

MASS Intentions

Saturday, March 4th

5:30pm: Henry & Sophie Bryk – r/o Their Family

7:00pm: Tomas J. Molina – r/o His Loving Family
(Spanish Mass)

Sunday, March 5th

8:00am: For the People of the Parish

10:00am: Patricia Linn – r/o Her Loving Family

Monday, March 6th

8:00am: Sophie Sendziak – r/o The Forestiere Family

Tuesday, March 7th

8:00am: William Naratil – r/o Mary E. Naratil

Wednesday, March 8th

8:00am: Rose Gallagher – r/o Kathy Gromlowicz

Thursday, March 9th

8:00am: Alphonse Di Maio – r/o The Godlewsky &
Swider Families

Friday, March 10th

8:00am: Ray Listermann – r/o Carol Hollar

6:00pm: Stations of the Cross (English)

7:00pm: For the Intentions of the Spanish Community

7:30pm: Stations of the Cross (Spanish)

Saturday, March 11th

8:00am: Josephine Campese – r/o Her Loving Family

8:30am: **Adoration till 12 noon**

5:30pm: For the People of the Parish

7:00pm: For the Intentions of the Spanish Community

Sunday, March 12th

8:00am: For the People of the Parish

10:00am: Patricia Linn – r/o Her Loving Family

Please pray for all those who have died, especially **Mary Louise Blasiolo, Mary Elizabeth Lascky and Joseph Warren Wilson, Jr.** May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen.

Pope Francis has asked Catholics to be in solidarity with the region of Turkey & Syria due to the recent earthquakes. These are two organizations who have established online giving portals to assist:
Catholic Near East Welfare Association <https://cnewa.org> &
Catholic Relief Services <https://support.crs.org>



Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again.” John 4:13

Jesus reminds us that material things, even something as basic as water, can never satisfy us over the long run. When we build our lives around material possessions we will always want more and no amount will ever satisfy our desire. True joy and peace only comes when we follow Jesus - when we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered.”

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38



The Sactuary Candle this week burns in loving memory of **Theresa Nenninger** – r/o M/M Hugh Cusack

Collections

February 26, 2023 *thank you*

Weekly Collection: \$5,006
Electronic Giving: \$850
Total Giving: \$5,856

2/5 The Catholic Spirit: \$1,034
2/12 Snow Removal: \$1,425

This weekend there will be a special second collection for **Repairs & Renovations** for our church property.



Our Magnificat Moms group is looking for new members to help out hosting hospitality events for our church. Please contact Dani Acuna to join 908-380-8414

SOCIAL JUSTICE MINISTRY



ST. MARY'S CUPBOARD

In School Building:

Tuesday
6pm to 7pm
and
Saturday
10am to 12noon

This week we are collecting:

1lb. BAGS DRY BLACK BEANS

Donations can be dropped off in the Church or at the Pantry during opened hours. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

For information please call/text/email Kathy Segada at 908-337-2118 Kathleen.d.segada@gmail.com

PRAY FOR OUR SOLDIERS



Anthony Appleby-US Army, Nicholas Appleby, US Air Force, Jon Barrett-Marines, Shaun Collins-Navy, Private David Decker (ARNG), Nolan Drylie-U.S.M.C., Jason Fischer-US Army, Cabriella Gongala-E4 Airforce Reserve, Robert Hess, Brial Holl, General Dixon Taylor-PFC, Alex Urankar-1st Lieutenant U.S.M.C., Ronald James Vizcarra, Bret Wade-CSM, Ryan Oakley, U.S. Army Reserve



Jodi Bremner, Lucille Caldara, Joe Chiarello, Lili Decker, Edward Dimiceli, Michael, Peg & KK Jeffery, Donald J. Keady, Stacey Lennon, Tiffany Pulis and Elaina Rewiski and Steve Yosh.

For all those sick with COVID-19 & their caregivers.

Please call the parish if you are a parishioner who would like to be added onto our prayer list.



PRAY THE ROSARY

Monday – Friday - 7:30pm
on ZOOM - with Deacon Walter
 Meeting ID: 358634252
 Password: 008173

You may also email Deacon Walter at walter.p257@comcast.net to request a prayer for a special intention.

SUPPORT OUR CHURCH

-Before you go food shopping buy Shoprite and Weis gift cards from us. We get \$5 for every \$100 dollars you buy! On sale after all Masses and in the Rectory from Monday thru Thursday from 9am to 4pm. This also does not cost you any more money than you usually use at the store.

We now have the capability to take credit cards. The charge is \$3. Per \$100.

