

**DECEMBER 25, 2016
THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday (December 25) The Nativity of the Lord

- 12:00 Victorina and Emilio Juarez
Requested by: Juliet Juarez
- 8:00 Dominick and Mary Santulli
Requested by: Family
- 10:00 Pro Populo
- 12:00 Karol and Marta Hönisch
Requested by: Adriana Sarova
- 2:30 Spanish Mass
- 7:00 Spanish Mass

Monday (December 26) Saint Stephen, First Martyr

- 7:00 Stephen Sidorik
Requested by: Juliet Juarez
- 9:00 Rudy Colao
Requested by: Anthony Antunes

Tuesday (December 27) Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist

- 7:00 Edward Schuka
Requested by: Juliet Juarez
- 9:00 Valerie Grabania
Requested by: Suzanne Hansmann

Wednesday (December 28) The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

- 7:00 Edward Schuka
Requested by: Judy and Frank LoSasso
- 9:00 Thomas O'Gorman
Requested by: Donna O'Gorman

Thursday (December 29) Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop and Martyr

- 7:00 Edward Schuka
Requested by: Assumption Choir
- 9:00 Alton Clemente
Requested by: Family

Friday (December 30) The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- 7:00 Edward Schuka
Requested by: Arlene and Doug Swankie
- 9:00 Maria V. DeLuca
Requested by: Family

Saturday (December 31) Saint Sylvester I, Pope

- 9:00 For Those Enrolled in the Purgatorial Society
- 5:00 Thomas A. Stewart
Requested by: His Children

Sunday (January 1) Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

- 8:00 Pro Populo
- 10:00 Constancio Clemente
Requested by: Family
- 12:00 Margaret Kiley
Requested by: Ralph and Mariann Landolfi
- 2:30 Spanish Mass
- 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

- In Memory of the Carey & Eible Families
Requested by: Family
- Thomas and Mary Brogan
Requested by: James Brogan and Family
- Edward Schuka
Requested by: Peekskill Elks Ladies' Club 744
- In Memory of Gilda and Nicola Pertelesi
Requested by: Elena and Ray Matheson

SANCTUARY LAMPS

- Jennie and Edward Knizeski
Requested by: Family
- Casper Knizeski
Requested by: Michael Swankie

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

- Irene Jacoby
Requested by: Arlene and Doug Swankie

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE



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| December 25 | – No Holy Hour – |
| January 1 | – No Holy Hour – |
| January 8 | 3 pm Assumption Church |
| January 15 | 3 pm Assumption Church |

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Assumption Family and Cherished Visitors,

*Gloria in excelsis Deo! Come, adore on bended knee,
Christ the Lord, the newborn king!*

The Lord has come in a way no one expected – as a little baby born in utter poverty. God has become little so that we would not be afraid to approach Him. Angel choirs join with shepherds in united voice to adore God for His unfathomable act of love, condescending to be with mankind.

Like those shepherds who were the first human messengers of the Lord's birth, let us joyfully witness to others the love God has for us. Let us be messengers, telling others through our words and actions that God has fallen in love with His people and become one of us. Saint Augustine said, "God became man so that man could become God."

May the heart of Jesus live in our hearts that we may be messengers of His love and salvation to all people of the world. Merry Christmas!

In Jesus Christ the newborn King,

F. John J. Higgins

Father John J. Higgins

TITHING REPORT

Fourth Sunday of Advent 2016 (Dec. 18).....\$11,550.25
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$781.25)
 Second Collection (Christmas Flowers).....\$4,151.00

Fourth Sunday of Advent 2015 (Dec. 20).....\$14,746.32
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$678.32 and
 Christmas Flowers Collection 2015)

If you would like to enroll in Parish Pay, please go to www.parishpay.com OR call the Rectory.

RESPECT LIFE



“Merry Christmas.” Today, the greeting “Merry Christmas” is on our lips and in our hearts. What does this simple greeting mean? We know, of course, for many people things are not merry today and, for all of us, there are certain things that cause us anxiety and sadness. There is evil in the world and in our lives. But “Merry Christmas” does not mean we always feel happy not does it mean everything is going our way. What it means instead is that, even if everything else is falling apart, we always have access to God. Christ has come to lead us to the Father and bring us a new relationship with God and with each other in the life that never ends. “Merry Christmas” means, even in the midst of sadness, we can never lose this gift. We simply need to take hold of it and be faithful. He is with us always, and that brings a peace and joy the world can neither give nor take away. Merry Christmas!

The next Respect Life Holy Hour – which is also the National Night of Prayer for the Unborn (SEE article below) – is this Wednesday, December 28 at 7:00 pm.

