

**JANUARY 15, 2017
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday (January 15) Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 Pro Populo
- 10:00 Frank Garziona
Requested by: The Regina DeRico Family
- 12:00 Loretta Donohue
Requested by: Husband and Children
- 7:00 Spanish Mass

Monday (January 16)

- 7:00 Carol A. Rohrbacher
Requested by: Conlin Family
- 9:00 Giovanni Battista
Requested by: Father John Higgins

Tuesday (January 17) Saint Anthony, Abbot

- 7:00 Silvino D'Ottavio
Requested by: Domenico Federico
- 9:00 Connie Pulice
Requested by: The Regina DeRico Family

Wednesday (January 18)

- 7:00 Domenico Federico
Requested by: Mr. and Mrs. Carmine DeLuca
- 9:00 Dr. Thomas Ramos
Requested by: June Ramos and Family

Thursday (January 19)

- 7:00 Domenico Federico
Requested by: Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Astrologo
- 9:00 Ella and Lawrence Zizzo
Requested by: Kathryn Vignini

**Friday (January 20) Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr;
Saint Sebastian, Martyr**

- 7:00 Domenico Federico
Requested by: Daniel J. DeLuca
- 9:00 Michael Porcelli
Requested by: Anthony Antunes

Saturday (January 21) Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr

- 9:00 Eliza Menezes
Requested by: Cacilda Vaz
- 5:00 Salvatore and Sam Mascalino
Requested by: Mary Lou Mascalino

Sunday (January 22) Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 Simeon Diesta
Requested by: Salve Delacruz
- 10:00 Pro Populo
- 12:00 Laura Piamonte
Requested by: Her Loving Children
- 7:00 Spanish Mass

Please notify an usher if you would like to bring up the gifts during a Mass for your loved one.

MEMORIALIZATIONS

ALTAR CANDLES

In Memory of the Carey & Eible Families
Requested by: Family

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Jennifer Brennen
Requested by: Priests of the Parish

WE KEEP DOING IT!



We are truly humbled by the generosity of Assumption's parishioners in continuing to come forward to contribute to the Renew + Rebuild capital campaign. Our goal of \$1,115,500 was surpassed just after Christmas; at the time of this bulletin's printing, a grand total of \$1,222,020 has been pledged from 334 families and individuals.

If you are considering making a pledge, please be aware it is not too late – from this point onward, since we have surpassed our goal, a higher percentage (85%) of what is raised remains in our parish. And, should we reach the lofty heights of 120% of goal – i.e., \$1,338,600 – 100% of the funds received after that mark is achieved will remain with us. (As every homeowner knows, there are always “surprises” for which one failed to budget; having a reserve to draw on at such times is a blessing.) If you would like to contribute, please contact the Rectory at (914) 737-2071.

Please pray for the success of all our upcoming renovation projects, and join us in thanking God for the wonderfully generous people of our Assumption family. God bless you one and all!

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE



January 15	3 pm	Assumption Church
January 22	3 pm	Assumption Church
January 29	3 pm	Assumption Church
February 5	3 pm	Assumption Church



Wedding Banns

Second Time: Christopher Brogan & Raaquel Thomas
First Time: Rodolfo Marquez & Hilda Heras

DAY OF PRAYER AND PENANCE

Please be aware that, this year, the day of prayer and penance for offenses committed against life is **Monday, January 23** – a day Catholics should observe by offering sacrifices and prayers to God for the conversion of hearts toward being pro-life.

TITHING REPORT

January 8, 2017.....\$10,779.60
(includes Parish Pay amount of \$608.60)
Catholic University Collection 2017.....\$2,493.00

January 10, 2016.....\$10,568.01
(includes Parish Pay amount of \$674.01)
Catholic University Collection 2016.....\$2,389.00

If you would like to enroll in Parish Pay, please go to www.paritypay.com OR call the Rectory



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Gladys Latimer, Catherine Chesser, Janet Fortier, Linda McGarr, Andrew Muller, George Strumke, Cecilia Murphy, Mario Garziona, James Brian Dolman, Suzi Jo Bondra, Tony DeMilio, Margaret Kang and Carli Hermina.

PRAY ALSO FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Barbara A. Varricchio
Eulogio Rial

"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."

RESPECT LIFE



Three Key Themes. This week our nation honors the dream of equal human rights articulated by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. On January 22, we also mark the anniversary of the most egregious violation of human rights by way of the Supreme Court's decision in Roe v. Wade, which permitted the killing of children in the womb. During these days Christians will also observe the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity [beginning January 18]. These three themes intersect powerfully, as we pray that Christians will unite in effective service to all who are deprived of their rights and bring about a culture of Life, Justice and Love.

