

FEBRUARY 26, 2017
EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday (February 26) Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 Charles Miller, Jr.
Requested by: Mary Ellen Frost
- 10:00 Diogo L. Fernandes
Requested by: Natalia Fernandes
- 12:00 Pro Populo
- 7:00 Spanish Mass

Monday (February 27)

- 7:00 Baldomero de la Cruz
Requested by: Salve Delacruz
- 9:00 Jeanette Geraci
Requested by: Her Family

Tuesday (February 28)

- 7:00 Henry Polycarp McWilliam
Requested by: Priests of the Parish
- 9:00 Dolores Croke
Requested by: Connie and Family

Wednesday (March 1) Ash Wednesday

- 5:30 Spanish Mass
- 7:00 Barbara Jones
Requested by: Juliet Juarez
- 9:00 Janet Stewart
Requested by: A Friend
- 12:00 Liturgy of the Word
- 3:00 Liturgy of the Word
- 4:15 Liturgy of the Word
- 6:00 Liturgy of the Word
- 7:30 Spanish Mass

Thursday (March 2)

- 7:00 Lorraine Groark
Requested by: Evelyn Caterham
- 9:00 Dominick and Frank Santulli
Requested by: Family

Friday (March 3) First Friday; St. Katharine Drexel

- 7:00 Paul Satinkas
Requested by: The Mora Family
- 9:00 Kevin J. Bristol
Requested by: Kathi

Saturday (March 4) First Saturday; St. Casimir

- 9:00 Donsao-Diesta Families
Requested by: Salve Delacruz
- 5:00 Pro Populo
- 7:00 Spanish Mass

Sunday (March 5) First Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 Joseph Pedro
Requested by: Filomena Rodrigues
- 10:00 Casper Knizeski
Requested by: Arlene and Doug Swankie
- 12:00 Diogo L. Fernandes
Requested by: Natalia and Family
- 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

Michael Nardone, Jr.
Requested by: Trudy

SANCTUARY LAMPS

Michael Nardone, Jr.
Requested by: Trudy

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

First Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2017

Lent begins the journey toward Easter, the feast of our triumphant redemption, the happy ending to a sad "story." The Church begins this penitential time with the "reason for the season," taking us back to the Garden of Eden – Paradise – to where our human story begins.

The First Reading is from Genesis. Enter the adversary, Satan. "*Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the Lord God had made.*"

The Tempter teases with a question, "*Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees...?*" Promising "wisdom," the Liar gets bolder. He mocks the divine admonition, countering Eve's response with "*You certainly will not die!*" The woman is seduced; Adam acquiesces.

What was their sin? Prideful disobedience, plus the failure to trust their loving Father whom they thought had deceived them! Darkness and death enter the world but also the promise of redemption.

It is the fullness of time. It is the next great temptation. Enter Jesus – the Second Adam – not into a garden but into a desert, weak and fasting. The Tempter returns, seeking certainty: "*If you are the Son of God... command that these stones become... bread... Throw yourself down... angels will support you.*"

And then, the lie about what is his: "*All these [kingdoms] I shall give to you, if you... worship me.*"

Jesus unmasks him, calling out His adversary – "*Get away, Satan!*" – and sends him away, vanquished. For the time being.

In the Second Reading, St. Paul lends encouragement: The sin of Adam is erased by the grace of Christ. Mercy triumphs over judgment, and righteousness is restored to the condemned. It is the story of Easter!

The music of Lent has echoes of the music of Advent. GOD BEYOND ALL NAMES (#420), by Bernadette Farrell, reminds us we have been made in God's image. Gerard Chiusano's MARANATHA (#72) recalls the fall of humanity and its longing for redemption. Peter Warlock set a 15th Century lyric to his ADAM LAY yBOUNDED. With haunting minor key and tick-tock rhythm, it draws the listener into humanity's experience of centuries of waiting – "*All for an apple that he took.*"

With these pieces, along with Kevin Keil's SIGNED BY ASHES (#115) and the timeless chant ATTENDE, DOMINE, Choir will usher in Lent on March 5.

