

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

Welcomes You

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 12, 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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Visit our Website: www.assumptionparish.org

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Pastor: Rev. Msgr. John E. Hart

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Krzysztof Tyszko

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

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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.

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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
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
Mom's Group	Jillian Calotta	203-816-1998
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	Jose Porras	732-407-9336
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	October 11
8:00 a.m.	Monica Simmons
5:30 p.m.	Peter DeLotto Jean McHue Robert and Marjorie A. Graham Monica Simmons
SUNDAY	October 12
7:00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
8:00 a.m.	Raymond M. Benza Susan DeMark Valerie Camadeo
10:00 a.m.	Fred Schneider Jean Newman
12:00 p.m.	Albert Kelly, Jr. and Sr. The Kolojeski Family
5:30 p.m.	Theresa Cox Susan DeMark
MONDAY	October 13
9:00 a.m.	Janet Senft Richard Schlenker
TUESDAY	October 14
7:00 a.m.	Aran Kratljan (Living)
12:05 p.m.	The Living and Deceased Members Of the Messier Family
WEDNESDAY	October 15
7:00 a.m.	Francis Corcoran
12:05 p.m.	Halina Popko
THURSDAY	October 16
7:00 a.m.	Nan Corcoran
12:05 p.m.	Laura Ansaldo Ernie Evangelista (Living)
FRIDAY	October 17
7:00 a.m.	Frank and Nan Corcoran
12:05 p.m.	John C. and John E. Sullivan
SATURDAY	October 18
8:00 a.m.	Mare and Allison Ecko (Living)
5:30 p.m.	Marilyn Boucher George Schneider
SUNDAY	October 19
7:00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
8:00 a.m.	Judy Shea Richard Langan
10:00 a.m.	Melanie Allerot James Maw
12:00 p.m.	Angela Caraccia Roy Ortega
5:30 p.m.	Marc and Allison Ecko (Living)

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: 2 Kings 5:14-17
In our first reading, the prophet Elisha refuses to accept a gift from a pagan warlord who has just been cured of leprosy. Acceptance would imply that Elisha was responsible for the healing. Instead, the prophet wants gratitude directed where it belongs—to God.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 2:8-13
In this excerpt from a letter written in Paul's name, the author stresses the centrality of the resurrection for Christian faith. Because Christ was raised, Christians will also be raised.

Gospel: Luke 17:11-19
The first reading's stress on being grateful to God is also emphasized in the Gospel. A second point is made as well: sometimes those outside our faith community are quicker to acknowledge God's goodness than we are.



**We invite you to prayerfully reflect
on the Readings for the week of October 12**

Monday	Rom 1:1-7; Ps 98:1bcde, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday	Rom 1:16-25; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday	Rom 2:1-11; Ps 62:2, 6-7, 9; Lk 11:42-46
Thursday	Rom 3:21-30; Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab, Lk 11:47-54
Friday	Rom 4:1-8 Ps 32:1b-2, 5, 11; Lk 12:1-7
Saturday	2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
Sunday	Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Ex 17:8-13; Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; 2 Tm 3:14-4:2; Lk 18:1-8

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, Lorraine Perisek, Sylvia Loeppolsky, Mary Pat Holt, Lalisa Paprocki, Gerry McBride, Frank Leanza, Jean Ann Racamato, Sam Barsa, Mike Wisniewski, Ellen Cunningham.

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.

PROJECT ANDREW

Single, Catholic young men, from high school age to young professionals, are invited to join Bishop Kevin Sweeney and others at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, October 17, at St. Philip the Apostle Parish in Clifton for an evening of prayer, dinner and conversation. Find out what drew others to the priesthood, learn more about the life of a diocesan priest and ask the questions that are on your mind. Registration is suggested but not required and there is no cost to attend. Visit patersonvocations.org to register or for more information or call (973) 777-8818 x.711.

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.

GRATITUDE AND HUMILITY

**As [Jesus] was entering a village, ten lepers met him and raised their voices, saying,
“Jesus, Master! Have pity on us . . . !”**

One of the lepers, realizing that he had been healed, returned, glorifying God in a loud voice; and he fell at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. He was a Samaritan. (Luke 17: 11-19)

Here is a story I hope you will enjoy.

There was a saint who lived a life of humble charity and gratitude. He had no idea of his own sanctity — he was aware only of the needs of others and the presence of God in all.

God decided one day that this saint should receive a special blessing for his faithfulness and so dispatched an angel to visit the saint. The angel appeared before him, bending low and said, “I have been sent to you by God. Ask for anything and it will be given to you.”

The saint hesitated, wondering what in the world he could ask for. The angel then asked, “Would you want the gift of healing?” “No,” the saint replied. “I’d rather that God did the healing and be praised for it.”

“Would you like others to imitate your holiness and thus bless God and come closer to God?” “That would be terrible,” the saint replied. “That would make me the center of attention rather than God.”

“Might God make you a great preacher and reconciler, bringing sinners and lost souls back to the fold?” the angel offered. “Please, no. I’ve always believed that was the work of Jesus the Shepherd and that you angels rejoiced over each one who came home.”