The next Respect Life Holy Hour is Friday, January 27 at 7:00 pm.

CALLED TO BE BLESSED... AND MORE!

As has become a custom at Assumption, our Church will once more offer a five-week Pre-Lenten Preaching Series. This year, during the weeks leading up to Ash Wednesday (March 1), the Preaching Series will zero in on the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew Chapters 5 – 7), from which each Gospel reading of those five weeks is drawn. Exploring the unifying theme "Called to be....," a special homily will be delivered at each Mass on a particular weekend. Beginning the first weekend (**Saturday, January 28** and **Sunday, January 29**), the initial message will be "Called to be blessed." Over the following four weeks, the focus will be on "Called to be light"; "Called to be peace"; "Called to love"; and "Too blessed to be stressed."

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS 2017

"We need to feed the hungry in the name of Jesus, and that is a high honor and call. We need to make sure none of our neighbors are ever turned away when they look to the Church for help." – Timothy Cardinal Dolan

During the week of **Sunday, January 29 – Sunday, February 5**, Cardinal Dolan is calling on Catholics and non-Catholics alike to feed our neighbors by replenishing food pantries and soup kitchens that so many families rely on to survive. Assumption, in conjunction with Fred's Food Pantry, already does a great deal toward meeting the needs of the hungry in Peekskill, but we still wish to heed the Cardinal's call to join in this Archdiocesan-wide effort. So, on the weekends of **January 28 and 29** and/or **February 4 and 5**, if your means allow, consider bringing a bag of non-perishable food when you come to Mass. Our volunteers will thus be able to restock our own Food Pantry and bring anything extra to Fred's Food Pantry.

MARCH FOR LIFE 2017

The pilgrimage to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life takes place on **Friday, January 27**. Forty-four years ago, the Supreme Court handed down its decision in Roe v. Wade, legalizing abortion and leading to the deaths of 60 million babies in the USA. Please join hundreds of thousands from around the nation as we march to stop abortion. The cost is \$40 per person. The day will begin with a 5:00 am Mass at Assumption, with our bus(es) scheduled to depart for Washington at 6:00 am; anticipated return time is between 10:00 – 11:00 pm. Please bring your own lunch, and remember to dress warmly and comfortably! In addition, Assumption is once again sponsoring an overnight youth trip (**Thursday, January 26 into Friday, January 27**) so young people (Grades 8 and above) can attend the Vigil Mass and a "Life is Very Good" evening prayer on Thursday, then participate in the Youth Rally and the March on Friday. The cost of the youth trip is \$70 per person, and sponsors for the cost of that trip are very welcome! Tickets are available by calling the Rectory at (914) 737-2071 or calling Juliet Juarez at (914) 382-3185 for the day trip or Blanca Zhungo at (914) 774-4011 for the overnight trip.

FAMED PREACHER COMING TO ASSUMPTION

Assumption is pleased to announce that Saulo Hidalgo – renowned lay Catholic preacher and minister of healing – will be coming to our Church in mid-February for a Healing Mass and a Pre-Lenten Retreat. Mr. Hidalgo, born in the Dominican Republic and residing in Texas, will preach at both the Healing Mass and during the day of retreat.

Friday, February 10: The evening of the Healing Mass begins at 6:30 pm with recitation of the Rosary. Father Vincent Druding will then celebrate Mass at 7:00 pm, followed by a Eucharistic Procession. Mr. Hidalgo will preach after the Procession and Benediction. A laying-on-of-hands service concludes the evening. (Music during the evening will be provided by the Kevin Donovan Band.)

Saturday, February 11: The Pre-Lenten Retreat will begin at 8:30 am with recitation of the Rosary and a Mass at 9:00 am; a light breakfast will be served, followed by a day of talks by Mr. Hidalgo. Agnus Dei Ministries will provide Praise and Worship music throughout the day, which will also include a Holy Hour, discussion and a break for lunch. The cost of the Retreat is \$10 per person and is open to all age 15 and above. For tickets, please call (914) 486-8674; tickets can also be purchased after all Masses on the weekends of **January 28 and 29** and **February 4 and 5**.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT ASSUMPTION

It takes many people to see to it that a parish runs smoothly. In our continuing series highlighting parish employees and volunteers, we focus this week on Gary Diehl, Groundsman at Assumption Cemetery.



