

DECEMBER 28, 2014
THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

MASS INTENTIONS

MEMORIALIZATIONS

- Sunday (December 28) The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
 8:00 Giuseppe Pascetta
Requested By: Family
 10:00 James J. Kiley
Requested By: Margaret A. Kiley
 12:00 Pro-Populo
 7:00 Spanish Mass
- Monday (December 29)**
 7:00 Alton Clemente & Felcy Fernandes
Requested By: Family
 9:00 Jimmy Ciotti
Requested By: Lina Rosanna & Paola Ciotti
- Tuesday (December 30)**
 7:00 Cheatham Eli Hodges
Requested By: The LaBouve Family
 9:00 Maria V. DeLuca
Requested By: Family
- Wednesday (December 31)**
 7:00 Thomas A. Stewart
Requested By: Thomas C. & Children
 9:00 Manuel Torres
Requested By: His Daughter: Millie Torres
 5:30 Anne Marie Dryer
Requested By: The Ajello's
- Thursday (January 1) Solemnity of Mary**
 9:00 Pro-Populo
 12:00 Charles Gawley
Requested By: Antoinette Cosentino & Michael Schwenk
 3:00 Spanish Mass
 7:30 Spanish Mass
- Friday (January 2)**
 7:00 Dominick Delia
Requested By: Fran & Ray Levesque
 9:00 Rosaria Federico
Requested By: Serafino & Maria Paonessa
- Saturday (January 3)**
 9:00 Rosaria Federico
Requested By: Mr. & Mrs. Mario DiFabio
 5:00 Pro-Populo
- Sunday (January 4) The Epiphany of the Lord**
 8:00 Mary Popo
Requested By: Debra Popo
 10:00 Mathew Ribeiro
Requested By: Lawrence & Maggie Braganza
 12:00 Vincent Malaspina - Happy Birthday
Requested By: Antoinette Malaspina
 7:00 Spanish Mass

- Altar Candles**
 Nicola & Gilda Pertelesi
Requested By: Daughter and Son in Law
- Sanctuary Lamps**
 Cornelius Reagan
Requested By: Reagan and Burns Families
 James Kohut
Requested By: Arlene and Doug Swankie

NOTES FROM THE LOFT Feast of the Holy Family

Traditionally, December 28 marks the feast of the Holy Innocents, those baby boys, ages two and under, who were sacrificed on the altar of Herod's pride and paranoia. This year that observance is pre-empted by the FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY. Having been circumcised on His eighth day, the Babe and His Mother and St. Joseph, probably still in or near Bethlehem, would return to the Temple for Jesus' ritual Presentation and Mary's purification forty days after the birth of a male child according to Mosaic law.


At some point, the Holy Family was visited by the astrologer/wise men/kings from the East. Respectfully, but naively, dropping in on the local royalty – Herod – they inadvertently factored into a sinister plot to murder the newborn King. After paying their Christ Child homage, they were warned in a dream not to make a report to Herod. Joseph, once visited in a dream by Gabriel to assure him of Mary's divine maternity, would also be mysteriously summoned. This time it would be an urgent and dire directive to flee to Egypt for Herod, who had exterminated his own sons and heirs, had issued an order encompassing Bethlehem to the south and Ramah to the north to kill all male children under the age of two.

Some of the loveliest CAROLS of the season celebrate the Holy Family. WHAT CHILD IS THIS (# 110) was set in 1865 to the melody "Greensleeves", a 16th century English folk tune. Not in our Missalette, the 15th century CHERRY TREE CAROL is both a carol and a 'Child ballad', that is, one of 305 English, Scottish, American ballads compiled in the mid 19th century, by Francis James Child, Harvard professor of English and renowned folklorist. Various versions present St. Joseph's working through the mysterious conception of his Bride's Child. The JOSEPH DEAREST, JOSEPH MINE lyrics originated as a lullaby in a 16th century German 'mystery' (religious) play; set to the melody of the 15th century RESONET IN LAUDIBUS (to be chanted at the incensing). Mozart's COME, SING A HOME AND FAMILY will be sung by the choir. # 104 ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY will be rendered in the style of England's King's Chapel with an a cappella entrance. Mass will conclude with # 99 THE SNOW LAY ON THE GROUND.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

December 29	3PM	Mt. St. Francis Convent
January 4	3PM	Mt. St. Francis Convent
January 11	3PM	Location to be Determined
January 19	3PM	Location to be Determined

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

 St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, thrust into hell Satan, and all other evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

THEOLOGY-ON-TAP



Assumption Church will sponsor Theology on Tap on Monday, January 5th at 7:30PM, *location to be determined*. The short talk titled, "Why do we have a Church? Why can't we just have a direct relationship with God?" Learn how these gifts of the 'one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church' can deepen our spiritual life and enhance our encounter with God. The talk will be led by Father Brian Graebe, Parochial Vicar of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church. Please join us for a night of fellowship, food, and drinks. Hope to see you there!

TITHING REPORT

Due to Christmas, the Tithing Report for December 21, 2014 was not available at the time of printing. Please look at next week's bulletin for a double report.

