

**JANUARY 11, 2015  
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Sunday (January 11) The Baptism of the Lord**  
 8:00 Pro-Populo  
 10:00 Sofia & Rocky Vidale  
*Requested By: Son & Daughter*  
 12:00 Brenda Ayala  
*Requested By: The Labauve Family*  
 7:00 Spanish Mass
- Monday (January 12)**  
 7:00 Allan Herling  
*Requested By: Brian & Marie Foster*  
 9:00 Dorothy Bennett  
*Requested By: The LaBauve Family*
- Tuesday (January 13)**  
 7:00 Deceased Members of the Demchar and Valetino Families  
*Requested By: Paul Demchar*  
 9:00 Maria V. DeLuca  
*Requested By: Family*
- Wednesday (January 14)**  
 7:00 Rosaria Federico  
*Requested By: Carmine & Maria DeLuca*  
 9:00 Charles Whitman  
*Requested By: The LaBauve Family*
- Thursday (January 15)**  
 7:00 Donald Ciago  
*Requested By: Assumption EMHC's*  
 9:00 Rosaria Federico  
*Requested By: Mrs. Elsa Salvate and Family*
- Friday (January 16)**  
 7:00 George Vaz  
*Requested By: Fatima Furtado and Family*  
 9:00 Diego L. Fernandes  
*Requested By: Natalia Fernandes & Family*
- Saturday (January 17)**  
 9:00 Rosaria Federico  
*Requested By: Joseph & Helen Pisano*  
 5:00 Salvatore Mascalino  
*Requested By: MaryLou & Sam Mascalino*
- Sunday (January 18)**  
 8:00 Palmina & Paul Asenso  
*Requested By: Yolanda DeRico & Family*  
 10:00 Pro-Populo  
 12:00 Adriana Meregalli  
*Requested By: Pisani 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.*

**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE**

January 11	3PM	Assumption Church
January 18	3PM	Mt. St. Francis Convent
January 25	-----	No Holy Hour

**SEÑOR DE ESQUIPULAS**



The ebony colored statue of Christ of Esquipulas is an image of Jesus Crucified and is revered by millions of believers in Central America. The original 400 year old image is honored in the Basilica of Esquipulas in the town of that name in Eastern Guatemala. When Saint John Paul II visited the basilica in 1996 he stated that this crucifix is "a most perfect and complete image" of Christ on the Cross. The patronal feast day of the "Cristo Negro" is January 15. A replica of the original image will be honored next weekend in our church.

**MEMORIALIZATIONS**

- Purgatorial Society**  
 Living and Deceased Members of the Lemak & Gyetko Families  
*Requested By: Donald Lemak*  
 John Paonessa  
*Requested By: Donald Lemak*  
 Charles Napolitano  
*Requested By: Donald Lemak*  
 Shirley Tudor  
*Requested By: Donald Lemak*  
 Margie and Paul Gilman  
*Requested By: Kim*  
 Tommy Duplessis  
*Requested By: Mom*

**NOTES FROM THE LOFT**

January 18, 2015

Today's feast of the BAPTISM OF THE LORD signals the end of the Christmas Season; today is the First Sunday of Ordinary Time. Mother Church, prudently ushers us back into ORDINARY TIME. Ordered time. Time to remember we are 'on mission' – SENT.

Next Sunday launches the 2015 "Week of Prayer for Christian Unity" – Jan.18 (Feast of the Chair – Teaching authority of St. Peter) and Jan. 25 (Conversion of St. Paul). This year's theme, "Give Me a drink" was formulated by representatives from the National Council of Christian Churches of Brazil (CONIC). Inspired by the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well, the ecumenical committee's theme has received approval from the Vatican's "Pontifical Council for the Promoting of Christian Unity."

That all may be one....The music of Ordinary Time should reflect on the mission of Jesus as Teacher, Healer, Redeemer and Light of the world. Like Christ, we the baptized, are also on "mission". As part of the "New Evangelization", we Faithful are SENT to seek out the lost sheep, especially our own, and to encourage them to come back to the fold.

Next week's First Reading recounts God's call of the young Samuel, and his response: "Here I am." This Scriptural text forms the basis for composer, Dan Schutte's popular piece, HERE, I AM LORD (1981). We have been singing his MASS OF CHRIST THE SAVIOR (#919 ff). A pioneer and icon in the field of contemporary liturgical music, Schutte, age 67, recently shocked and rocked his followers with a whole-hearted endorsement of Gregorian Chant: "The bishops are pointing out that we've been forgetting to honor our past by neglecting to sing chant in our worship. I heartily agree with this..." Go, Dan!

Next Sunday's Gospel presents Christ's call of His first disciples: "Come and see." THE SUMMONS (# 387) by John Bell (1987) set to a traditional Scottish melody challenges us: "Will you come and follow Me? Let My Name be known, if I but call your name?"

