

**December 21, 2014**  
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Sunday (December 21) Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 8:00 Pro-populo  
 10:00 For All Expectant Mothers  
*Requested By: Priests of the Parish*  
 12:00 Luigi Vitale  
*Requested By: Lina, Rosalina, & Paola Clotti*  
 7:00 Spanish Mass
- Monday (December 22)**  
 7:00 Elizabeth Laffey  
*Requested By: Kevin Barry*  
 9:00 Edward & Jennie Knizeski  
*Requested By: Doug & Arlene*
- Tuesday (December 23)**  
 7:00 Jessie Perrotto  
*Requested By: JoAnna & Anna Pulsoni*  
 9:00 Luis Martinez  
*Requested By: Grandparents Ana & Luis Martinez*
- Wednesday (December 24)**  
 7:00 Purgatorial Society  
 9:00 Jackie Salicco  
*Requested By: Assumption Church*  
 4:00 Tyler A. Sager  
*Requested By: Friends*
- Thursday (December 25) Christmas**  
 12:00 Caroline B. Koziol  
*Requested By: Vega Family*  
 8:00 Benjamin Torres  
*Requested By: Schuka & Torres Family*  
 10:00 Elvira Ferraro  
*Requested By: Family*  
 12:00 Pro-Populo  
 7:30 Spanish Mass
- Friday (December 26)**  
 7:00 Mario Capone  
*Requested By: Capone Family*  
 9:00 Valerie Grabania  
*Requested By: Susanne Hansmann*
- Saturday (December 27)**  
 9:00 Denise Salvatore  
*Requested By: Family*  
 5:00 Hrdlicka & Wassily Families  
*Requested By: Henry & Nancy Hrdlicka*
- Sunday (December 28) The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
 8:00 Giuseppe Pascetta  
*Requested By: Family*  
 10:00 James J. Kiley  
*Requested By: Margaret A. Kiley*  
 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.*

**Wedding Banns**

**Third Time: Santos A. Reyes & Mirian A. Rubio**

**MEMORIALIZATIONS**

**ALTAR CANDLES**

Laura & Jerry Piamonte, & Jerri Laura Piamonte Strang  
 Requested By: Family  
 James J. Kiley  
*Requested By: Margaret A. Kiley*  
 Mom & Dad Pertelesi  
*Requested By: Daughter & Son-in-Law*  
 Carmella Shubert  
*Requested By: Arlene & Doug Swankie*

**SANTUARY LAMPS**

Jessie Perrotto  
 Requested By: Family  
 Vincent Russo  
*Requested By: Arlene & Doug Swankie*

**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE**

Michael J. DiBart  
*Requested By: Lilian Henning*

**NOTES FROM THE LOFT**

Sunday's liturgy opens with a paraphrase of Isaiah 45:8: "DROP DOWN DEW from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior." Set to the Gregorian chant known as the RORATE CAELI, it pleads and laments, "Thy wrath, O Lord, withhold from us and no longer remember all our transgressions. Lo, the city of the Lord has become a desert: Sion is now a forsaken land." The Lord responds, "Be ye comforted, O my People,...I come to save, do not be fearful... I am Thy Lord and Thy God...Redeemer of Israel." The second Eucharistic Prayer echoes this theme: "Make holy, therefore, these gifts, we pray, by sending down Your Spirit upon them LIKE THE DEWFALL..." Isaiah's prophecy that David's line would once again be restored is recalled in the lovely composition "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming".

Over the past three weeks, Choir Masses have featured a variety of ADVENT carols. The word, CAROL, or CAROLE, dates back to the Middle Ages. Of French and Anglo-Norman origin, it describes a joyous 'dance song' or 'circle song' originally associated with pre-Christian observations of the arrival of the four seasons, celebrated with ritual dance and song. Understandably, the observance of the Winter Solstice, the shortest day of the year (c. Dec 22), was the most enduring of all these rituals, so eager were people for the return of the sun! By placing the observance of Christ's birth at the time of the winter solstice, the Church brought a pagan world to anticipate the arrival of the SON!

The 'golden age' of English Christmas carols ran from 1350 to 1550. Their structure involved a blend of English and Latin, in verses separated by a refrain. Religious in nature, they were not limited to Christmas, but honored the Virgin, the Passion and the saints. The very elaborate compositions of the sixteenth century were known as 'art music' and were performed by trained choristers. Elizabethan times gave rise to traveling minstrel carolers, but, sadly, Puritan England eventually prohibited the practice. They went 'underground' until Victorian times.

On Christmas Eve, carols begin at 3:30 (4:00 Mass) and 11:30 (Midnight Mass). Come, carol with the musicians of Assumption Church!

**ADVENT WREATH PRAYER - FOURTH WEEK OF ADVENT**



Bestir, O Lord, Thy might, we beseech Thee, and come; and with great power come to our aid, that, by the help of Thy grace, that which is hindered by our sins may be hastened by Thy merciful forgiveness. 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 21	3PM	Mt. St. Francis Convent
December 28	3PM	Mt. St. Francis Convent
January 4	3PM	Mt. St. Francis Convent
January 11	3PM	Location to be Determined

**TITHING REPORT**

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 2014.....	\$ 10,210.19*
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent 2013.....	\$ 9,726.96
*includes ParishPay total of.....	\$ 634.19

**RESPECT LIFE**



**The Incarnation** "By his incarnation the Son of God has united himself in some fashion with every human being" (Vatican II, GS 22). This saving event reveals to humanity not only the boundless love of God who "so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (Jn 3:16), but also the *incomparable value of every human person*. The Church, faithfully contemplating the mystery of the Redemption, acknowledges this value with ever new wonder. She feels called to proclaim to the people of all times this "Gospel", the source of invincible hope and true joy for every period of history. *The Gospel of God's love for man, the Gospel of the dignity of the person and the Gospel of life are a single and indivisible Gospel*" (Pope John Paul II, The Gospel of Life, n.2). **The next Respect Life Holy Hour will be on Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm.**

**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.

**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](mailto:assumptionM4L@gmail.com). Come be a witness as a disciple of Christ for life!

**THE BLOOD DRIVE: A GREAT SUCCESS**



Special thanks to all of our parishioners who donated blood in our recent Blood Drive. Assumption Church was able to donate 28 pints of blood that have since, been separated into their components and will be distributed to patients in hospitals throughout the area. Blood Donors can give blood every 56 days.

*"And she gave birth to a son, her first-born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger."*  
 Luke 2:7

**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

**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!

**FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS CAMPAIGN**

Archbishop Dolan has asked the whole Archdiocese to respond to the needs of the hungry in our area with a special food drive from January 25 - February 1, 2015. Assumption Church (in conjunction with Fred's Food Pantry) is already doing a great deal to meet the needs of Peekskill's neighbors. We still wish to join in this Archdiocesan wide effort. So, on the weekends of January 25 or February 1, if your means allow you to do so, please consider bringing a bag of food to Mass. Our volunteer crew will be ready to 1) replenish our own Food Pantry and 2) Bring the extra food to Fred's Food Pantry after the Masses.

**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



**CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE 2014**

<b>Christmas Vigil Mass</b>	Wednesday, December 24 <sup>th</sup> (Vigil)	4:00PM
	<i>In Spanish</i>	7:30PM
<b>Midnight Mass</b>	December 25 <sup>th</sup>	12:00AM
<b>Christmas Day</b>	December 25 <sup>th</sup>	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*