 a.m.	157
10:00 a.m.	390
12:00 p.m.	179
5:30 p.m.	121
Total	1,143

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The collection for the weekend of September 13/14 totaled \$20,687. The collection for the same weekend last year was \$21,688.

Pastor's Note: Thank you for your outstanding generosity and your sacrificial giving to Assumption Parish. I am most grateful to you for your constant support.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

ALWAYS BE READY TO GIVE AN EXPLANATION...

FOR A REASON FOR YOUR HOPE"

The 2025 theme of Catechetical Sunday encourages us to be prepared to share the basis of our faith, the Lord, and the hope he provides. In the same manner Saint Peter encouraged the believers of his time, the Scripture reminds us, the sharing should be done with gentleness and respect.

Those whom the Community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.

SHARE THE BOUNTY NOURISH NJ

This September, we would be honored to celebrate with you at our Share the Bounty Gala on Thursday, September 25, 2025 from 6PM - 9PM, at Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park, NJ. The evening will include a cocktail reception, seated dinner, and silent auction, as well as the chance to come together with others who share your commitment to nourishing our neighbors. This year, we are proud to honor Crum & Forster for their long-standing, generous support, dedication that mirrors the care and generosity we see from our congregation partners.

Your presence and support will help ensure we are ready to meet an anticipated increase in need this year and continue addressing hunger and its root causes here in Morris County. Hope to see you on September 25th. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer!

<https://www.nourishnj.org/>

**GOLD AND SILVER
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS**

Couples, were you married in 2000, 1975 or 1965?

The Diocese of Paterson invites you to celebrate your 60+, 50th or 25th wedding anniversary during a special Mass to be offered at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist in Paterson, NJ. Bishop Sweeney will serve as main celebrant on this joyful occasion to be held on **Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 3:00pm.**

Arrangements can be made by contacting your parish office. **The deadline to register is Friday, October 17, 2025.**

AFRICA SURGERY INC.

Africa Surgery is again raising funds to send a 40-foot shipping container of supplies to Sierra Leone this October or November; the estimated cost is \$7,000. To help with this, please send your check to ASI, 70 Macculloch Ave. Morristown, NJ 07960. Please write "container" in the memo box. We also need: old cast-iron sewing machines, fabric, towels, bed sheets, non-winter clothing, shoes, suitcases and luggage bags, umbrellas, wheelchairs, crutches, bicycles, soccer balls, computers (windows 10 or newer), printers, sunscreen, hand sanitizer, adult diapers, reading and eye glasses, tools, lumber, tool boxes, empty spackle buckets, folding chairs, and medical and dental supplies such as denture adhesive, gauze and bandaging and pain medications, tooth brushes and paste. The items will be used to help very needy persons in Sierra Leone. Also, if you know a retiring dentist willing to donate a dental chair and any other dental equipment and for drop off info, you can call or text me at 973-234-6383, or email me at johnsontomn@aol.com. Thanks, Tom

HEALING MASS OCTOBER 4

The Health Ministry of Our Lady of Mercy Church, 90 Whippany Road, Whippany, invites you to a **Healing Mass** on Saturday, October 4th, at 11 AM in the Church. It is handicap accessible through the roundabout on Whippany Rd. (drop off and pick up only).

The liturgy addresses physical, spiritual and emotional healing. If desired, participants will receive an individual blessing. **All are welcome.** Light refreshments will be served. Please RSVP before October 1st by email to the OLM rectory office at office@ourladyofmercyparish.com or by phone to Kathy at 973-428-4996.

THE CREED – WHAT WE BELIEVE

The Order of Malta, New Jersey Area invites you to a lecture by The Most Reverent Arthur Serratelli, STD, SSI, DD, on Sunday September 21 at 3:00 p.m. commemorating the 1700th anniversary of the First Ecumenical Council at Nicea. The lecture will be held at St. Vincet the Martyr Church in Madison NJ. RSVP to Joseph T. Lucia, KM at mailto:jluciashu@gmail.com.

NEVER TOO EARLY TO SAVE THE DATE!

The 15th annual Morristown Christmas Market at Assumption will take place on December 6-7. We are excited to offer extended hours this year: Saturday, 12/6, 10:00 AM – 7:00 PM, and Sunday, 12/7, 7:00 AM – 4:00 PM. New and seasoned vendors will fill Rauscher Hall, along with African handmade crafts, Assumption's volunteer bakers' fantastic bake sale, 50-50 raffle and tricky tray tables. Please come. And please pass the word that we would love to welcome new vendors; anyone interested please contact mailto:jburani@gmail.com.