These pieces, as well as JESU, REDEMPTOR OMNIUM, will form the body of next Sunday's Choir repertoire. Translation: : "Jesus, the Redeemer of all, who, being the equal of the Father's glory, was begotten of the Sovereign Father before the beginning of light. The three Persons of the Holy Trinity are co-equal, co-eternal, and consubstantial."

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENT**

The IRS states: *For any contribution of \$250 or more, you must obtain and keep in your records a contemporaneous written acknowledgment from the donee organization indicating the amount of the cash and a description of any property contributed, and whether the donee organization provided any goods or services in exchange for the gift.* Contribution statements for 2014, with contributions exceeding \$250 will be mailed out automatically by January 31<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions or concerns about your statement please contact the rectory at (914) 737-2071.

**TITHING REPORT**

Christmas 2014.....	\$19,964.06
Christmas 2013.....	\$25,591.97
Holy Family 2014 .....	\$10,688.91
Includes Parish Pay.....	\$ 748.91
Holy Family 2013.....	N/A
2 <sup>nd</sup> Collection for Catholic Education.....	\$ 2,411.00
Holy Mother of God 2015.....	\$ 6,495.50
Holy Mother of God 2014.....	\$ 3,611.00
Epiphany 2015.....	\$12,537.00
Epiphany 2014.....	\$ 9,452.97
Includes Parish Pay.....	\$ 510.50

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY**

Assumption Church is proud to sponsor this year's Ecumenical prayer service for Christian Unity on January 25, 2015 at 3:00 PM. Christian congregations around the world will come together again the week of January 18-25, 2015, to pray for unity. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor have planned a week-long schedule of interfaith events in Garrison and Peekskill this year to mark this ecumenical effort for healing of divisions, and they invite Hudson Valley residents to participate with them. Father James Loughran, SA, Franciscan Friar of the Atonement, will preside and speak. The theme for 2015, Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (John 4:7), is based on the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman.

From January 18-25, 1908, Fr. Paul Watson, SA, and Mother Lurana White, SA, co-founders of the Society of the Atonement at Graymoor in Garrison, NY, celebrated the first Church Unity Octave, an eight-day period of prayers and seminars focusing on the cause of Christian unity. They wrote letters and articles encouraging others to pray with them "that all may be one ... that the world may believe" (John 17:21). In the late 1960s, the Octave was joined with other prayer movements to form what is now observed worldwide as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. On November 11, 2014, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops endorsed the cause for canonization of Father Paul Watson, SA, Servant of God, and Apostle of Christian Unity and Charity. Refreshments to follow in Father Wilson Hall.

**IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER 2014-2015**

Did you know that you can once again make a gift to your parish from your IRA and avoid paying taxes on your withdrawal? If you make the gift before February 1, 2015, you can elect to have that distribution counted retroactively for the 2014 tax year. To learn more, call the Office of Gift Planning at (646) 794-3317.

**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

**RESPECT LIFE**

**Baptism and Life** "Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what "life" really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await "eternal life" - the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that he had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10), has also explained to us what "life" means: "this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent" (Jn 17:3). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we 'live'" – Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical on Hope, November 30, 2007. **The next Respect Life Holy Hour will be on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

**MARCH FOR LIFE WEDNESDAY JANUARY 22, 2015**

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 per person. Assumption Church is also sponsoring an overnight trip for youth on January 21-22, grades 8 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 \$60 per person. 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! Please be aware that Thursday, January 22, 2015 is a day of prayer and penance for offenses committed against life.

**MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR BOOK BY JOHN J. ANSBRO**

The brother of Monsignor Francis Ansbro, Dr. John Ansbro, wrote a book about Martin Luther King, Jr. We have several copies available. Since next weekend is a three day weekend that includes Dr. King's holiday, these books will be available at the entrance of the church for a donation of \$10. There are limited quantities. First come first serve.

**Pre Lenten Preaching Series at Assumption Church**  
**God's Purpose For You in the Church**

*In the Sunday's Leading up to Lent, a special message will be delivered at each Sunday Mass:*

<b>WEEKEND</b>	<b>THEME</b>	<b>MESSAGE DELIVERED BY</b>
Sunday, January 18, 2015	Pillar #1 Prayer	Father Vincent
Sunday, January 25, 2015	Pillar #2 Confession	Father Higgins
Sunday, February 1, 2015	Pillar #3 Devotion to Mary	Father Higgins
Sunday, February 8, 2015	Pillar #4 Loving our Neighbor	Father Vincent
Sunday, February 15, 2015	Pillar #5 Eucharist	Father Joseph Espailat
<b>Lent Begins February 18, 2015 Ash Wednesday</b>		