

**MAY 14, 2017**  
**FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Sunday (May 14) Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 Giuseppe & Filomena Pascetta  
*Requested by: Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Diulio*  
 10:00 Pro-Populo  
 12:00 Filomena Pascetta  
*Requested by: Family*  
 7:00 Spanish Mass
- Monday (May 15) Easter Weekday**  
 7:00 Lucia DeRico  
*Requested by: Family*  
 9:00 Mother's Day Novena
- Tuesday (May 16) Easter Weekday**  
 7:00 Mother's Day Novena  
 9:00 Madeline Turrone  
*Requested by: A Family Friend*
- Wednesday (May 17) Easter Weekday**  
 7:00 Mother's Day Novena  
 9:00 Joseph Stinson  
*Requested by: Madeline Stinson - Wife*
- Thursday (May 18) Easter Weekday**  
 7:00 Louis C. Barbieri  
*Requested by: Nancy Rigger*  
 9:00 Mother's Day Novena
- Friday (May 19) Easter Weekday**  
 7:00 Mother's Day Novena  
 9:00 Vincenzo Vivencio  
*Requested by: Michelle Dalia*
- Saturday (May 20) Easter Weekday**  
 9:00 Mother's Day Novena  
 5:00 Manuel D'Cunha  
*Requested by: Lawrence and Maggie Braganza and Family*  
 7:00 Spanish Mass
- Sunday (May 21) Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
 8:00 Mother's Day Novena  
 10:00 Giuseppe Coppeta  
*Requested by: Family*  
 12:00 Pro Populo  
 7:00 Spanish Mass

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



**DIVINE MERCY**  
**HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE**

May 14	3 pm	Assumption Church
May 21	3 pm	Assumption Church
May 28	3 pm	Assumption Church
June 4	3 pm	Assumption Church

**MEMORIALIZATIONS**

**ALTAR CANDLES**

Maria Rosa Ciotti & Italina Salvate  
 Requested by: Elsa Salvate & Family

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**

In memory of the Carey and Eible Families  
*Requested by: Family*  
 Francesca & Pietro Burza  
*Requested by: Santina Valente*

**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE**

Ginny DiCola  
 Requested by: Pat Wassil

**NOTES FROM THE LOFT**

Sixth Sunday of Easter - The Music of Life & Love  
 May 14, 2017

The operative word in next Sunday's Gospel is IF. "IF you love Me, you will keep My commandments." And such wonderful things follow upon OBEDIENCE to that IF.

Jesus opens a floodgate of promises: "If you love Me (that is, if you keep My commandments), I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Advocate...the Spirit of truth." "If you love Me (that is, if you keep My commandments), I will come to you." "If you love Me (that is, if you keep My commandments), you will SEE Me!" "If you love Me (that is, keep My commandments), you will LIVE!" "If you love Me (that is, keep My commandments), you will realize that I am in My Father, and you are in Me and I in you. Whoever...observes them...loves Me... (and) will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him."

Jesus tells us to bear fruit that will last. In the 4th century A.D. St. Gregory, bishop of Nyssa, Turkey, wrote of the connection between a faith-filled life, keeping the Commandments and bearing fruit. "The reign of life has begun...a new birth...a new life. Faith is the womb that conceives this new life, Baptism the rebirth by which it is brought forth. The Church is its nurse; her teachings...its milk; the Bread from Heaven...its Food. In this new creation, purity of life is the sun; virtues are the stars; goodness...the air. Sound doctrine... (and) divine teachings...(are) the grass and plants that feed God's flock. THE KEEPING OF THE COMMANDMENTS is the FRUIT borne by the trees."

"I will not leave you orphans," Jesus promises. Sixteenth-century English composer, Thomas Tallis, wrote the motet, IF YE LOVE ME, memorializing Jesus' words: "If ye love Me, keep My Commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Comforter, the Spirit of TRUTH." (Jn.14:16)

Dr. Peter Latona, choir director at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Wash. DC., composed his hauntingly beautiful MANDATUM linking love with obedience. Contemporary songwriter, Michael Ward's A NEW COMMANDMENT also treats the theme but goes on to allay our fears of being orphaned with reference to the promised Spirit, our Consoler and Advocate. All three pieces will be sung at the Choir Mass next Sunday.