-Electronic Giving is available to you for your weekly donations to our church. Just go on to our website and click on the **“Electronic Giving”** tab and set up your account. You can edit your account any time you would like.

FAITH FORMATION

Rose Strohmaier, PCL (908) 303-9692

Faith Formation Office is located in the
School Building

faithformation@assumptionbvmnj.org

Calendar

March

Wednesday 8—Faith Formation—**Father Leo/Deacons interview Confirmation Candidates**

**Saturday 11—CALENDAR CHANGE—
Confirmandi II Retreat with Sponsors
and/or Parent 1:00PM-6:30PM**

Sunday 12—Year 3 Hosts 10:00AM Mass—
arrive no later than 9:45AM dressed/prepared
sign-in

**Wednesday 15—Catechist Meeting—NO
FAITH FORMATION FOR CHILDREN**

**Saturday 18—Communion Retreat with
Parents 10:00AM-12:00PM**

Sunday 19—Confirmation II Hosts 10:00AM
Mass—arrive no later than 9:45AM dressed and
prepared for hosting; be sure to sign-in

Wednesday 22—Faith Formation

Sunday 26—Year 6 Hosts 10:00AM Mass—
arrive no later than 9:45AM dressed and
prepared for hosting; be sure to sign-in

**Wednesday 29—Faith Formation *Father
Leo Parent Session discussing an article
on the teaching of the faith***

2023-2024 Faith Formation Registration & Family Participation

**Before Faith Formation Registration
Join Our Parish
Contact Arlene Pidgeon:
908-852-3320**

****Mass Attendance:** Jesus is truly present
to us at every mass and that is why the
significance of family Mass attendance
cannot be minimized and is at the heart of
our faith. ***First and foremost, Faith
Formation families are required to***

***attend Saturday evening or Sunday
morning Mass.***

****Sessions:** There are two sessions every
Wednesday. ***First Session: 4:15PM –
5:30PM*** Communion I through Year 4
Second Session: 6:30PM –

8:00PM: Year 5 through Confirmation II

**All children are expected to attend
every Wednesday. If a child is
homeschooled for a medical purpose
in public school, the appropriate
accommodations will be available for
that child to be homeschooled in this
program as well.**

****Family Participation**

Requirements—According to Diocesan
Policy, formation in the faith takes place
every day through every year. **That being
said, our program runs consistently
from Communion I through
Confirmation for all registered
children who will meet in school every
Wednesday.**



***Please keep in your prayers
our Spanish older children
receiving 1st Communion
March 4th at Spanish Mass.***

CATECHISTS NEEDED FOR OUR FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

Our needs are growing and we are preparing
to build teams of both English and bi-lingual
Catechists. We would like to meet with and
train these Catechists prior to the start of the
2023-24 year. The only requirement to
participate in this ministry is to love God so
much you wish to share that love with
children. Text or call Rose Strohmaier at
908-303-9692

*All volunteers who work with children must get
background checked as per our Diocese's guidelines.*

RCIA

RITE OF ELECTION - Congratulations to our Elect; *Keydi Chacón*.

Last week on the First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2023, the Diocese of Metuchen celebrated the Rite of Election at St. Francis Cathedral, with Bishop James Checchio. The Rite of Election (and Call to Continuing Conversion) is the liturgical rite which the Catholic Church formally ratified the readiness of its Catechumens for the Sacraments of Initiation: *Baptism*, *Confirmation* and *First Eucharist* and Candidates preparing for *Confirmation* and *Eucharist*.

This year, Assumption of the B.V.M Parish has been blessed with sending One [1] Catechumen; *Keydi Chacón* together with her Godparents, friends and families for the celebration which marked an important stage in her journey to the Catholic Church. During the celebration the Bishop welcomed everyone and all the Catechumens signed their name in the "*Book of the Elect*" and declared "*Elect*" by the Bishop.

RCIA "First Scrutiny"



Next week on the Third Sunday of Lent, the *First Scrutiny* will be celebrated at the 8:00am Mass. The Gospel reading of the *Samaritan woman* at the well will fill the spirit of

our Elect *Keydi Samantha Chacón* with Christ the Redeemer, who is the living water. During our Lenten journey, we should use the *Scrutinies* of the Elect to prepare ourselves for Easter Sunday. With Love in Christ,
Deacon Walter Pidgeon

DIOCESE OF METUCHEN

2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal Renewed and Sent on Mission by the Eucharist

Along with other related offices under the Secretariat for Family and Pastoral Life, the Office of Discipleship Formation for Children strives to make lifelong faith formation central in all parishes throughout the diocese by providing all children with opportunities to experience God's love and conversion of heart through a growing knowledge of Jesus and the Gospel. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal is an investment in our future Church.

