

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

Welcomes You

The Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 28, 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

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973-539-2141, Fax—973-984-0632

Visit our Website: www.assumptionparish.org

E-mail: assumption@assumptionparish.org

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-Cana	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	Moir 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 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

MONDAY September 29
 7:00 a.m. Kathleen M. McCormack
 12:05 p.m. Marianna Tyszka

TUESDAY September 30
 7:00 a.m. Kevin Flanagan
 12:05 p.m. Cecile Lambino

WEDNESDAY October 1
 7:00 a.m. Nancy Farrell
 12:05 p.m. Marianna Tyszka

THURSDAY October 2
 7:00 a.m. Frances Bolte
 12:05 p.m. Terry Tafaro

FRIDAY October 3
 7:00 a.m. Richard Ansman
 12:05 p.m. Darleen Wright Lowry

SATURDAY October 4
 8:00 a.m. Howard Cupples
 5:30 p.m. Ralph VanDyk
 Edward McHugh

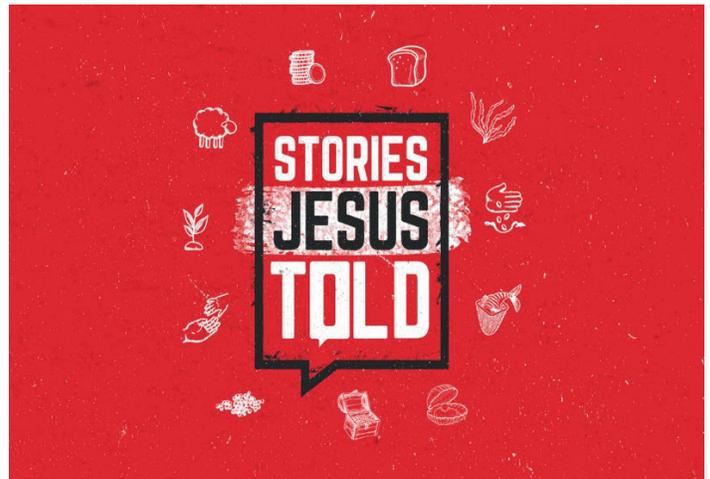
SUNDAY October 5
 7:00 a.m. The People of the Parish
 8:00 a.m. Robert B. Callas
 Justin Andrew Rasp
 10:00 a.m. Louise and John Henning
 Joseph Strelec
 12:00 p.m. Anthony Tauriello
 Roy Ortega
 5:30 p.m. Katie Wendt
 Nat Adornetto

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 6:1,4-7
 In last week's first reading, the prophet Amos condemned the wealthy rulers in the kingdom of Israel for cheating and oppressing the poor. He continues his criticism in the following passage, declaring that their wanton revelry while others go hungry will lead to their downfall.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16
 Our second reading comes from the conclusion of the First Letter to Timothy. In it, the author, a disciple of the deceased Paul, outlines the virtues required by faith.

Gospel: Luke 16:19-31
 This Gospel reading presents the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, a story found only in Luke's Gospel. Following on the heels of the parable of the dishonest manager, which we heard last week, this story tells of the fate of those who serve self and exploit others. The consistent message of the bible, as represented by Amos, Abraham, Moses, and Jesus, is that God judges the extent of people's faith by their treatment of the weakest members of society.



We invite you to prayerfully reflect on the Readings for the week of September 28

Monday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5; Jn 1:47-51

Tuesday Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11; Mt 18:1-5, 10

Friday Bar 1:15-22; Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday Bar 4:5-12, 27-29; Ps 69:33-35, 36-37; Lk 10:17-24

Sunday **Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

**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 Fraguso, 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 Takaruzza, 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, Sylvia Loeppolsky, Mary Pat Holt, Lalisa Paprocki, Gerry McBride, Frank Leanza.

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 Edisson 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.



THE PARABLE OF LAZARUS AND THE RICH MAN

“Jesus said to the Pharisees: “There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. And lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man’s table.” (Luke 16: 19-31)

Jesus’s parable reminds us about loving and taking care of the people we encounter every day. Here is a reflection I hope you will enjoy.

Every day the pastor of a busy Pittsburgh parish saw them walk by the church. There used to be a bent-over woman with a scarf around her hair shuffling alongside the man and dog, but the pastor realized one day that he had not seen her for a while. Now it was just the old man and the old black lab, both getting on in years. All these years the pastor would see the old man and wave and then get on to the next service or meeting inside. He never saw the man or woman in church.