### TITHING REPORT

Fourth Sunday of Easter 2017.....\$11,279.08  
(includes Parish Pay amount of \$678.75)  
Fourth Sunday of Easter 2016.....\$12,317.00  
(includes Parish Pay amount of \$890.00)  
  
Trinity Dome Collection 2017.....\$2,716.00

If you would like to enroll in Parish Pay, please go to [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) OR call the Rectory

### RESPECT LIFE

#### Politics and Religion Do Mix



The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, in its doctrinal note "On some questions regarding the participation of Catholics in political life" (2002) said about St. Thomas More: "[He] gave witness by his martyrdom to the inalienable dignity of the human conscience. Though subjected to various forms of psychological pressure, Saint Thomas More refused to compromise, never forsaking the constant fidelity to legitimate authority and institutions which distinguished him; he taught by his life and his death that 'man cannot be separated from God, nor politics from morality.'"

**The next Respect Life Holy Hour, Friday, May 19 at 7:00 p.m. will honor Mothers in a special way, with a Healing Service and Refreshments afterwards in FWH.**

### THE MONTH OF MARY

The month of May has traditionally been dedicated to Our Blessed Lady and, as such, is the occasion for moving tributes of faith and love which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month, both in church and in the privacy of our homes, we offer up to Mary an especially heartfelt homage of prayer and veneration. Here at Assumption we will be honoring many images of Mary in the sanctuary throughout the month of May.



### HONORING 100 YEARS OF OUR LADY OF FÁTIMA

Join us the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays and the 13<sup>ths</sup> of the months of May-October.



Our Lady of Fatima made special promises for those who pray in a special way on the first Saturday of the month. In observance of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fatima apparitions, the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturdays (May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, and October 1) will consist of an 8:30AM Rosary, followed by the

9:00AM Mass, and closing with a 15 minute silent meditation on the mysteries after the 9:00AM Mass.

The 13<sup>ths</sup> of these months May- September will consist of a Rosary at 8:30AM, followed by the 9:00AM Mass, with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of October there will be a special 8:00PM bilingual Mass celebration with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament concluded with a reception in the FWH.



### PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

### PRAY ALSO FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Margaret Perez  
Iolanda Baldini Narciso  
John Francis Croake  
Dolores Ann Croake  
Walter Coletti  
Eugene J Vavrek

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

### BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

From Mother's Day to Father's Day, Assumption's Pro Life Ministry will sponsor a Baby Bottle Drive to support Birthright, which serve mothers in crisis pregnancies by helping them to choose and give life to their babies. Parishioners are invited to take a bottle home on the weekend of **May 13-14**, Mother's Day weekend, and return it with donations on the weekend of **June 17-18**, Father's Day weekend. You can find the bottles in the vestibule, with directions inside them. Thank you for helping to support this mission and to save lives!

### COME LET US SING TO THE LORD!

Young People's Music Ministry~~Grades 5-9



### Assumption Youth Spirit Singers

Auditions will be held: **Tuesday, May 16, 2017**  
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm – Music Room - Annex Bldg.

For More Information Contact:

Mary Mancini Tacca (914) 737-8872 OR

[marytmancini@msn.com](mailto:marytmancini@msn.com)

### A MOTHER'S PRAYER



"Father in heaven, grant me the grace to appreciate the dignity which you have conferred on me. Let me realize that not even the angels have been blessed with such a privilege – to share in your creative miracle and bring new saints to heaven. Make me a good mother to all my children after the example of Mary, the Mother of your Son. Through the intercession of Jesus and Mary, I ask your continued blessings on my family. Let us all be dedicated to your service on earth and attain the eternal happiness of your Kingdom in heaven. Amen."

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNION KIDS!



Over the past two weekends 111 young Assumption parishioners received their First Holy Communion! What a special day for them and for our parish. Hearty and heartfelt congratulations to them and to their families. May God who has begun the good work in them, bring it to completion.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION KIDS!



Next Saturday, **May 20th at 1:30PM** Bishop Peter Byrne, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of New York, will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to 96 young people from our CCD program. This is the largest number of candidates for Confirmation in many decades. May the Holy Spirit radiate in their lives and in their families!

