

December 7, 2014
Second Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sunday (December 7) Second Sunday of Advent**
 8:00 Edward Ajello, Sr.
Requested By: Annmarie
 10:00 R. Victor Turriziani
Requested By: Priests of Assumption
 12:00 Monsignor Ansbro
Requested By: Assumption Parish
 7:00 Spanish Mass
- Monday (December 8) Immaculate Conception**
 6:45 Purgatorial Society
 10:00 Edward Ajello, Jr.
Requested By: Mom
 5:30 Pro-Populo
- Tuesday (December 9)**
 7:00 Michael Skelly, & Helen & Bill Semple
Requested By: Fran & Ray Levesque
 9:00 Janet & George Borich
Requested By: Daughter Karen
- Wednesday (December 10)**
 7:00 Alfred Diorio
Requested By: Friends
 9:00 Gaetano DeLuca
Requested By: Dolores & Chuck Marchewka
- Thursday (December 11)**
 7:00 Ms. Pacita Dellorso
Requested By: June & Mary Ramos
 9:00 Jerry Jones
Requested By: Jones Family
- Friday (December 12) Our Lady of Guadalupe**
 7:00 Irma G. Torres
Requested By: Joe Schuka & Family
 9:00 The Deceased Members of the Vignini & Zizzo Families
Requested By: Kathryn Vignini
- Saturday (December 13)**
 9:00 Lucia Lizotte
Requested By: Donna Sticco
 5:00 Santangalo & Beuchert
Requested By: Family
- Sunday (December 14) Third Sunday of Advent**
 8:00 Pro-Populo
 10:00 All Confirmation Candidates
Requested By: Priests of the Parish
 12:00 Dr. Edgar G. Barton
Requested By: Ellie Cococcia
 7:00 Spanish Mass

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


Wedding Banns

Third Time: Tim Lynott & Kate Coughlan
 Second Time: Jose R. Guevara & Tatiana Carolina Cruz
 First Time: Santos A. Reyes & Mirian A. Rubio



MEMORIALIZATIONS

ALTAR CANDLES

- Jessie Perrotto
Requested By: Family
 Bruno Valente
Requested By: Wife
 Deceased Members of the Guglielmo Family
Requested By: Marc & Rosemarie Fregeau

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

Second Sunday of Advent, New Year, Cycle B

MARANATHA. Maran- atha. Mara-natha. The word permeates the music of Advent, and aside from its pronunciation, presents a sort of 'what came first - the chicken or the egg?' conundrum. Its origin is Aramaic, the common language of the Jews in Jesus' time, as opposed to Hebrew which was their proper liturgical language (as Latin is ours.) It is not translated but rather transliterated into the Greek, and its meaning is disputed, as it can be interpreted in two very different senses, one looking forward, the other looking back. Biblical scholars behind the translations of both the New American Bible (used for the Readings at Mass) and the Revised Standard Version (preferred by others for its linguistic value for serious Scripture study) concur that the phrase can legitimately be understood both ways, as illustrated by St. Paul.

Looking back, "maran- atha" for Paul is a profession of faith in the fulfillment of the prophecies regarding an 'anointed' Savior, i.e. the Christ, promised in Genesis 3:15. In Jesus, the LORD (Adonai) HAS COME. In Romans 10:9 and I Corinthians 12:3, Paul speaks almost in the tone of excommunication (anathema) to those who claim to speak for the Holy Spirit, yet deny that Jesus IS the incarnation of the Lord of the Old Testament (Adonai).

Looking forward, "marana-tha" is found in I Cor. 16:22 and is clearly a command: LORD, COME! This is echoed in the closing words of St. John's book of Revelation 22:17, 20: "The Spirit and the Bride (the Church) say, 'COME!' COME LORD, JESUS!" It is clearly the prayer of the young church eager for the early return of the Bridegroom, for the Second Coming of Christ.

Whether it is the Latin "Veni" or the transliterated Aramaic/Greek "Maranatha", the music of Advent expresses the longing of the human heart and soul which calls for the return and ultimate union with its Spouse. Choir music will include MARANATHA! #73. The lamenting lyric recalls the Fall from grace through Adam's sin: "Christ Jesus, return for us! Bring us home!" And Eve's cooperation will be highlighted in the First Reading for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, Dec. 8. MARANATHA! You, Who have come, RETURN and find us doing good!

