

December 14, 2014
Third Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday (December 15)
 7:00 Martha & Raymond Abel
Requested By: Legion of Mary
 9:00 Adele & Gaetano DeLuca
Requested By: Mr. & Mrs. Anthony DiGregorio

Tuesday (December 16)
 7:00 Tyler A. Seger
Requested By: Cothren Family
 9:00 Michael & Elvira Bruza
Requested By: Sister, Santina Valente

Wednesday (December 17)
 7:00 Fr. Vincent Druding (living)
Requested By: A Parishioner
 9:00 Brian I. Stewart
Requested By: Tim & Siblings

Thursday (December 18)
 7:00 Maria Clorinda Hurtado Vda. Campoverde
Requested By: Assumption Choir
 9:00 Kevin Bristol
Requested By: MaryLou & Sam Mascalino

Friday (December 19)
 7:00 Josefa Prieto
Requested By: Family
 9:00 Maria Dunato Sacco
Requested By: Family

Saturday (December 20)
 9:00 John, Steve Jr, George & Michael Zorich
Requested By: Annie Buhs
 5:00 Margaret Pizzella
Requested By: Family

Sunday (December 21) Fourth Sunday of Advent
 8:00 Pro-Populo
 10:00 For All Expectant Mothers
Requested By: Priest of the Parish
 12:00 Luigi Vitale
Requested By: Lina, Rosanna, & Paola Ciotti
 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
 Jessie Perrotto
Requested By: Family
 Deceased Members of the Skorewicz & Fregeau Families
Requested By: Marc & Rosemarie Fregeau
 Rudy N. Colao
Requested By: Anthony Antunes

NOTES FROM THE LOFT Third Sunday of Advent

The O ANTIPHONS, which have been chanted at Evening Prayer in monasteries since at least the 5th century AD, celebrate an octave (eight days) of prayer from December 17-24. Based on the prophecies of Isaiah, each one highlights a title of the Messiah. The Benedictine monks arranged them purposefully. "If one starts with the last (Latin) title and takes the first letter of each one – Emmanuel, Rex, Oriens, Clavis, Radix, Adonai, Sapientia - the Latin words **ERO CRAS** are formed, meaning, "TOMORROW, I WILL COME!"

There is a logic to the sequence of the O ANTIPHONS. They begin with a reference to God the Creator who exists before the creation of the universe. He is addressed, "O Wisdom" (SAPIENTIA), who orders, designs all things. This antiphon also foretells that Jesus will be Wisdom Incarnate: "The spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom. (Is. 11:2).

God is acknowledged as Lord and Lawgiver: "O ADONAI", as Lord and Lawgiver. "The Lord our lawgiver, the Lord our king, He it is who will save us." (33:22).

The next five recall the messianic prophecies, culminating with Christ's birth.

O RADIX JESSE (radix: root, branch, rod, flower) "A shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse..." Jesse was the father of King David.

O (CLAVIS) KEY OF DAVID: "I will place the Key of the House of David on His shoulder." (Is. 22:22).

O (ORIENS) DAYSPRING: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light..." (Is.9:1)

O REX, (King), DESIRE OF THE NATIONS: "For a Child is born to us; a Son is given to us; and upon His shoulder dominion rests." (Is.9:5)

O EMMANUEL: "The Lord Himself will give you this sign: a virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and shall name Him Emmanuel." (Is.7:14)

The Choir continues to sing variations on O, COME, O COME EMMANUEL as we make our way through Advent to the glorious feast of Christmas! Today's CALL TO ADVENT, is a 'quodlibet' which blends that familiar melody with LET ALL MORTAL FLESH KEEP SILENCE.



Third Time: Jose R. Guevara & Tatiana Carolina Cruz
Second Time: Santos A. Reyes & Mirian A. Rubio

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER - THIRD WEEK OF ADVENT



Incline Thine ear to our prayers, O Lord, we beseech Thee; and make bright the darkness of our minds by the grace of Thy visitation. Who livest and reignest, with God the Father, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

December 14	3PM	Mt. St. Francis Convent
December 21	3PM	Mt. St. Francis Convent
December 28	3PM	Mt. St. Francis Convent

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

2nd Sunday of Advent 2014.....\$ 9,183.19*
 2nd Sunday of Advent 2013.....\$ 9,087.96
 Second Collection for Religious Retirement Fund...\$ 2,994.00
 *includes ParishPay total of.....\$ 634.19

RESPECT LIFE



Christmas: A Gift of Life "The Gospel of life is at the heart of Jesus' message. Lovingly received day after day by the Church, it is to be preached with dauntless fidelity as "good news" to the people of every age and culture. At the dawn of salvation, it is the Birth of a Child which is proclaimed as joyful news: "I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Lk 2:10-11). The source of this "great joy" is the Birth of the Savior; but Christmas also reveals the full meaning of every human birth, and the joy which accompanies the Birth of the Messiah is thus seen to be the foundation and fulfillment of joy at every child born into the world (cf. Jn 16:21)" (Pope John Paul II, "The Gospel of Life," n.1). **The next Respect Life Holy Hour will be on Monday, December 22nd at 7:00pm.**

"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. Confession guides are available at the doors of the Church.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

On December 20th and 21st, 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.

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
 7:00pm

BLESSING FOR EXPECTANT MOMS

The Fourth Sunday of Advent finds the Church waiting with the Blessed Virgin Mary and with Saint Joseph in anxious and joyful hope for the birth of the Savior. We invite expectant Moms to attend the 10:00 AM Mass next Sunday, December 21, 2014 to receive a special Blessing after Holy Communion as they too wait for the birth of their children.

Our Lady of Assumption... Pray for 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

MARCH FOR LIFE WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22, 2014

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 2015, 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!

NEW OPTIONS AT ASSUMPTION CEMETERY

Assumption Cemetery is now offering other options in the new Queen of Heaven section. Families can now purchase pre-need or as needed single depth graves for \$1,500 per grave that will allow a side by side option permitting a double width monument over both graves. This new option will allow spouses to have a double width monument without a two foot height restriction which the Holy Family Circle (Section J) maintains. Also, the perimeter of this new section is being made available for other burial options such as family mausoleums, above ground single or double crypts, as well single graves with large monuments. Please contact Assumption Cemetery for more information 914-736-5981.



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 12:00 Noon
	<i>In Spanish</i>	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