## RIGHT TO LIFE HOLY HOUR

The primary role of every mother is to give life that symbolizes love and pains. To honor our Heavenly Mother and our earthly mothers, the Pro Life Ministry invites everyone to the Right to Life Holy Hour on **May 19, Friday at 7PM**. There will be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Recitation of the Holy Rosary and Eucharistic Healing Service. Light refreshments at Father Wilson Hall.

## "SIT SOMEWHERE ELSE" SUNDAY

We hope you enjoyed sitting somewhere else in the Church this Sunday and that it allowed you to meet parishioners you hadn't met before and, perhaps, make a few new friends. Studies have shown that the more relationships a person has in a particular church, the less likely he or she is to leave that church. The friendships we share with fellow parishioners can be among the most powerful and lasting – because they come from the Lord and help us grow toward Him.



**BIBLE SPORTS CAMP AT SAINT COLUMBANUS**  
122 Oregon Rd, Cortlandt, NY  
10567

Do you have kids who are in grades 5<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>? Come join us at Saint Columbanus for a Bible Sports Camp. This is a great opportunity for your child to grow in their faith and to learn its richness.

The camp will be for two weeks during the weeks of **July 10 to the 14th**, and **July 18 to the 21<sup>st</sup>**; from 8: 45am to 3pm. The price of the Camp will be \$200 for each child for the week. If you have siblings, the cost will be \$350. The camp will be run by Robert Carolan and Brian Dorrian; both are seminarians for the Archdioceses of New York. If interested please contact Robert Carolan at 914-420-1697/email at Bobbyc0206@gmail.com or Brian Dorrian 845-826-6602/email at bn24dorr@gmail.com.

Checks made out to Saint Columbanus Parish.

## 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 Father John Higgins, our Pastor.



"As proud as I am to be the Pastor of Assumption Church, there is one thing I can say I am yet still prouder to be: the son of John and Bernadette (Shaughnessy) Higgins. Born in New York City, I am the younger brother of Vincent (Elizabeth) Higgins (married and

living in Houston, Texas) and the older brother of Regina (Erik) Syversen who lives with her eight children in Stanfordville, New York.

We grew up in Millbrook, New York, and attended Saint Joseph Elementary School there and later, Our Lady of Lourdes High School (class of 1986) in Poughkeepsie, New York. It was at Thomas Aquinas College in Santa Paula, California (class of 1990) where I discerned God's call the priesthood.

After working for a year to pay off student loans, I entered the seminary system of the Archdiocese of New York and was ordained a priest on May 11, 1996. Shortly after ordination, Cardinal O'Connor sent seven of us to study Spanish in the Dominican Republic. I have served in three parishes as a priest: Holy Rosary in the Bronx (1996-2002), Saint Gregory Barbarigo in Garnerville, New York (2002-2005) and Church of the Assumption in Peekskill (2005 until present).

When I first came to Assumption, I served as Parochial Vicar under the great Msgr. Ansbro. On the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first time the Guardian Building was used, October 1, 2006, I became the 21<sup>st</sup> Pastor.

It has been a humbling honor to have a front row seat in seeing the things that God has been doing in this parish. What an amazing place! I would like to thank Assumption parishioners and staff for making it such a joyful and inspiring place to serve as a priest.

## FOUR SAINTS CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT AND DINNER

Hollow Brook Golf Club  
1060 Oregon Road.  
Cortlandt Manor, NY 10567  
**JUNE 12, 2017**

**Honorees:**

**Sister Gabriel Miriam**  
**Monsignor George Thompson**  
**Father Francis Samoylo &**  
**Father Tom Kreiser**

For registrations visit the webpage [www.foursaintscup.com](http://www.foursaintscup.com)  
Golf registration fee is \$250 per person, Dinner only option is \$120 per person, Sponsorship options are \$150 to \$5000. Want to support, but cannot attend, donation options are available too!



## ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL

### SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO

(Niños menores de 6 años)



Se celebran regularmente todos los días sábados a partir de la 1:00 PM. También ofrecemos el Sacramento del Bautismo el último sábado de cada mes dentro de nuestra Misa (7:00 PM). Se requiere llenar el formulario; asistir padres y padrinos a la catequesis pre-bautismal. Nota: deben traer al momento de la inscripción el certificado de nacimiento del niño (a). Los padres deben estar participando en nuestras Misas regulares.

### SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACION

Los días sábados desde las 4:00 PM hasta las 5:00PM. Los días domingos desde las 6:30 PM. en la Iglesia; y, todo el tiempo en la Casa Parroquial, previa cita.

### MINISTERIO DE CUIDADO PASTORAL A LOS ENFERMOS-ANCIANOS Y PRISIONES

Llame a la Casa Parroquial para los arreglos, nosotros le asignaremos a un Ministro de la Santa Eucaristía para que lo visite ya sea en el Hospital o en la casa. En casos particulares de ancianos, enfermedad o de condición seria, por favor ponerse en contacto con uno de los Sacerdotes para que reciba el Sacramento de la Unción.



### SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Hacer los arreglos para la planificación seis meses antes de fijar la fecha de la boda. Llame a la Rectoría y haga cita con los Sacerdotes: P. Higgins, P. Vincent, o el Diacono Carlos Campoverde

### CATEQUESIS PRE-MATRIMONIALES

(PRECANA) 2017

DIA 2 Sábado: 27 de Mayo 9:00 a 3:00 PM Anexo

DIA 2 Sábado 24 de Junio 9:00 a 3:00 PM Anexo

### CATEQUESIS PLANIFICACION NATURAL

FAMILIAS 2017

SESION 1 Domingo 4 de Junio 9am - 1pm Sala de Música

SESION 2 Viernes 7 de Julio 7pm - 9pm Casa 911

### PRO-VIDA

Invitamos a la comunidad a la Hora Santa mensual bilingüe Pro-Vida, el próximo día **viernes 19 de mayo** desde las 7:00pm hasta las 8:00pm.



### AVE MARÍA PURÍSIMA! SIN PECADO CONCEBIDA!

Estamos ya en el mes de Mayo mes dedicado a la Virgen María, por este motivo Los tres Presidios de La "Legión de María" invitamos a compartir el Rosario de la Aurora todos los sábados de Mayo a partir de las 5:00am. a cargo de las devociones Marianas invitadas:

Sábado 20- Virgen de la Merced

Sábado 27- Purísima de Macas

### DIAS DE AYUNO Y ORACIÓN

1917 - 2017- Centenario de las apariciones de la Virgen en Fátima.

"Mi Inmaculado Corazón será tu refugio y camino que te conducirá hasta Dios."

Sábado 13 de Mayo - 10: 00pm

Templo Parroquial

(a cargo del equipo del encuentro parroquial)  
Rezo del rosario -Vía Crucis mortificado y quince minutos de adoración al Santísimo! "He venido para pedirnos que vengáis aquí seis meses seguidos el día 13 a esta misma hora"

### Próximos días de ayuno y oración

Martes 13 de Junio a cargo de la Legión de María

Jueves 13 de Julio a cargo del Grupo Matrimonial

Domingo 13 de Agosto a cargo de Cursillo

Miércoles 13 de Septiembre a cargo del Grupo de Oración

Viernes 13 de Octubre cargo de todas las devociones



VIRGEN DE FÁTIMA

### CONFERENCIA PARROQUIAL



Fecha:

LUNES 22 DE MAYO DEL 2017

Hora:

7:00 pm-9:00 pm

Local:

Auditorio Padre Wilson

Exponen:

Hno. Diacono Carlos Campoverde

Hna. Victoria Vásquez

Música:

Coro Parroquial San Juan Bautista

Cuidado de niños - este evento es gratuito.

Todos son bienvenidos!!!!

### SOLEMNIDAD DE LA ASCENSIÓN DEL SEÑOR

"Día de precepto u de obligación"



Miércoles 24 de Mayo

5:30pm-Misa en Inglés

7:00pm-Misa Bilingue

Alumnos del C.C.D

Jueves 25 de Mayo

6:45am-Misa en Inglés

10:00am-Misa en Inglés

7:30pm-Misa Bilingue

Sacramentos de Iniciación Cristiana de los Jóvenes

"Tres jueves tiene el año que relucen más que el sol: el Jueves Santo, Corpus Christi y el día de la Ascensión"