

**Church of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
The Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time – February 19, 2023**

*completeness*



**Rev. Leo Salvania, Administrator**

Deacon Walter H. Pidgeon

Deacon Daniel Gallagher

Deacon Paul Flor

**MASS SCHEDULE**

Monday – Saturday 8:00am

Also, on Friday 7:00pm (Spanish)

Saturday Vigils: 5:30pm (English) & 7:00pm (Spanish)

Sunday: 8am & 10am (Both English)

Confession: Saturday 4:30pm or by appointment

Adoration: Sat. from 8:30am till Noon

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**Come join us for:  
The Catholic perspective  
On the series  
“The Chosen”  
Monday nights at our  
parish. Our next one is  
February 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
In the school building**

**Ash Wednesday  
Schedule**

February 22<sup>nd</sup>

8:00am Mass (English)

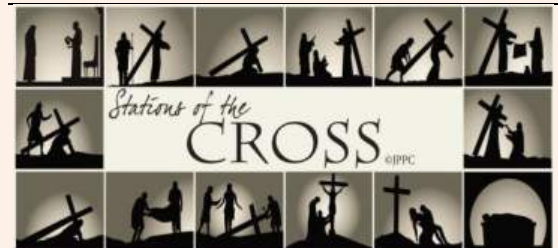
8:30am till 4:00pm Adoration of  
the Most Blessed Sacrament

4:30pm Liturgy of the Word  
Service (English)

6:00pm Mass (English)

7:00pm Mass (Spanish)

**Ashes will be given at all Masses  
and the service.**



**During Lent  
Fridays 6:00pm English  
& 7:30pm Spanish**

*The Mission of the Catholic Community of The Church of the Assumption is to be led by the Word of God, to proclaim God in our words and actions, and to follow the example of Mary our Mother in leading all people to God.*

# MASS Intentions

## Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>

5:30pm: Marie Keeler – r/o Christine Mazurski

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

## Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup>

8:00am: For the People of the Parish

10:00am: Robert Marks, Sr. – r/o M/M Jack Reed

## Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

8:00am: Randall Lykins – r/o Marie Garcia

## Tuesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>

8:00am: Elettra O. Mazzarella – r/o Her Estate

## Wednesday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Ash Wednesday

8:00am: Maryanne Catania – r/o Dcn. Walter Pidgeon

8:30am to 4:00pm: **Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament**

4:30pm: Liturgy of the Word Service

6:00pm: Mass (English) For the People of the Parish

7:00pm: Mass (Spanish) For the Intentions of the Spanish Community

## Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

8:00am: Gerald Forst – r/o Carol Hollar

## Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>

8:00am: Carmine Mazzarella – r/o His Estate

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

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

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

## Saturday, February 25<sup>th</sup>

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

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

5:30pm: Edward Michonski, Sr. – r/o Kathy & Tim Segada

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

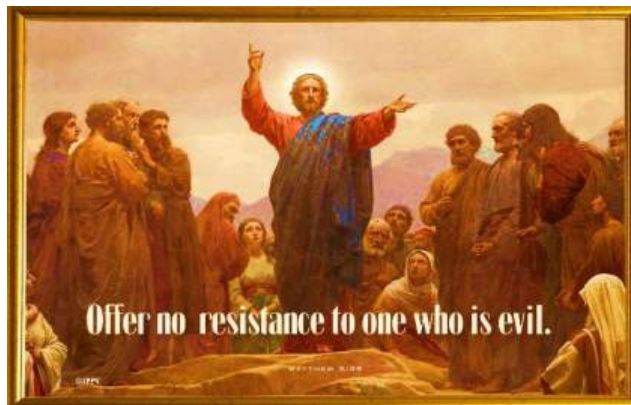
## Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

8:00am: For the People of the Parish

10:00am: Theresa Nenninger – r/o M/M Hugh Cusack

**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>



**“But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you...”**MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But, remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart and it turns our attention away from “me” and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for “my enemy.” When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Monday:** Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

# Collections OFFICE *thank you*

February 12, 2023

**Weekly Collection:** \$4,067  
**Electronic Giving:** \$1,701  
**Total Giving:** \$5,768

**2/5 The Catholic Spirit:** \$896  
**2/12 Snow Removal:** \$1,368

*We are thankful for your consistent stewardship.*



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:**

**TUNA**

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](mailto: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-1<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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, Director (908) 303-9692**

The Faith Formation Office  
is located in the School Building  
[faithformation@assumptionbvmnj.org](mailto:faithformation@assumptionbvmnj.org)