One day the pastor was running late. Getting out of his car and rushing into the building, he found himself directly in the path of the man and his dog on their daily walk. He hustled past the old man with a quick, “Hi, how ya doing?” The old man stood there looking at the pastor with yellowed eyes and said nothing. The pastor knew something was wrong. The pastor had a choice: get to his important meeting or be a real minister who stops, turns around, introduces himself and asks this man about his missing wife. The pastor kept moving — and felt terrible the rest of the day.

A few weeks later, the pastor saw the man again. This time the pastor stopped and began an apology he had been rehearsing since that afternoon weeks before. But the old man interrupted him with a waving hand and said, “I know how busy you folks are ‘cause I see all the cars around this church all the time.” The pastor couldn’t accept his kindness and continued to apologize for his rudeness. He apologized for not knowing his name after all these years; he gently asked about the woman who used to walk with him. The old man smiled and glanced up at the bare winter tree limbs.

“That was my wife. She died a while back. Now it’s just ol’ Sancho and me. But we’re getting along pretty well. Aren’t we, boy?” They continued to talk a bit, like neighbors. As they talked, the old man looked at the pastor with those yellow eyes and seemed to sense the clergyman’s quandary. “I’ve never been a churchgoing kind of guy. It seems hypocritical to start now that I’m so close to being dead myself. Still, it’s a comfort knowing that I live near people who believe in stuff like heaven. I lean a lot these days . . . if you know what I mean.” The pastor understood — and he understood in a way he hadn’t before what it meant to “love your neighbor,” what it meant to be Jesus’ disciple, what it meant to be a pastor. [From “A delayed meeting” by M. Craig Barnes, The Christian Century, March 22, 2011.]

Jesus’ parable of Lazarus and the rich man seems to belong to a time long ago and a place far away — but the fact is that there are many Lazaruses at our own gates whom we overlook, ignore, dismiss. While we

rejoice for Lazarus and applaud the rich man’s fate in the story, our own needs and problems anesthetize our consciences from realizing the plight of the cries of the Lazaruses right in front of us. Today’s Gospel challenges us to remove the blinders from our eyes and hearts to see God in our midst in the poor, the forgotten, the isolated, the marginalized; to honor the dignity of every human being as created in the image of God; to possess the humility that enables us to embrace one another as sisters and brothers, daughters and sons of God. (Connections)

In Christ’s Peace,
Father John



FATHER
ABRAHAM,
HAVE PITY
ON ME.

COMPLACENCY OR COMPASSION

When the rich man urges Abraham to send Lazarus to his brothers, Abraham responds that they should listen to Moses and the prophets. Because his brothers' hearts are hardened – they haven't listened to the Prophets – it is doubtful that they would listen to the risen Lazarus. Adults: What helps me develop compassion for the "poor at my door"? Children: How can I share my blessings with those in need? A Family Perspective: Talk with your children about some of the things that they have that can be shared with others. Ask your children to describe a time when they had to share something that they had. Ask if this was easy or difficult and why. Identify some reasons why we might share our possessions with others. Make a commitment as a family to do something this week in which you will choose to share your possessions with someone in need.

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 msgriohnhart@assumptionparish.org or call 973-539-2141 for more information about our OCIA program.

FR. JOHN TO BE HONORED AT THE CARITAS GALA 2025

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH | 6:00 PM

Congratulations to our own Msgr John Hart and other exceptional individuals who will be honored at the Caritas Gala at The Meadowood, in Randolph, NJ on November 13 at 6 p.m. The honorees are:

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

Tickets & Sponsorships: ccpaterson.org/caritas

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING AND PIZZA PARTY

We will be holding an Altar Server training session for boys and girls in the fourth grade and up on Wednesday, October 8th at 5:00 p.m. The pizza party is for all trainees and veteran altar servers.

If you are in the fourth grade or older, and would like to become an Altar Server at Assumption, sign up by calling the Parish Office at 973-539-2141 or emailing linda.macios@assumptionparish.org

MASS ATTENDANCE SEPTEMBER 20/21

5:30 p.m.	152
7:00 a.m.	107
8:00 a.m.	133
10:00 a.m.	367
12:00 p.m.	199
5:30 p.m.	304
Total	1,262

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The collection for the weekend of September 20/21 totaled \$22,122. The collection for the same weekend last year was \$22,184.