TITHING REPORT

February 19, 2017.....\$12,840.00
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$800.00)

February 21, 2016.....\$11,809.74
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$675.74)

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

RESPECT LIFE



Married to God. Today's First Reading (Isaiah 49:14-15) and Gospel (Matthew 6:24-34) reveal that God loves us so much that He describes Himself as our spouse. He is not content to "watch us from a distance" nor to simply "send" His love to us. Rather, he comes

radically close to us, fills us with His being and gives Himself entirely to us. We, in turn, are called to give ourselves entirely to Him, as to a spouse. The marriage between God and His people, between Christ and His Church, is both permanent and fruitful. This bond of love cannot be broken. Moreover, it always brings about new life in the spirit. It is because the Church is the Bride of Christ that she proclaims the dignity of all human life and calls us to welcome every life with generosity.

The next Respect Life Holy Hour is Monday, March 27 at 7:00 pm.

A DAILY DOSE OF LENT

They're not just our priests but potential YouTube sensations! Father Higgins and Father Vincent have been working on a series of short videos to be viewed as we journey through Lent. These "Lenten Moments" will be available through a number of social media outlets, with a new video posted each day on our website (www.assumptionpeekskill.org), on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CatholicPeekskill), and on our Catholic Peekskill YouTube Channel. To make it even more effortless, you can choose to have your Lenten Moment delivered to your inbox or mobile device each morning, via e-mail or text message, from Flocknote (one of Assumption's communication tools). There's no cost involved – you don't have to download anything or create a password or jump through any kind of technological hoop. Just go to www.flocknote.com/assumptionpeekskill to sign up, or text PEEKSKILL to 84576. (If texting, you'll receive a confirmation text back from Flocknote and a second message with a link to click to complete the process; click the link, choose "Assumption Lent" and any other groups of interest.)

THE ALL-ENCOMPASSING PENITENTIAL SPIRIT

The penitential spirit of Lent is both personal and communal. On an individual level, each person must choose how he or she will show forth this spirit of penance. On a communal level, we join together as a Church and a parish to show sorrow for our sins and the sins of the whole world. At the end of Mass and Liturgy of the Word services on Ash Wednesday, everyone will receive a small purple square of cloth to be worn throughout Lent as a sign of our efforts to repent and make reparation to God.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL



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

PRAY ALSO FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Tyrone Brown
 Velton Bender
 Marie Moramarco
 Maria N. Pisani
 Marie Salerno
 Matilda Nekvapil
 Otto H. Gazzigli
 Joan M. Sewalk
 Virginia C. Bourne

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

THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER

Much as we long to hold onto the peace and goodwill engendered by Christmas, it's time to take down the decorations (and make room for Easter on the horizon!) During the recent holiday season, Assumption Cemetery's gravesites were festooned with beautiful wreaths and floral arrangements. In order to prepare for springtime, though, cemetery personnel will begin removing all remaining winter decorations this **Wednesday, March 1**.

...BUT ST. PATRICK'S DAY IS ALMOST HERE!



And, as has become Peekskill tradition, a special St. Patrick's Mass will be celebrated at Assumption on **Saturday, March 11** at 1:30 pm, prior to the start of the 28th Annual Peekskill St. Patrick's Parade. Come join Grand Marshal Michael

O'Hanlon and his Aides Alan Drogy, Dr. William Higgins, Police Chief Eric Johansen and Steven Zwick at this celebratory Mass, which includes musical accompaniment by talented local musicians. After the Mass, stroll into town and enjoy the parade!



Ashes will be distributed on **Wednesday, March 1:**

5:30 am	Spanish Mass
7:00 am	Mass
9:00 am	Mass
12:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word Service
3:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word Service
4:15 pm	Liturgy of the Word Service (with CCD students); all are welcome
6:00 pm	Liturgy of the Word Service
7:30 pm	Spanish Mass

A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC MEN



An ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service) Retreat for Men will be held this **Thursday, March 2 through Sunday, March 5**. Presented by men who have attended prior ACTS retreats and under the guidance of a Spiritual Director, the Retreat

will begin at Church of the Holy Name of Mary in Croton-on-Hudson on Thursday evening; transportation will be provided to the Don Bosco Retreat Center in Stony Point for the remainder of the Retreat, returning to Holy Name of Mary on Sunday morning for 10:45 am Mass. The goals are spiritual renewal, the strengthening of one's faith and its application to daily life, and the building of community through lasting friendships. The cost is \$299 per person; please make checks payable to "Church of the Holy Name of Mary – ACTS Retreat." (A limited amount of "need-based" financial assistance is available.) For more details, please call David Ciasca at (201) 446-6509 or e-mail hnmaactsny@yahoo.com.