### Calendar

#### February

**Wednesday 22—Ash Wednesday** – No Faith Formation

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

#### March

**Wednesday 1—Faith Formation**  
***Sacrament of Reconciliation all children***  
***Year 3 through Confirmation II-Parents***  
***invited***

**Sunday 5—Confirmation I** Hosts 10:00AM Mass—arrive no later than 9:45AM dressed and prepared for hosting; be sure to sign-in

**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***

### **2023-2024 Faith Formation Registration & Family Participation**

**\*\*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.**

### **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.*

### **FR. LEO VISITS CONVENTS WITH FAITH FORMATION**



Visited the Sisters of Christian Charity, Mendham, Sisters of Jesus Our Hope, Bloomsbury and Augustinian Recoleta Sisters, Belvidere.

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THE CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVE OF  
THIS SERIES  
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EVENINGS AT 7PM**



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

By now you have received a letter from Bishop Checchio inviting your participation in the 2023 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. The diocesan ministries supported by the Appeal directly impact many of the parishioners here in Assumption Parish. Your gift provides formation opportunities for our catechists, youth and young adults. In the coming days, you will be receiving a letter from our administrator Rev. Leopoldo Salvania encouraging your participation. 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 – Please help our parish reach this goal!**

**Ways to Share our Gifts**

**• Pledging**

Choosing to pledge with your desired payment schedule over time may allow you to be more generous. Monthly reminders will be sent.

**• Gift by Check**

Whether your gift is a one-time paid in full gift or an installment of a pledged gift, please make your check payable to: Diocese of Metuchen- Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

**• Gift by Credit Card**

Complete your gift and credit card information on your pledge card or visit our secure online giving site at

<http://diometuchen.org/BAA>

**• Matching Your Gift**

Corporate matching gifts are a great way to maximize your personal contribution. To use our Company Match Finder to see if your company has such a program and if it will match your gift to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal or one of the entities of the Diocese of Metuchen, go to [www.matchinggifts.com/diometuchen](http://www.matchinggifts.com/diometuchen) If you need assistance call 732-562-2436 or email [matching.gifts@diometuchen.org](mailto:matching.gifts@diometuchen.org)

**EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL EVENTS**

**Lecture Series:**

**“The Liturgy of the Eucharist”**

**Wed., February 15, 2023 at 7 pm**

Let us discover the nuances of the Liturgy of the Eucharist within the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. There are two main parts: Liturgy of the Word and Liturgy of the Eucharist. Following the presentation the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be celebrated. Presenter: Fr. Timothy Eck II

***Eucharistic Revival Prayer***

*O God, who in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of Your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of Your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of Your redemption. Who live and reign with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever. Jesus, Lord of the Church, grant that by partaking of your Body and Blood we may become one body and one spirit in You.*

*Amen.*

## 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)

**19 de Febrero de 2023**  
**7 o Domingo del Tiempo**



**“Pero yo les digo, amen a sus enemigos y oren por los que los persiguen...”** MATEO 5:44

Amar a sus enemigos, eso es más fácil decirlo que hacerlo. Sin embargo, recuerde, el fundamento de la corresponsabilidad es la oración. Cuando estamos en estrecha comunicación con Dios, nuestros corazones se abren y cambia nuestra atención de “mí mismo” hacia Dios y hacia los demás. Eso cambia mi corazón y mis acciones, permitiéndome un poco más de empatía con “mi enemigo”. Cuando oramos por los demás, aún por nuestros enemigos, también se suavizan sus corazones.

### Lecturas de la semana

**Lunes:** Sir 1:1-10; Sal 92:1ab, 1c-2, 5;  
Mc 9:14-29

**Martes:** Sir 2:1-13; Sal 36:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,  
39-40; Mc 9:30-37

**Miércoles:** Jl 2:12-18; Sal 50:3-4, 5-6a, 12-13,  
14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Jueves:** Dt 30:15-20; Sal 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6;  
Lc 9:22-25

**Viernes:** Is 58:1-9; Sal 50:3-4, 5-6a, 18-19;  
Mt 9:14-15

**Sábado:** Is 58:9-14; Sal 85:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;  
Lc 5:27-32

**Domingo:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Sal 50:3-4, 5-6a,  
12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 o 5:12, 17-19;  
Mt 4:1-11