Pastor's Note: I am so grateful to you for your constant generosity and continued support of Assumption Parish in our weekly offertory. As the Irish say when I count my blessings I count you twice.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Saturday, October 4, we will have the traditional St. Francis Blessing of Animals at 9:30 a.m. by the statue of St. Francis next to the Rectory. Please come with your four-legged, winged, or gilled pets and join us for this special blessing for our pets and work animals.

2025 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL "THREE COUNTIES, ONE FAMILY OF FAITH"

As stated in this year's Diocesan Ministries Appeal theme, "Three Counties, One Family of Faith," the impact of the Appeal can be felt in every corner of the our Diocese.

For instance, the Appeal helps support the following ministries and programs in Sussex County: Group home for adults with disabilities, Sparta; Meals on Wheels program for seniors; Partnership for Social Services in Franklin which includes a food pantry, clothing thrift shop, friendly visitors program for seniors, community education, referral services; treatment 25 services for individuals struggling with addiction; aging services; services for veterans and their families; veterans clothing closet; family referral and information for loved ones with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and case management for over 200 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Thank you to all who support this important work! Lives are transformed through your generosity. Next week in our bulletin, the work of the Appeal in Morris County will be highlighted.

Please consider a donation to the 2025 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Scan the QR code below or visit www.2025appeal.org to make a gift today.



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.

DEATH WITH DIGNITY THE CATHOLIC VERSION

The John Paul II Respect Life Ministry's 10th Biennial Education Evening will be held on Oct. 17th from 7-9pm in Hayes Hall St. Cecilia's Church in Rockaway.

Rev. Pawel Tomczyk, Ph.D. Director of Pastoral Formation and Assistant Professor of Moral Theology at Immaculate conception Seminary School of Theology will address "Death with Dignity: The Catholic Version: Comparing two perspectives on the notion of human dignity and the ethics of dying.

Admission is free. Free coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be provided.

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 johsontomn@aol.com. Thanks, Tom

MORRIS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE October 15 & 26

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www.morriscatholic.org

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.

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.

To register visit: <https://assumptionparish.demosphere-secure.com/registration>

ASSUMPTION COLLEGE FOR SISTERS NEEDS TUTORS

Assumption College for Sisters, 200A Morris Ave. Denville, NJ, is in need of academic tutors. If interested, please contact Sister Teresa Bruno, Academic Dean, at academicdean@acs350.org or call 973-957-0190 x100.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM, O LORD

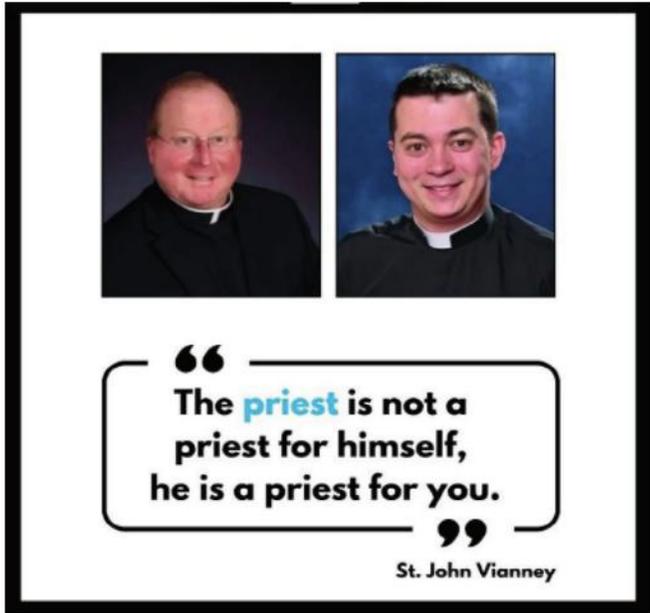
Joan Russell
Mother of Nancy Diamond

Terri Hurley

Deacon Don Werner

Jerome Morici

CELEBRATE PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY



Priesthood Sunday is a special day in the Catholic Church in the United States set aside to honor and affirm the role of **priests** in the life of the Church. It is a time for parish communities to express appreciation for the dedicated service of their priests and to encourage vocations to the priesthood.

We are so grateful to be blessed with our Parish Priests, Fr. John and Fr. Krysz. We are also blessed to have Fr. Lasch, Fr. John Brandi, and Fr. Lucasz Wnuk celebrate masses here. Each of them is a priest for us, to help us understand our own role in the Kingdom of God.