RESPECT LIFE



Sanctuary of Life This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Though he was conceived of a virgin, Jesus nevertheless lived as a son in a human family -- a family which points the way for the rest of us. The family is the sanctuary of life. There can be no life without family, and there can be no family without life. The family, above all, is where life is to be welcomed, no matter how fragile or inconvenient it may be. One of the many reasons why the Pope and bishops identify abortion and euthanasia as pre-eminent issues is because these crimes are committed by one family member upon another. May the Holy Family lead us to a Culture of Life! **The next Respect Life Holy Hour will be on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

MARCH FOR LIFE WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22, 2015



January 22, 2015 marks the 42nd anniversary of the Supreme Court decision, Roe vs. Wade, legalizing abortion and responsible for the deaths of over 55 million babies in the US. Please consider joining us and hundreds of thousands from around the nation at the March for Life in Washington DC on Thursday, January 22nd. Cost is \$35 pp. Assumption Church is also sponsoring an overnight trip for youth on January 21-22, grades 9 and above, to Washington DC for the March for Life. Events include: the "Life is Very Good" evening vigil of prayer and Eucharistic Adoration on January 21 and Youth Rally and Mass for Life, as well as the March, on January 22. Cost is \$60pp. Sponsorship for cost of the trip available on an as needed basis. Look for further details in future bulletins. Tickets are available for purchase by calling (845) 667-0781 or email at assumptionM4L@gmail.com. Come be a witness as a disciple of Christ for life!

SOLEMNITY OF MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD MASSES

New Year's Day: Holy Day of Obligation

December 31st Vigil	5:30pm
January 1st (New Years Day)	9:00am
	12:00Noon
In Spanish	3:00pm
	7:30pm

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS CAMPAIGN

Archbishop Dolan has asked the whole Archdiocese to respond to the needs of the hungry in our area with a special food drive from January 25 - February 1, 2014. Assumption Church (in conjunction with Fred's Food Pantry) is already doing a great deal to meet the needs of Peekskill's neighbors. We still wish to join in this Archdiocesan wide effort. So, on the weekends of January 26 or February 2, if your means allow you to do so, please consider bringing a bag of food to Mass. Our volunteer crew will be ready to 1) replenish our own Food Pantry and 2) Bring the extra food to Fred's Food Pantry after the Masses.

COULD YOU NOT PRAY WITH ME...?

First Fridays of every month are special times to visit our Lord, who is truly present in the Eucharist and is reposed in the Church. Friday, January 2nd, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Eucharist, will be on the altar for us to adore from 12:15 PM until 7:00PM. At 7:00 PM will be the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please come and spend some time adoring the Lord Jesus with us.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL



Gladys Latimer, Catherine Chesser, Janet Fortier, Linda McGarr, Loretta Donohue, Andrew Muller, George Strumke, Daniel Cairl, George Smith, Fr. Steven Clark, Cecilia Murphy, Walter Bittal, Patricia Cothren, Guadalupe Arango, Mario Garziona, Catherine Gleba, and James Brian Dolman

CATHOLIC PEEKSKILL

Assumption Church has its own television show called Catholic Peekskill featuring interviews and information relating to our Catholic Faith. Catholic Peekskill airs weekly on Cablevision TV Channel 15 on Tuesday at 9:30, Wednesday at 5:30pm and Sunday at 4:00 pm and can be seen from Peekskill to Tarrytown; and, on FIOS TV Channel 37 on Tuesday and Wednesday, 6:00pm in Westchester, Orange, Rockland, Putnam and Dutchess Counties.

PARISHPAY ACCOUNTS



Parish Pay is available for those interested in a secure and convenient way to support Church of the Assumption. This is an automated giving program enabling you to transfer monthly gifts, special gifts, and one-time donations directly from your checking, savings, or credit card accounts. Parish Pay also provides you with an annual contribution statement to submit with your taxes. There is NO cost for you to participate! A friendly reminder for our parishioners already enrolled: please check if your ParishPay account information has expired as many of our users have become inactive. For further information or help registering again, please feel free to call us at the Rectory and we would be happy to help (914) 737-2071.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT

The IRS states: For any contribution of \$250 or more, you must obtain and keep in your records a contemporaneous written acknowledgment from the donee organization indicating the amount of the cash and a description of any property contributed, and whether the donee organization provided any goods or services in exchange for the gift. Contribution statements for 2014, with contributions exceeding \$250, will be mailed out automatically by January 31st. If you have any questions or concerns about your statement please contact the rectory at (914) 737-2071.

ASSUMPTION'S CHEFS AND BAKERS

The Priests of Assumption would like to offer a heartfelt Thank You to Assumption's Chefs and Bakers. During the month of December numerous parishioners and friends sent many wonderful Christmas Treats (along with beautiful Christmas cards and gifts!). We want them to know that all was gratefully received and that the sweets and treats were consumed with delight. Thank you, Assumption Chef's and Bakers!

DIVINE MERCY APOSTOLATE HOME VISIT

Would you like for members of the Divine Mercy Apostolate to come pray in your home, to visit a family member or friend who is in a nursing home or hospital? The Divine Mercy Apostolate is a group of parishioners devoted to the Divine Mercy of Jesus through the Chaplet and the Divine Mercy Holy Hour, who seek to spread the love and mercy of Jesus by visiting homes, and those who are sick or dying in nursing homes and hospitals. If you or your family member would like prayers for any situation, we would be delighted to come and pray. To arrange a visit, or if you would like to join the Apostolate, please contact Conon or Annie Zuzarte at (914) 788-6817