Struggling to hide his exasperation, the angel asked, “So how might God bless you? What would you want? Please ask for something. This blessing is God’s will.”

The saint thought quietly for some time. “All right,” he finally said. “If I must have some blessing, then give me this: that all the good I do, I will do without realizing it, and no one will know that it was my doing. And so they will bless God for God’s goodness.”

The angel agreed to such a blessing. All the kindnesses and generosity the saint would do would be a blessing to others, but it would always be behind him. He would never know and others would never suspect and they would bless God for his goodness. And so it has been. [Adapted from a story by Anthony DeMello.]

Our world could certainly use more saints like this — but do we dare embrace such an attitude ourselves? In these “transactional” times, operating out of such a perspective of humility and gratitude can put us at the mercy of the users and abusers who take what they want regardless of the cost and hardship to others. But selfless gratitude is at the heart of the faith we profess. Gratitude is a practice — a way of approaching life — that is grounded in the conviction that God has breathed his life into us for no other reason than love so deep we cannot begin to fathom it, and that the only fitting response we can make to such inexplicable and unmerited love is to stand humbly before God

**For it is by grace you have been saved,
through faith—and this is not
from yourselves, it is the gift of God—
not by works, so that no one can boast.**

quiet, humble gratitude. It’s that perspective of thankfulness exhibited by the Samaritan leper that is at the heart of the human spirit, that reveals to us the meaning and purpose of these lives God has breathed into us, that makes whatever good we do experiences of grace. (Connections)

In Christ’s Peace,
Father John



THANKFULNESS IN LATER LIFE

In today's Gospel only one of the ten lepers returns to give thanks. The lack of response by the others is a warning to us. Even though gratitude is essential for a joyful and complete life, it is often neglected.

Adults: What do I count as my greatest blessing? How often do I thank God for giving it to me?

Children: How can I thank God for what I have received?

A Family Perspective: Children fluctuate between moments of deep, heartfelt gratitude and an attitude of entitlement. These fluctuations are normal. Among our tasks as parents is to help foster the gift of gratitude, particularly gratitude to God for all God's goodness to us. Read today's Gospel, Luke 17:11-19. Make a poster showing some of the gifts from God to your family. Display this poster in a prominent place and, as a family, write a prayer of thanksgiving for all of God's goodness to you.

In the home: Discuss what young people and what older people in your family do best. Give thanks to God for both.

FR. JOHN TO BE HONORED

AT THE CARITAS GALA 2025

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH | 6:00 PM

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

Join members of our Parish at the Gala as we celebrate Fr. John for his life of dedication to God and the priesthood. Tickets: ccpaterson.org/caritas

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP STARTS TUESDAY OCTOBER 28

Assumption Parish will be offering a Bereavement Group Series this Spring on Tuesday evenings from 7 to 8:30 PM, starting Tuesday, October 28. We will be meeting in the Library of the Parish Center. Among the topics discussed will be:

- The grieving process.
- how to handle feelings of anger and loneliness.
- handling pain and sadness.
- dealing with the holidays and special occasions.

If you have suffered the loss of a loved one and are interested in attending, please call the Parish Office at **973-539-2141 ext. 17** and leave your name and phone number. Our Bereavement Coordinators will call you back. God bless you.

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MASS ATTENDANCE October 4/5

5:30 p.m.	138
7:00 a.m.	119
8:00 a.m.	130
10:00 a.m.	433
12:00 p.m.	170
5:30 p.m.	136
Total	1,126

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Assumption is a Tithing Parish

The collection for the weekend of October 4/5 will be reported in next week's bulletin.

Pastor's Note: I am so grateful to you for your magnificent generosity. Thank you for your sacrificial gifts in our weekly offertory. Because of you we are able to proclaim Jesus Christ is Risen at Assumption. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

2025 DIOCESAN MINISTRIES APPEAL

"THREE COUNTIES, ONE FAMILY OF FAITH"

Over the past two weeks, our bulletin highlighted the work that the Diocesan Ministries Appeal helps support in Sussex and Morris County. This week, we are highlighting Passaic County.

Group residences for adults with disabilities in Pompton Lakes, Clifton, West Milford and Wayne; Early Intervention programs; Early learning programs, Paterson; Teen and youth programs, Passaic and Paterson; Senior activities program and day center, Paterson; Transportation services for seniors, Paterson; Father English Food Pantry, Paterson; Services for veterans and their families; Straight and Narrow substance abuse programs, including residential services for men, women, women with children, medical detox and halfway house programs and outpatient treatment services, Paterson; Straight & Narrow adult medical daycare, Paterson; Straight and Narrow permanent supportive housing apartments, Paterson; Family Success Center, Paterson.

Please consider a donation to the 2025 Diocesan Ministries Appeal. Visit <http://www.2025appeal.org> to make a gift today.

CALLING MOMS TO JOIN

THE MOMS AND LITTLE BLESSINGS GROUP

Are you a mom looking for support, friendship and community? Moms and Little Blessings is a group for Assumption moms with young children who want to walk through motherhood together- sharing faith, encouragement and everyday life. Reach out to Jillian Calotta at jillcalotta@gmail.com for information or with any questions.