Cards will be on the tables at the doors of the church and in Rauscher Hall. If you feel inspired, please write a note of thanks or encouragement to our priests on this special day.



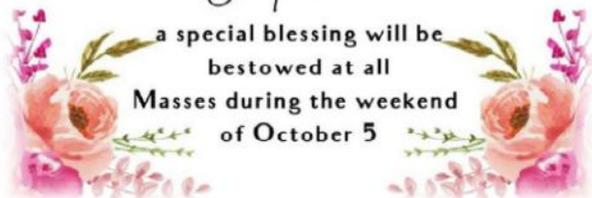
BLESSINGS ON YOUR

Wedding Anniversary

To honor all couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries during the month of

October

a special blessing will be bestowed at all Masses during the weekend of **October 5**



DEACON SUNDAY OCTOBER 12, 2025

Assumption is so blessed to have four active Deacons in our Parish, Deacon Brian Beyerl, Deacon John Mihalko, Deacon Elliott Stein and Deacon Mike Hanly.

Deacons deserve much affirmation for their tireless work, proclaiming the word of God, giving homilies, performing baptisms, and witnessing marriages, among other responsibilities. These selfless servants are fully ordained clergy, reporting directly to the bishop.

What do deacons do:

- Proclaim the Gospel
- Baptize
- Witness marriages
- Perform funeral and burial services outside of the Eucharist
- Distribute Holy Communion
- Preach the homily
- Visit the sick
- Teach the faith
- Provide counsel for couples and individuals
- Work on parish committees
- Advise and assist pastors

By answering a call to the diaconate, a man seeks to follow Jesus' path by serving and enriching the lives of others. If you are called to serve as a deacon, speak with Fr. John or contact the Office of the Diaconate.

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We rehearse on Wednesdays ,from 4pm-4:45 p.m. in the Choir Room below Rauscher Hall. The Choir is open to all Assumption Parish children in Grades 3-8. Sign up at www.assumptionparish.org.

2025 -2026 Performances

- ♪ As scheduled 10a.m. Sunday Liturgies
- ♪ Christmas Eve 3 p.m. Mass
- ♪ First Holy Communion Liturgies
- ♪ **NEW!** Assumption is hosting the NY/NJ Pueri Cantores Children's Choir Festival Saturday March 7, 2026, 11am-6pm with choirs from around the metropolitan area.

ASSUMPTION ADULT CHOIR

SING TO THE LORD, PRAISE HIS NAME;

Assumption Choir rehearses on Thursdays, at 7:30pm. The choir sings weekly at the 10:00am Sunday Liturgy as well as Christmas Eve/Day, Holy Week and other special liturgies throughout the year. The Choir rehearses in the choir rehearsal room under Rauscher Hall.

If you are interested in joining, contact our Music Director at Paul.kusler@assumptionparish.org or sign up on line at <https://www.assumptionparish.org/assumption-music-ministry>



INTRODUCING THE ASSUMPTION PARISH TRAVELING CHALICE FOR VOCATIONS

We are so excited to announce and unveil our new Assumption Parish Traveling Chalice for Vocations on Sunday, September 28, 2025 – also known as Priesthood Sunday.

This chalice, which is one of our own consecrated vessels for holding the Precious Blood of Jesus, is offered to encourage all of us to remember that God calls each and every person to a vocation and to serve Him in their own way.

By bringing it home with you, the chalice will serve as a visible reminder of your commitment to pray together as a family for vocations during the month and a reminder that the Mass does not end with the closing prayer. Instead, we take home with us from the Mass the joy, the gratitude, and the mission to share the love of Christ with others in our families and our workplaces.



Housed in a beautiful, handmade cherry-wood traveling case, thanks to the talents of one of our own parishioners, the Traveling Chalice for Vocations will be available to travel monthly from home-to-home within our parish. A book of suggested prayers accompanies it. All it needs are families willing to spend a few minutes a day to pray for an increase in vocations from our own parish, from our diocese and within the Church.

Interested in learning more about this new and exciting opportunity or willing to allow it to grace your family and home with prayerful opportunity? Contact Marcy Funk with our Vocation Ministry team at (732) 762-2440 or call the Parish Office.

WHAT IS A VOCATION?

A vocation is a calling from God. It is our own unique way of responding to God's invitation to happiness. God wants us to be happy and fulfilled and at peace. There are four vocations:

- Married Life
- Religious Life
- Chaste Life
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