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN

December 28 marks the Feast of the Holy Innocents when, during the Octave of Christmas, we commemorate those infants slaughtered by King Herod. Fittingly, our Respect Life Holy Hour this month will remember other innocent babies who have died through miscarriage, illness and, of course, abortion. The Gospel for this Feast reminds us as well of the loss experienced by the mother: *“A voice was heard in Ramah, sobbing and loud lamentation; Rachel weeping for her children, and she would not be consoled, since they were no more.”* (Matthew 2:18, quoting the prophet Jeremiah) Several women will share their personal stories with us, including Regina Higgins Syversen (sister of Father Higgins); Mrs. Syversen will speak of her own experience, including the loss of a full-term baby shortly after birth. Please join us this **Wednesday, December 28** from 7:00 pm through 10:00 pm for this bilingual night of prayer, including Eucharistic Adoration, music, praying of the Rosary and the Divine Mercy chaplet. Confession will also be available. Let us ask the modern-day Innocents, who have perished through abortion, to intercede for babies in the womb and for their mothers.



Wedding Banns

First Time: Peter Loewenberg & Julia Loewenberg



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Gladys Latimer, Catherine Chesser, Janet Fortier, Linda McGarr, Andrew Muller, George Strumke, Cecilia Murphy, Mario Garziona, Catherine Gleba, James Brian Dolman, Suzi Jo Bondra, Sheila Fleitz, Tony DeMilio, Margaret Kang and Carli Hermina.

PRAY ALSO FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Domenico Federico
 Eileen G. Fredrickson
 Antoinette B. Kuhn
 Josephine Lilienfield
 Rosalie Friedman

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

MARCH FOR LIFE 2017

The pilgrimage to Washington, DC for the annual March for Life takes place on **Friday, January 27**. Forty-four years ago, the Supreme Court handed down its decision in Roe v. Wade, legalizing abortion and leading to the deaths of 60 million babies in the USA. Please join hundreds of thousands from around the nation as we march to stop abortion. The cost is \$40 per person. In addition, Assumption is once again sponsoring an overnight youth trip to Washington (**Thursday, January 26 into Friday, January 27**) so young people (Grades 8 and above) can attend the Vigil Mass and a “Life is Very Good” evening prayer on Thursday, then participate in the Youth Rally and the March on Friday. The cost of the youth trip is \$70 per person, and sponsors for the cost of that trip are very welcome! Tickets are available by calling the Rectory at (914) 737-2071 or calling Juliet Juarez at (914) 382-3185 for the day trip or Blanca Zhungo at (914) 774-4011 for the overnight trip. Come witness to life as a disciple of Christ!



SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

MASS SCHEDULE

(Holy Day of Obligation)

Vigil Mass	Saturday, December 31	5:00 pm
	<i>In Spanish</i>	7:00 pm
New Year's Day	Sunday, January 1	8:00 am
		10:00 am
		12:00 pm
	<i>In Spanish</i>	2:30 pm and 7:00 pm

THE GIFT OF A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

A Catholic education is priceless! Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of New York are academically-excellent communities teaching students to be lifelong learners and leaders, energized by fidelity to Christ, the Church and one another. Visit www.CatholicSchoolsNY.org to learn more about local pre-K, Kindergarten and/or elementary schools or call (646) 794-2885 to speak to a school representative.

DISCOVERING CHRIST 2017

"Whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst."

(John 4:14)

Come and quench your thirst! Please join us on Monday evenings for "Discovering Christ," a seven-week series at Assumption beginning **Monday, January 23, 2017** and continuing through March 6 (with a life-changing retreat on Saturday, February 25). Share a meal, listen to a dynamic teaching and explore answers to questions about God and the meaning of life. As the group of participants is limited in size, reservations are required, and you must be at least 18 years of age. To reserve your place, please go to www.dcassumption.eventbrite.com OR you can e-mail discoveringchrist.assumption@gmail.com OR telephone (914) 402-4439.

96% AND CLIMBING...



We're overwhelmed with the generous response of our one-of-a-kind Assumption parishioners whose pledges, to date, have brought us to within striking distance of our "Renew + Rebuild" campaign goal of \$1,115,500. If you would like to make a contribution, please contact the Rectory at (914) 737-2071.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION

Served By:

Father John J. Higgins, Pastor
Father Vincent Druding, Parochial Vicar
Rev. Deacon Carlos Campoverde, Permanent Deacon

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Catherine Bischoff, CRE
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Wednesdays

Grades 1 – 4 (4:00 pm to 5:30 pm)

Grades 5 – 8 (7:00 pm to 8:30 pm)

Spanish Ministry

Tuesday – Friday (9:00 am – 4:00 pm)

Rev. Deacon Carlos Campoverde, Coordinator
(914) 737-2071 (Ext. 30)

Devotions

Miraculous Medal Novena (Monday following Mass)

Sacred Heart (First Friday at 7:00 pm)

First Saturday (8:15 am)

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday; Eve of Holy Day; Thursday before First Friday
(4:00 pm – 5:00 pm)

Anytime at the Rectory, upon request

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

Feasts of the Christmas Season

December 2016

The Infancy Narratives are those sections of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke which provide us with the barest, yet most essential, details of the childhood of Jesus.

Matthew sets the stage by giving us a genealogy, the family tree on Saint Joseph's side. Joseph was of the House of David, from whom the Messiah would descend. So also was Mary.

Luke introduces God's messenger, the archangel Gabriel. Luke's Gospel records the fantastic events surrounding Gabriel's announcement of the conception of John the Baptist, son of Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth (Mary's barren cousin).