The Morristown Christmas Market supports the much-needed on-going work of Africa Surgery and The Village Angels of Tanzania.

**PRAY THE ROSARY COAST TO COAST
WITH THE ORDER OF MALTA
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5 AT 3 P.M.**

The Order of Malta New Jersey Area invites you to join with Catholics nationwide to pray the rosary for our country. Join Bishop Kevin Sweeney AT St. Vincent the Martyr Church in Madison in Eucharistic Procession for Adoration, and to pray the Rosary for the protection and healing of our nation.

Can't join us to process? Meet us at St. Vincent Martyr at 3:30 p.m. Bring a folding chair.

**CYO BASKETBALL
REGISTRATION OPEN UNTIL 9/28**

CYO Basketball is available to boys and girls in 3rd - 8th grades who are either members of Assumption Parish or attend Assumption school. All new players who are parishioners (non-Assumption students) are required to email a scanned copy of their child's Baptismal Certificate to assumptionathletics1850@gmail.com. Returning players and Assumption Students do not require a Baptismal Certificate.

Practices generally begin late October. Games are played on both Saturday and Sunday afternoons, and practices are held Mon through Sat at the coach's discretion. Interested players should be prepared for 1 - 2 practices per week + weekend games. The season normally begins around Thanksgiving Weekend and runs through early March. To register visit: https://assumptionparish.demosphere-secure.com/_registration

**MORRIS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
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MONDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY BEGINS 9/22

Galatians

Set Free to Live

The most important question Christians can ask is “What must we do to be saved?” Paul’s letter to the Galatians provides the answer and reveals the merciful love God the Father has for his children. Galatians: Set Free to Live speaks of the extraordinary gift of salvation Jesus has won for us and explains how we can unite ourselves to Christ’s redeeming sacrifice through faith and love.

Join Father Krzysztof on Monday mornings at 9:00 a.m. in Rauscher Hall, beginning September 22. Register online at www.assumptionparish.org. The cost is \$27.95.

WOMEN AND THE WORD

DISCOVER THE MESSAGES
GOD HAS FOR YOU THROUGH

The Prophets

A 10-PART BIBLE STUDY FEATURING
THOMAS SMITH



Join parishioner Nancy McGraw and Women and the Word for 10 weeks as we study The Prophets: Messengers of God’s Mercy. We will meet Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the library. Meeting dates are September 27; October 4, 11, 18 and 25; November 1, 8, 15 and 22; and December 6, 2025. The cost of the study is \$27.95. Register at www.assumptioparish.org

NJ BISHOPS'
Mass for Life

Thursday, September 25, 2025 • 9:30 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Mary
of the Assumption
151 N. Warren Street, Trenton



PRINCIPAL CELEBRANT
Bishop David M.
O'Connell, C.M.
Diocese of Trenton



HOMILIST
Bishop Kevin J.
Sweeney
Diocese of Paterson



Hosted by the Diocese of Trenton. All New Jersey bishops and priests are invited to concelebrate.



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Local contact: (Frances M. Spilman, 917-608-6078, 44lifeus@gmail.com)

Learn more get involved and sign up for prayer times by visiting our campaign at

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Congregation Education & Engagement

September, 2025

Did you know that as of May 2025, nearly 1.1 million people in New Jersey are food insecure?

IMPACT OPPORTUNITY

Help nourish.NJ provide fresh food to local families facing food insecurity! Congregants can collect boxes of low-sugar cereal and drop them off on-site at our Victory Gardens location (347 South Salem Street, Dover, NJ 07801) on a weekday. Please reach out to Mariah at mariah@nourishnj.org to schedule your drop-off. Thank you for helping us create a Morris County where everyone has enough to eat!

In honor of National Hunger Month, congregation youth leaders can use the following statements to play an educational game of True or False with their younger congregants. This game will help provide education on food insecurity and raise awareness.

ACTIVITY: TRUE OR FALSE?

Statement 1: "Hunger only affects people in other countries."

- **Answer:** False. Hunger can affect people in our own community, including local families and children.

Statement 2: "Many kids in New Jersey receive free or reduced-price school lunches."

- **Answer:** True. Many students rely on these programs for their daily meals.

Statement 3: "Eating healthy food is not important for feeling good."

- **Answer:** False. Eating healthy food helps us feel our best and stay healthy.

Statement 4: "Food banks and many non-profit organizations help people who don't have enough to eat."

- **Answer:** True. Food banks and many non-profit organizations help provide essential food to people experiencing hunger.

Statement 5: "Only adults experience hunger."

- **Answer:** False. Children also experience hunger, and it can impact their learning and health.



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