RENEW + REBUILD: ONE LAST CHANCE

Though we've surpassed our original goal of \$1,115,500 in the Renew + Rebuild capital campaign – and even left the benchmark of 120% of original goal in the dust (meaning 100% of the funds received at this point will flow through for our sole use) – we're still at less than 20% participation in terms of the number of parish families who have joined in. It would be wonderful if more of our families and individuals would contribute any amount of money to our renewing and rebuilding. If you have already made your pledge, thank you! If you are still pondering the matter, a "one last chance" mailing will be sent out in the days ahead to ask that you prayerfully consider making a contribution. Pledge forms are also available on the tables near the back of the Church as well as in the Rectory or by accessing our website at www.assumptionpeekskill.org. Our current numbers (at the time of this bulletin's printing):

Initial Goal	Total Amount Pledged	% of Goal	# of Pledges	% of Families
\$1,115,500*	\$1,332,615	127%	386	18.4%

*(This "Initial Goal" figure of \$1,115,500 includes Assumption's 2017 Cardinal's Appeal goal of \$68,000; the "% of Goal" figure in the chart above is based on the Initial Goal figure less the Cardinal's Appeal figure – i.e., \$1,047,500.)

IMMIGRATION FORUM

Assumption will host an Immigration Forum on **Sunday, March 12** at 3:00 pm in the Church. Presented by a team from Catholic Charities, including an immigration lawyer, the forum (conducted in Spanish) will seek to bring clarity to the situation created by the current Executive Orders in regard to immigration, explaining the rights and remedies of those affected, especially Hispanic immigrants.



DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

February 26 3 pm Assumption Church
 March 5 3 pm Assumption Church
 March 12 – No Holy Hour –

A LENTEN DAY OF RETREAT



An inspirational way to begin the Lenten season is by attending the annual Lenten retreat at Mt. St. Francis on **Monday, March 13**. Sister Danielle Marie Baran, C.R., will help retreat-goers enter into the spirit of Lent, beginning with a 10:00 am

morning session, followed by Mass at 11:15 am, lunch, an afternoon session and prayer. The suggested donation is \$15 per person. For reservations, please call Sister Sheila or Sister Laura at (914) 737-3373. Bring your own lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided. (Mt. St. Francis is at 250 South Street in Peekskill.)

A SIMPLE LENTEN MEAL



During Lent, we are obliged to fast and, on Fridays, to abstain from meat. Each Friday of Lent, our CCD Confirmation students will be offering a simple meal of soup and salad at 5:30 pm in the Music Room (second floor of the Annex Hall),

prior to Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. Please join us this **Friday, March 3** for an evening of nourishment, both physical and spiritual.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The centuries-old practice of praying the Stations of the Cross is a way to show our union with Jesus Christ in His Passion and death, which becomes ever more meaningful during the season of Lent. Please join us in the Church for Stations of the Cross each

Lenten Friday at 7:00 pm.

LENT: THE FASTING & ABSTINENCE RULES

Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. ALL Catholics 14 years of age and older must abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent. As explained by the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, fasting means partaking of only one full meal that day; two other smaller meals may be taken during the day to maintain physical strength, but these mini-meals together should not equal a full meal in quantity. Abstinence forbids the consumption of meat but not of eggs, milk products or condiments made of animal fat.

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 exposed in the Church. This **Friday, March 3**, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Eucharist, will be on the altar for adoration from 12:15 pm – 7:00 pm. At 6:30 pm the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will take place. Come and spend time adoring the Lord Jesus with us.

(Please note that, due to Lenten Friday Stations of the Cross on the same day this week (March 3), Sacred Heart Novena prayers will begin at **6:30 pm** (rather than the usual 7:00 pm) so that the Stations can begin at 7:00 pm.)

ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL

LA CUARESMA SE INICIA CON EL MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA



Recordemos una mas vez estas palabras. **"En polvo eres y en polvo te convertirás,"** es una invitación para que todos acudamos a recibir la ceniza. Nuestra parroquia tiene programado para el día Miércoles 1ro. De Marzo, que es **Miércoles de Ceniza**, dos Misas en Español, la primera Misa será a partir de las 5:30 de la mañana y la segunda Misa será a partir de las 7:30 de la noche. **Arrepiéntete y cree en el Evangelio!**

IX EDICIÓN DE BAUTISMOS COMUNITARIOS



SABADO 22 DE ABRIL DEL 2017 7:00 PM

Invitamos a los padres y padrinos de los niños que se han anotado para la Novena Celebración de Bautismos Comunitarios, que la reunión ÚNICA de programación será el próximo día **JUEVES 2 DE MARZO desde**

las 7 de la noche en el Templo Parroquial. Informes en la Casa Parroquial o en la Sacristía después de nuestras Misas en Español con el Diacono Carlos Campoverde.



EL GRUPO APOSTOLICO " "LEGION DE MARIA"

Invita para el día Sábado 4 de Marzo para que madruguemos a las 5 de las mañana y hagamos juntos el rezo del Rosario de la



Aurora, para después a las 7 de la mañana participar de la Santa Eucaristía mensual en honor al Divino Niño. También invita a todas las personas hombres y mujeres que deseen pertenecer a un nuevo Presidium que Dios mediante tendrá el nombre de **"NUESTRA SEÑORA "REINA DE EL CISNE"**, las reuniones serán los días sábados desde las 9:45 hasta las 11 de la mañana, comenzando el próximo sábado 4 de marzo del 2017 en la sala de conferencias de la casa parroquial. **¿Qué hace la legión?** Orar y trabajar apostólicamente. Funciona con reuniones semanales de grupo, donde se ora, se revisa la actividad apostólica, y se estudian temas formativos para hacer más eficaz el apostolado.



El Grupo matrimonial **"Jesús, María y José"**, invitan a toda la comunidad a compartir la hora santa con el Rezo del Rosario Eucarístico el próximo día **jueves 9 de marzo, desde las 7 de la**

noche, aquí en nuestro templo parroquial, tendremos como invitados en el Rezo a la Hermandad del Señor de Esquipulas y en la música el coro de la Parroquia Santa Anastasia de Harriman, es gratuito, ofreceremos servicio de confesiones.

REZO DEL VIA CRUCIS EUCARISTICO PENITENCIAL 8:15-9:30 PM - TEMPLO PARROQUIAL



MARZO

- Viernes 3** "Legión de María"
"Virgen de la Nube"
"Apostolado de la Divina Misericordia"
- Viernes 10** "Cursillistas de Cristiandad"
"Virgen de El Cisne"
"Señor de Misericordia - San Fernando"
- Viernes 17** "Grupo de Oración N.S. Asunción"
"Señor de Esquipulas"
"Virgen de Guadalupe"
- Viernes 24** "Matrimonial Jesús, María y José"
"Virgen de la Merced/Altigracia"
"Niño Viajero"
- Viernes 31** "Legión de María"
"Purísima de Macas"
"Señor de los Milagros de Cumbe"
"Divino Niño"

ABRIL

- Viernes 7** Ministerio de la Sacristía
Ministerio de Acogimiento
Ministerio de Lectorado
Ministerio de Visita a los enfermos
Ministerio de Funerales

DOMINGO 12 DE MARZO DEL 2017



En estos momentos de tensión y de incertidumbre que viven nuestros hermanos indocumentados, tienen ustedes alguna pregunta sobre asuntos migratorios? El de grupo de ayuda comunitaria "manos abiertas" de la Iglesia de la Asunción invita al foro de asuntos migratorios sobre posibles cambios de la política de inmigración, por ejemplo: acción diferida para llegadas en la niñez (daca), no ciudadanos con condenas penales, etc. Usted tiene derechos por este motivo venga y haga sus consultas en el foro el **día domingo 12 de marzo desde las 3 de la tarde** aquí en el auditorio Padre Wilson, es gratuito. Auspicia servicios comunitarios de caridades católicas de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York.