Six months into this story, Gabriel then pays Mary a visit, presenting God's plan for her divine motherhood.

Mary's *fiat* (yes) is confirmed during her visit to Elizabeth. As Gabriel had said, she who is beyond her childbearing years is with child, and the Holy Spirit has revealed to Elizabeth the secret of Mary's pregnancy.

Matthew, meanwhile, records Joseph's struggles when he learns of Mary's (humanly) unexplainable pregnancy. Still on mission, Gabriel comes to Joseph in a dream: Mary's Child is of divine origin. The Savior!

Luke provides details regarding the census, the journey to Bethlehem (the "city of David"), the birth of Jesus, and the angelic announcements to the shepherds. After eight days, Jesus is circumcised; after forty days, He will be presented in the Temple.

Matthew gives the account of the Star and the Magi, who unwittingly provoke King Herod's jealousy and wrath with their queries about the birth of the "king of the Jews." After offering the Christ Child their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, they return to their homelands without reporting to Herod, having been "warned in a dream."

Joseph, too, receives an angelic visitation (Gabriel?) in a dream, urging him to flee with his family in the night, as Herod has plans to assassinate the Child.

THE COVENTRY CAROL is a 16th Century composition, the poignant lullaby of the mothers of the doomed children, the Holy Innocents. It is one of three songs in one of the Coventry mystery plays – "Pageant of the Shearman and Tailors." Its second verse tells the story of the slaughter of these innocents.

Music of the Christmas season, honoring the Divine Child and His Mother Mary, will be the backdrop on Wednesday evening, December 28, as Assumption Church observes the National Night of Prayer for the Unborn.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER THIS WEEK

Children of Assumption parish take on the roles of the Holy Family and shepherds in the story of the birth of Jesus. (Photos by James McLaughlin; graphic design by Stephen Vitarbo)

ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL

RENOVAR + RECONSTRUIR 96% Y SUBIENDO...

Estamos contentos y agradecidos por el generoso aporte de nuestro parroquianos quienes con sus promesas de aporte financiero nos han hecho casi alcanzar nuestra meta de \$1,115,500. Si desea seguir contribuyendo, llame a la Rectoría (914) 737-2071.



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.

SABADO, 22 DE ABRIL DEL 2017

7:00 PM

BAUTISMOS COMUNITARIOS - VIII EDICION

INFORMES Y REGISTRACIONES: CASA PARROQUIAL

SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACION

Los días sábados desde las 4:00 pm hasta las 5:00 pm. Los días domingos desde las 6:00 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 1 Sábado: 25 de Febrero 9:00 a 3:00 PM Anexo

DIA 2 Sábado 25 de Marzo 9:00 a 3:00 PM Anexo

FESTIVIDAD DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA DE JESUS, MARIA Y JOSE VIERNES, 30 DE DICIEMBRE



Celebraremos la Santa Eucaristía al celebrar la Fiesta de la Sagrada Familia de 'Jesús, María y José.' La Misa será a partir de las 7 de la noche, recordemos que "la salvación del mundo vino a través del corazón de La Sagrada Familia."

Ofreceremos bendición familiar!

ULTIMA MISA DEL 2016 SABADO, 31 DE DICIEMBRE

Celebraremos la Misa de fin de año a partir de las 7 de la noche. Ofrecimiento de promesas.



SOLEMNIDAD DE SANTA MARIA VIRGEN MADRE DE DIOS

DOMINGO, 1ro. DE ENERO DEL 2017



Ofreceremos dos Misas en español. Nuestra primera Eucaristía será a partir de las 2:30 pm en honor a la Virgen de la Nube, iniciando la procesión con la sagrada imagen y una banda, a la 1:00 pm desde el Parque Depew. La segunda Eucaristía, será a las 7:00 pm.

Recuerde que *éste día es un día de precepto por lo tanto es una Misa de obligación.*

FIESTA EN HONOR AL SEÑOR DE LA MISERICORDIA SAN FERNANDO SABADO, 7 DE ENERO DEL 2017



Novena: Del 26 de diciembre al 6 de enero del 2017

Invitamos para que nos acompañen a la solemne Eucaristía en honor al Señor de la Misericordia de San Fernando a partir de las 7:00 pm, después de la Misa ofreceremos un variado programa espiritual-musical con el hermano Wilfredo Ortiz y un compartir comunitario en el Auditorio Padre Wilson.

IV - ANIVERSARIO DE LA CORONACION DEL NIÑO VIAJERO

DOMINGO 8 DE ENERO DEL 2017

"Solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor"

Santa Eucaristía en la Iglesia Asunción, Peekskill - 2:30 pm



FIESTA EN HONOR AL MILAGROSO SEÑOR DE ESQUIPULAS

GUATEMALA

XVII CELEBRACION



Novena: Del 4 al 12 de enero del 2017

Lugar: 940 Orchard Street - Peekskill - 7:30 pm

Sábado 14 de enero del 2017

5:00 am Despertar mañanero con Mariachis.

6:00 am Celebración Eucarística

7:00 am Desayuno Chapin

7:00 pm Celebración Eucarística

8:30 pm Procesión al Salón Padre Wilson y compartir!