If you have yet to make your gift, please prayerfully consider doing so today by either returning your pledge card in the mail or going to the secure website:

<https://diometuchen.org/BAA>

Our parish goal is \$45,000

As of Feb. 24th

Total Pledged: \$12,345

Total Received: \$11,670

Percentage of our Goal: 27.43%

Please help our parish reach our goal!

CHOICES MATTER

"Building a Culture of Life Post Roe"

A Critical Life Issues Conference

Saturday, March 25, 2023

St. John Neumann

Pastoral Center

Opening Mass at 9 am

- Bishop Checchio

Conference from

10 am to 3:30 pm

Cost \$35. (includes lunch and handouts)

Featuring National Speakers

Register at diometuchen.org

HISPANIC MINISTRY

Bautizos: Todos los Bautizos se celebraran el segundo domingo del mes a la 1:30pm en español. Minimo un mes de anticipacion. Contactar a Nicolas Salinas para las clases de preparacion.

Bodas: Contactar la rectoria
(Minimo un año de anticipacion)

5 de marzo de 2023 2 o domingo de Cuaresma

“Deja tu tierra, tus parientes y la casa de tu padre, y vete a la tierra que te mostraré”
GÉNESIS 12: 1 Dios nos llama a todos a dejar atrás nuestras viejas costumbres y a seguirlo, colocando en Él toda nuestra confianza. Alguna de las viejas maneras que nos esforzamos por dejar atrás pueden ser el materialismo, el egoísmo y la codicia. Sin embargo, Dios nos promete mostrarnos una nueva tierra y una mejor forma de vivir. Recuerde lo que dijo Santa Teresa de Calcuta, “Dios no nos llama a ser exitosos, Dios nos llama a ser fieles”

Lecturas de la semana

Lunes: Dn 9:4-10; Sal 78:8, 9, 11, 13; Lc 6:36-38

Martes: Is 1:10, 16-20; Sal 49:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Miércoles: Jer 18:18-20; Sal 30:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28

Jueves: Jer 17:5-10; Sal 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lc 16:19-31

Viernes: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13; 17-28a; Sal 104:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sábado: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Sal 102:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lc 15:1-3, 11-32

Domingo: Ex 17:3-7; Sal 94:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 o Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Ofrecemos una clase de inglés para ADULTOS los martes en la escuela de 5:30 pm a 6:30 pm. Llame a la Rectoría 908-852-3320 para dejar un mensaje para Vita si está interesado o comuníquese directamente con ella a vitam@aol.com

Campana Anual del Obispo 2023 **Renovados y enviados en misión por la Eucaristía**

Junto con otras oficinas pertenecientes a la Secretaría para la Familia y la Vida Pastoral, la Oficina de Formación de Discipulado para Niños se esfuerza por hacer que la formación en la fe permanezca en el centro de las parroquias de la diócesis al proporcionar a todos los niños oportunidades para experimentar el amor de Dios y la conversión del corazón a través de un creciente conocimiento de Jesús y el Evangelio. Su donación a la Campana Anual del Obispo es una inversión para el futuro de nuestra Iglesia.

Si aún no ha hecho su donación, considere hacerlo hoy en oración, ya sea devolviendo su tarjeta de compromiso por correo o visitando el sitio web seguro:

<https://diometuchen.org/BAA>

Nuestra meta parroquial es de \$45,000

A partir del 24 de Febrero

Total prometido: \$12,345

Total recibido: \$11,670

Porcentaje de nuestro objetivo: 27,43%

¡Por favor, ayude a nuestra parroquia a alcanzar nuestra meta!

Oraciones por Nuestros Niños de Primera Comunión

Diez de nuestros niños vivirán un día muy especial en sus vidas. Recibirán su Primera Comunión (Eucaristía) en la Misa de los Sábados a las 7:pm en español. El día 25 de Febrero 9 niños recibirán su Primera Comunión y el día 4 de Marzo otro niño. La Eucaristía es la fuente y cumbre de nuestra Fé en la cual recibimos al Señor. La Eucaristía es un acto de acción de gracias a Dios en la cual recordamos la Cena del Señor con sus Apóstoles. Oremos por nuestros niños que recibirán su Primera Comunión.