**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

En este momento, usted ya ha recibido una carta del Obispo Checchio invitándolo a participar en la Campana Anual del Obispo 2023. Los ministerios diocesanos que reciben apoyo con esta Campana impactan directamente a muchos de los feligreses aquí en Assumption Parish. Su donación ofrece oportunidades de formación para nuestros catequistas, jóvenes y jóvenes adultos. En los próximos días, recibirá una carta de nuestro querido Rev. Leopoldo Salvania alentando su participación. Si aún no ha hecho su donación, por favor considere hacerlo hoy, ya sea devolviendo su tarjeta de compromiso por correo o visitando al sitio web seguro: <https://diometuchen.org/BAA>

### **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.



## PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD ON SYNODALITY

We stand before You, Holy Spirit,  
as we gather together in Your name.  
With You alone to guide us,  
make Yourself at home in our hearts;  
Teach us the way we must go  
and how we are to pursue it.  
We are weak and sinful;  
do not let us promote disorder.  
Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path  
nor partiality influence our actions.  
Let us find in You our unity  
so that we may journey together to eternal life  
and not stray from the way of truth  
and what is right.  
All this we ask of You,  
who are at work in every place and time,  
in the communion of the Father and the Son,  
forever and ever. Amen.

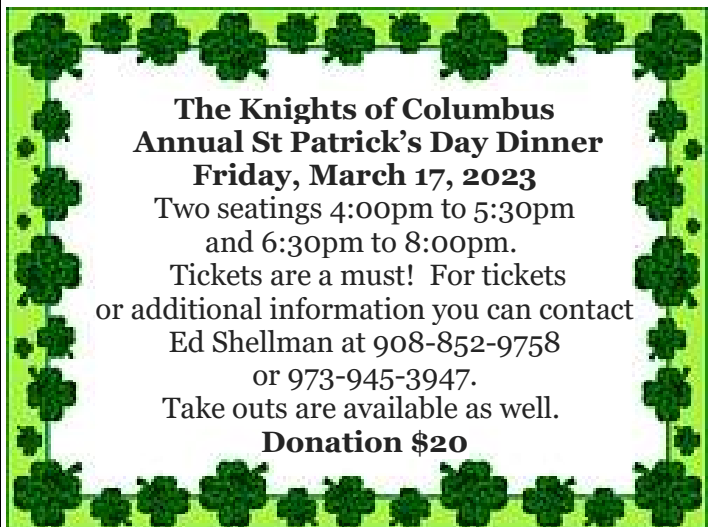
## ORACIÓN POR EL SÍNODO SOBRE LA SINODALIDAD

Estamos ante ti, Espíritu Santo, reunidos en tu nombre. Tú que eres nuestro verdadero consejero: ven a nosotros, apóyanos, entra en nuestros corazones.  
Enséñanos el camino, muéstranos cómo alcanzar la meta.  
Impide que perdamos el rumbo como personas débiles y pecadoras.  
No permitas que la ignorancia nos lleve por falsos caminos.  
Concédenos el don del discernimiento, para que no dejemos que nuestras acciones se guíen por prejuicios y falsas consideraciones.  
Condúcenos a la unidad en ti, para que no nos desviemos del camino de la verdad y la justicia, sino que en nuestro peregrinaje terrenal nos esforcemos por alcanzar la vida eterna.  
Esto te lo pedimos a ti, que obras en todo tiempo y lugar, en comunión con el Padre y el Hijo por los siglos de los siglos. Amén

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Join Christians throughout the globe by praying for an end to abortion **February 22nd - April 2** during the 40 Days for Life campaign. Offer time to peacefully pray in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 66 East Washington Ave. Washington. Please lift the local 40 Days for Life campaign up in prayer, as well as asking for God's protection on all human life from conception until natural death. For more information contact: Jennifer English, [amjadopt@comcast.net](mailto:amjadopt@comcast.net) 973 525-6692. or visit <https://40daysforlife.com/> Be Strong and Courageous. Do not be Afraid; do not be discouraged, for The Lord Your God Will be with You Wherever You go. Joshua 1:9

	Sunday Feb. 18 & 19 Readings:	No. 1110
Entrance Hymn	Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace	No. 703
Offertory Hymn	Make Me a Channel of Your Peace	No. 828
Communion Hymn	Not For Tongues of Heaven's Angels	No. 709
Recessional Hymn	They'll Know We are Christians	No. 835



**The Knights of Columbus  
Annual St Patrick's Day Dinner  
Friday, March 17, 2023**  
Two seatings 4:00pm to 5:30pm  
and 6:30pm to 8:00pm.  
Tickets are a must! For tickets  
or additional information you can contact  
Ed Shellman at 908-852-9758  
or 973-945-3947.  
Take outs are available as well.  
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