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

December 7	3PM	No Holy Hour
December 14	3PM	Mt. St. Francis Convent
December 21	3PM	Mt. St. Francis Convent
December 28	3PM	Mt. St. Francis Convent



TITHING REPORT

Christ the King November 23, 2014.....	\$ 10,804.25*
November 24, 2013.....	\$ 9,430.96
*includes ParishPay total of.....	\$ 634.96
1 st Sunday of Advent 2014.....	\$ 10,026.32
1 st Sunday of Advent 2013.....	\$ 9,726.96
*Includes ParishPay total of.....	\$ 1,328.32

RESPECT LIFE



The Divine Child's Birth Advent leads the Church to the Silent Night when God Himself is revealed as one of us. This season leads us to the joy of His birth. If God has joined His nature to ours, how can we ever allow our nature to be despised? If He has come to bring us Divine Life, and will return to take us to the skies, how can it be all right to throw people in the garbage? May His birth shed protection on all about to be born, and as we work to end abortion, may we "wait in joyful hope for the coming of Our Savior, Jesus Christ. **The next Respect Life Holy Hour will be on December 22, 2014**

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A CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS CONCERT



Our traditional Christmas Concert featuring MARY MANCINI, MARIO TACCA, and the VICTOR LIONTI STRING QUARTET, will take place in our Assumption Church by candlelight on Sunday afternoon, December 7th 2014 at 3:00 PM. A reception will follow in the Father Wilson Hall. Be sure to reserve the date and join us for this special evening of glorious inspirational music in preparation for the Birthday of Jesus! Tickets can be purchased at the door.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**



Inasmuch as Mary, under the title of the Immaculate Conception, is the Patroness of the Church in the United States, December 8, the Solemnity is always observed as a Holyday of Obligation. Because the feast falls on a Monday this year, there will be no Mass of anticipation.

Thus, Assumption Church will celebrate the Solemnity according to the following schedule:

Monday, December 8, 2014	6:45AM
	10:00AM
	5:30PM
	7:30 PM Spanish

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE

On Monday, December 8 from 9:00PM to 12:00AM, our parish will participate in the National Night of Prayer for Life. The purpose is to unite our prayers with Catholics throughout the country in an effort to turn hearts towards Christ thus bringing an end to abortion and the destruction it causes to all those involved. The hours are chosen to coincide with the conclusion of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

"PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD."

Assumption parish will be participating in Advent Reconciliation Monday, December 15th, 2014. All parishes in the Archdiocese of New York are providing the Sacrament of Reconciliation for all of our faithful from 4pm to 8pm in preparation for Christmas. No matter how long it may have been since your last confession; weeks, years, or even decades there is no time like Advent to know the mercy of God in the Sacrament of Penance. Seize this moment of grace. Bring a friend.

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

CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT CEREMONY

Next Sunday, December 14, 2014, there will be a Confirmation Enrollment Ceremony at the 10:00 AM Mass for all of the Candidates who will be receiving Confirmation in June of 2015. Please keep our dear young people in your prayers.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



On December 21st and 22nd, the second collection will be to help defray the significant cost for our beautiful Christmas flowers and decorations. These donations may be made in loving memory of our beloved deceased family and friends. Returning to a practice of some year, Assumption Church will publish these memorializations after Christmas in our Epiphany Bulletin. We simply request that all names be typed or printed neatly and that the number of names be limited to a few.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE



Friday, December 12, 2014, is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe who is the Patroness of the Americas and of the Unborn. Our Spanish Community will celebrate the Feast with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at Midnight (12:00am) Then will continue with *Mañanitas* beginning at 4:00am in anticipation of the feast. Assumption Church will then celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe with a Spanish Mass at 5:00 am. Followed by our regular English Mass schedule (7:00am and 9:00am) We will also have a bilingual Mass for Our Lady of Guadalupe at 7:00pm and a traditional meal afterwards in Father Wilson Hall.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2014

Christmas Vigil Mass	Wednesday, December 24 th (Vigil)	4:00PM
	<i>In Spanish</i>	7:30PM
Midnight Mass	December 25 th	12:00AM
Christmas Day	December 25 th	8:00AM
		10:00AM
	<i>In Spanish</i>	12:00 Noon
		2:30 PM

There will be a Lessons and Carols Service on Christmas Eve with our Adult Choir starting at 3:30PM

Also, before Midnight Mass we will sing Christmas Carols starting at 11:30 PM