**MARKET STREET MISSION COAT
COLLECTION OCT 18/19**

This year, on Saturday and Sunday, October 18 and 19, we will be collecting coats for the thirty third annual MSM Coat Giveaway. Over the past thirty years the annual MSM coat giveaways have been able to distribute coats to those in need in our community and surrounding areas, and they need our support for another successful year. We will be collecting gently used or new winter coats (please NO wind breakers, rain jackets, or sweaters). We will also be collecting NEW homemade or purchased warm winter hats, scarves, and gloves (winter insulated gloves & mittens).

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. 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

**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**

Terry Hurley
Father of Molly

Rose Marie DeCarlo
Wife of Eugene

Chris Otto
Father of Diane

Trish Rowe
Wife of Tom

Charles Parisek
Father of Joan

**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.

**JUBILEE OF YOUNG ADULTS
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 AT 1:30 PM**

St. Anthony Of Padua Church
(101-103 Myrtle Ave., Passaic, NJ 07055)

All young adults in their 20s and 30s are invited to a special evening with Bishop Kevin Sweeney at St. Anthony's parish in Passaic: 1:30 pm Guest Speakers, 3 pm Mass, followed by dinner in the parish hall.

For more information and to register visit <https://rcdop.org/jubilee-of-young-adults>.

**2025 DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2 AT 10 AM**

St. Elizabeth University

Young people from around the Diocese of Paterson are invited to closely examine their faith at the 2025 Diocesan Youth Conference. This year's theme is "Anchored in Hope." Fee per person - \$35. Register at <https://insidethewalls.org/youth-conference>.

**60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SECOND
VATICAN COUNCIL LECTURE**

Wednesday, November 5 at 7:30 PM
St. Paul Inside the Walls

Join Bishop Serratelli as he describes his own experience attending the final session of the Second Vatican Council. Listen as Bishop describes fulfilling the call of the Council and his own special roles in liturgical translations and ecumenism. He will also share his reflection on Pope Leo's statements on the Council, and explain how our new pope continues to fulfill the call of Vatican II today. Entry: \$10. Register online at <https://insidethewalls.org/vatican-ii-lecture>

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

The Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month every October. As Catholics we are called to embrace, proclaim, and defend life. Every life is precious and must be loved and protected from conception until natural death. As children of God made in his image, every person has a sanctity and dignity that cannot be diminished by illness or disability, and cannot be limited by race, age, sex, or social condition.

DEACON SUNDAY OCTOBER 12, 2025 THANK YOU TO OUR DEACONS!

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.

ADVENTURE IS CALLING!

Are you a boy who likes to camp, hike, fish and try new outdoor adventures? Who likes to build cool projects? We like them too!

Assumption's own Scout Troop 34 welcomes boys between the ages of 11 and 17 who want to learn amazing new skills.

We meet every Wednesday night at 7pm in the Church Hall. Come visit with us and see what we are all about and the places we go.

No prior Scouting experience is required. For additional information please contact Scoutmaster Jose Porras at 732-407-9336.

THE STEVE HAMMOND HOMEBOUND HUSTLE 5K & 1 MILE WALK Sat October 18, 2025

On Saturday, October 18, 2025, Family Promise of Morris County is hosting our 5th Annual Steve Hammond Homebound Hustle 5K & 1-Mile Walk to end homelessness and increase housing stability in our community. Lace up your running shoes and join us on this beautiful, scenic cross country course, located in Central Park of Morris County! Register at

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



A BLESSED MORNING FOR ALL

We had a beautiful Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and Blessing of Pets/Animals on Saturday, October 4, 2025, with our Assumption Parish Family. Here are a few glimpses of Fr. Kryzysztof, Fr. John and our Assumption Parishioners with and without pets joyfully singing the hymn, "All Creatures of our God and King", based on the words of St. Francis. Beloved pets brought to the celebration included dogs, cats, a duck named Maggie, a Budgie Parakeet named Chippy, and a 19-year-old dog carried with great love and tenderness. A special thank you to the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level III children, Good Shepherd graduate volunteers and Confirmation Year One candidates who prepared gifts for parishioners with and without pets with the icon and prayer of St. Francis of Assisi. A special thank you to Assumption Saturday volunteers who helped with our celebration. *Blessed be God forever! St. Francis of Assisi, Pray for us!*



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
- Priesthood/Ordained Life



ASSUMPTION PARISH VOCATION MINISTRY



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OCIA stands for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, and it is the process through which adults join or complete their initiation into the Catholic Church. Is OCIA for me?

OCIA is for three groups of people:

1. Those who are not baptized.
2. Those who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who were never formed in the Catholic faith and have not completed their initiation; that is, who have received neither of the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

Would you like to become a Catholic? Do you know someone who would like to become a Catholic? Do you know an adult Catholic who never received their First Communion or Confirmation? If you answered 'Yes' to one or more of these questions, I ask you to please contact me at msgjohnhart@assumptionparish.org or call me at 973-539-2141, ext. 15 so that I can speak with them about how they can become Catholic or receive First Communion and Confirmation. It is always a joy to speak with someone about Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior!

Father John





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