**The Hackettstown Columbus Club
Presents: St. Patrick's Day Dinner Corned**

Beef & Cabbage, Potatoes, Carrots
and all the fixings!! \$20.00 per dinner

Friday March 17th

Two Seatings 4:00pm to 5:30pm

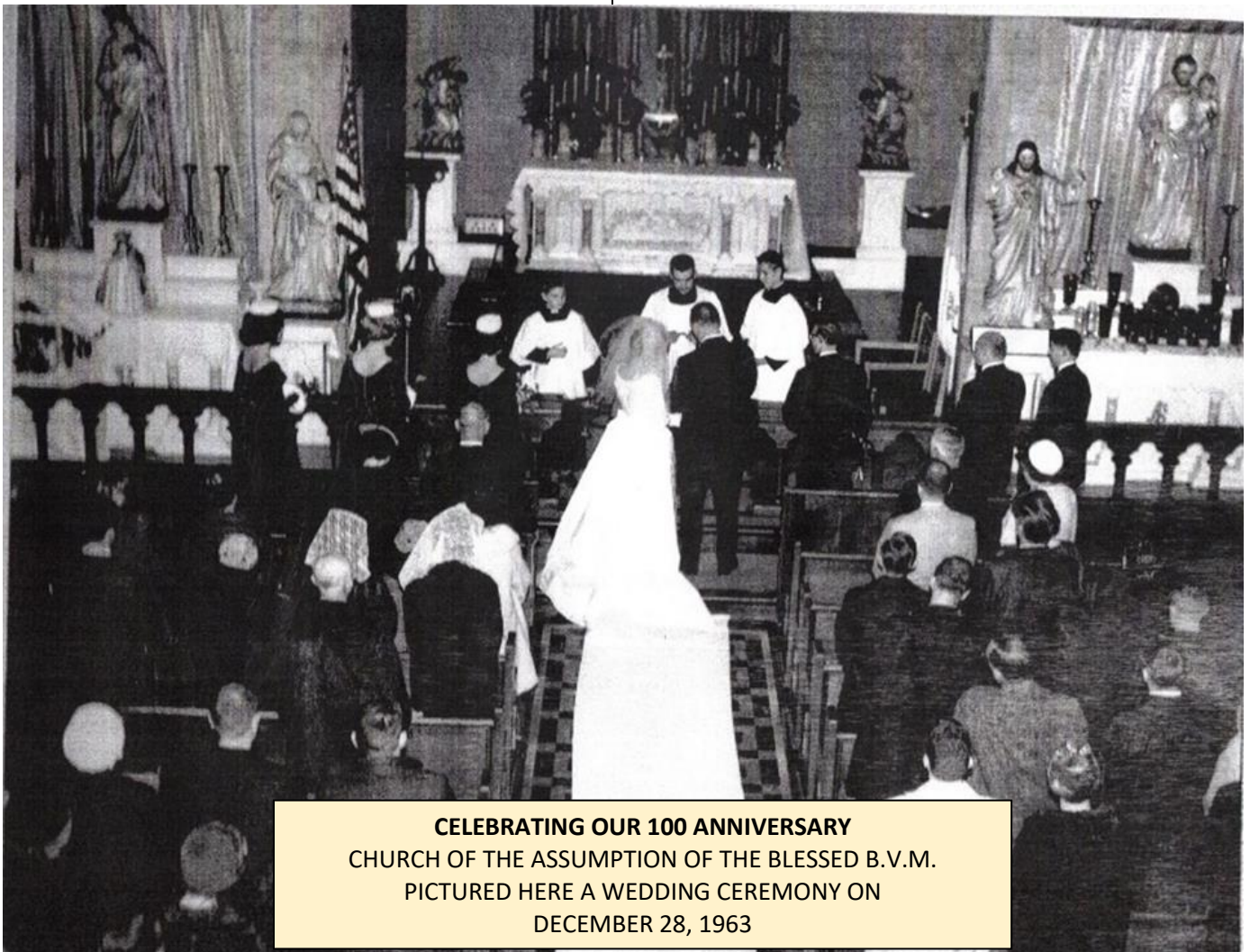
6:30pm to 8:00pm

TAKE OUT AVAILABLE

Tickets Required in Advance

For Tickets & Information Contact: 973-945-3947
leave a message 908-852-9758 leave a message,
columbusclub2483@gmail.com

	Sunday March 4 & 5 Readings:	No. 1019
Entrance Hymn	How Good, Lord, to Be Here!	No. 877
Offertory Hymn	God is Love	No. 699
Communion Hymn	Hosea	No. 484
Recessional Hymn	Dona Nobis Pacem	No. 822



CELEBRATING OUR 100 ANNIVERSARY
CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED B.V.M.
PICTURED HERE A WEDDING CEREMONY ON
DECEMBER 28, 1963