"Hi, my name is Gary Diehl. I was born and raised in Peekskill and have lived here my whole life.

I started working for Assumption Cemetery in May of 1982. From the very first day, I knew this is what I wanted to do. I've always enjoyed working outdoors, while also providing comfort to families going through such a tough time in their lives.

My wife, Diane, and I are blessed with three children – Craig, Ruby and Gary John – and our wonderful grandkids CJ, Emma, Olivia and Kaleb.

Over the years, I've seen many changes within the cemetery and also within the community, but the one thing that never changes is the dedication of so many to the Assumption parish."

THE BEST NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst."
(John 4:14)

The best New Year's Resolution you can make for yourself is to discover Christ in 2017. Come explore answers to questions about God and the meaning of life as you deepen your personal relationship with Jesus. Join fellow seekers on Monday evenings for "Discovering Christ," a seven-week series at Assumption beginning next **Monday, January 23** in Father Wilson Hall and continuing through March 6 (with a life-changing retreat on Saturday, February 25). Weekly sessions (from 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm) will include free dinner, prayer time, interactive video presentation on a core Gospel message and small group discussion in a non-judgmental atmosphere. The group of participants is limited in size, so reservations are required, and you must be at least 18 years old. To reserve your place, go to www.dcassumption.eventbrite.com OR e-mail discoveringchrist.assumption@gmail.com OR telephone (914) 402-4439. For more detailed info on the Discovering Christ series, visit <https://christlife.org/discover>.

CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT FOR 2016

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rule in regard to charitable contributions 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 good or services in exchange for the gift.* Statements for 2016 for contributions to Assumption Church of \$250 or more will be mailed out by **January 31**. Should you have any questions or concerns about your statement, please contact the Rectory at (914) 737-2071.

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

Second and Third Sundays in Ordinary Time
January 15 and January 22, 2017

The childhood of Jesus was lived in obscurity. Matthew and Luke provide details of His conception, birth, naming and circumcision eight days later, and His ritual presentation in the Temple forty days after His birth.

The Holy Family resided in a "house" in the Bethlehem/Jerusalem area when they were visited by the Magi (Matthew 2:10-11) and from which they furtively departed for Egypt, prompted by the angelic warning that Herod wanted to kill this newborn king.

Eventually, they returned to Nazareth and, in the Child's twelfth year, the Holy Family made its annual Passover pilgrimage to Jerusalem, during which Mary and Joseph find their "lost" son dialoguing with Jewish scholars in His "Father's house" (Luke 2:49).

Eighteen years later, the Gospels of Mark and John pick up the story, reporting – along with Matthew and Luke – on the emerging public life of Jesus. He quietly seeks baptism in the Jordan River from his cousin John, at which the Baptist is given a revelation of Christ's divinity.

Matthew records the Lord's retreat into the desert and subsequent temptations during forty days of prayer and preparation for the launch of His mission.

Jesus returns to Galilee, proclaims the Kingdom and calls the Twelve. The rest of the story will unfold over the next 49 weeks of Ordinary Time!

Music of Ordinary Time should reflect scriptural themes. OF THE FATHER'S LOVE BEGOTTEN (#85) is the work of the Latin poet (Marcus) Aurelius Clemens Prudentius (circa 348 – 413 AD). Regarded as the "most prominent and prolific" of the early Latin poets, his work is treasured by the Western (Roman) Church. Originally titled "Of the Father's Heart Begotten" (*Corde Natus*), the words were married to the Tenth Century plainchant known as "Divinum Mysterium." It will be sung by Choir both freely as plainchant and to a dance-like triple meter.

In response to our call to discipleship, Choir Mass for next Sunday (January 22) will include HERE I AM, LORD (#376) and SERVANT SONG (#374).

IN CHRIST ALONE (#404) is a contemporary work by internationally-known composer Julian Keith Getty of Northern Ireland and English songwriter/cantor Stuart Townsend. Their first collaboration, this modern hymn expresses their vision of the great hope which Christ's life, love and redeeming death offer to a desperate humanity.

SEÑOR DE ESQUIPULAS



The ebony-colored statue of Christ of Esquipulas – the "Cristo Negro" – is an image of Jesus crucified and is revered by millions in Central America. The original 400-year-old image is housed in the Basilica of Esquipulas in Guatemala.

When Saint John Paul II visited the Basilica in 1996, he stated this crucifix is "a most perfect and complete image" of Christ on the Cross. The feast day of the Cristo Negro is January 15. A replica of the original image is on display in our Church this weekend (**Saturday, January 14** and **Sunday, January 15**), with a celebratory Mass (in Spanish) being offered at 7:00 pm on Saturday.

ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL



VIRGEN DE LA ALTAGRACIA
Sábado, 21 de enero del 2017 – 7 pm
La Comunidad Dominicana invita a las fiestas y celebración en honor a la Virgen de la Altagracia, protectora espiritual de la República Dominicana.



SANTA EUCARISTIA Y RENOVACION DE LOS VOTOS MATRIMONIALES
Sábado, 11 de febrero del 2017 – 7 pm

Celebrando el día Internacional del Matrimonio

"LA FAMILIA QUE YO QUIERO TENER"

Invitado: Hno. Saulo Hidalgo
Local: Templo Parroquial
Informes y detalles:

Oficina del Ministerio Hispano, Dcn. Carlos Campoverde

Domingo, 12 de febrero del 2017 - 2:30 pm

Asamblea de Oración, Evangelización y Sanación

"LEVANTANDO LOS MUROS CAIDOS"

Invitados: Hno. Saulo Hidalgo
Música: Voces Misioneras
Local: Auditorio Padre Wilson

Costo: \$10 por persona

Incluye Refrigerio

Auspicia: Ministerio Hispano de la Asunción y Grupo Apostólico Legión de María

Esta asamblea es abierta para todos, ofreceremos cuidado de niños

VIII EDICION DE BAUTISMOS COMUNITARIOS

Sábado, 22 de abril del 2017 - 7:00 pm

¿Por qué bautizar a los niños pequeños?

El bautismo es la puerta del encuentro con Cristo, el fundamento de toda la vida cristiana y la incorporación al pueblo de Dios, la Iglesia

Fuente: Catholic.net

El Bautismo es una gracia Inestimable

El Bautismo nos hace hijos de Dios. Gálatas 4, 5-7

El Bautismo es la fuente de la vida nueva en Cristo.

Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (CIC) 1253

El Bautismo nos lava el pecado. Hechos 2, 38

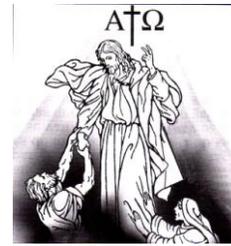
El Bautismo nos incorpora a Cristo, Romanos 8, 29. CIC 1272 y a la comunidad de salvación. CIC1273

El Bautismo nos imprime el "sello del Señor" con que el Espíritu Santo nos ha marcado para el día de la redención. Efesios 4, 30



Los padres privarían al niño de la gracia inestimable de ser hijo de Dios si no le administraran el Bautismo.

Informes en la Casa Parroquial o en la Sacristía después de nuestras Misas en Español y con las Catequistas: Sras. Elizabeth Recinos, Helen Salazar, Judith López, Antonia Yunga y Ana Hidalgo.



MINISTERIO DE FUNERALES

PASTORAL DEL DUELO

"Existe en nuestra parroquia una costumbre de celebrar un novenario o vela de difuntos en la casa o en la funeraria durante los nueve días que siguen a la muerte de uno de sus miembros familiares; se reúnen los amigos y vecinos y en un ambiente de recogimiento se recita algunas oraciones cada noche.

El Grupo que presentamos ahora buscan prestar un servicio a quienes quieren entrar en el espíritu de la renovación de la piedad recomendada por el Concilio Vaticano II.

"Dejarse ayudar en el duelo es algo muy sano." ¿Quiénes forman parte de este noble Ministerio o Pastoral de Duelo. Está formado por el Grupo Apostólico Legión de María, coordinado por nuestros clérigos. P. John Higgins, P. Vicente Druding y el Diácono Carlos Campoverde quienes pasaron por similar experiencia elaborándola positivamente, conocedores de la dinámica de relación de ayuda y del mundo interior del sufriente. Además los miembros de la Legión de María, están debidamente capacitados para explorar los "recovecos del sufrimiento."

El grupo es la ocasión para ayudar y ser ayudados, expresar libremente el propio sufrimiento, compartir la esperanza y sanear las heridas reactivando el poder terapéutico de cada uno.

El grupo de ayuda no es una reunión social de amigos. No convoca el sufrimiento sino la necesidad de elaborar el duelo. No es para transferir el sufrimiento sino el método de sanación.

SI USTEDES DESEAN ESTE SERVICIO POR FAVOR LLAME A LA CASA PARROQUIAL LAS 24 HORAS AL TELEFONO 914-737-2071 O AL DIACONO CARLOS CAMPOVERDE 914-334-2768

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