

**FEBRUARY 22, 2015  
FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

- Sunday (February 22) First Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 Charles Miller Jr.  
*Requested By: Mary Ellen Frost*  
 10:00 Baldomero Delacruz  
*Requested By: Salvacion Delacruz*  
 12:00 Pro-Populo  
 7:00 Spanish Mass
- Monday (February 23)**  
 7:00 A Personal Intention  
*Requested By: A Parishioner*  
 9:00 Deceased Members of Zizzo Family  
*Requested By: Kathryn Vignini*
- Tuesday (February 24)**  
 7:00 Portia Edarinal  
*Requested By: Juliet Juarez*  
 9:00 Erasmo Ciavolino  
*Requested By: Mr. & Mrs. Carmine DeLuca*
- Wednesday (February 25)**  
 7:00 Brisbane Daniels  
*Requested By: Antoinette Cosentino & Michael Schwenk*  
 9:00 Rosemary Clarkin  
*Requested By: Anita Creem*
- Thursday (February 26)**  
 7:00 Catherine E. Delaney  
*Requested By: Family*  
 9:00 Jacob & Perpetua Remedios  
*Requested By: Carlos & Dorina Lopes*
- Friday (February 27)**  
 7:00 Tyler Seger  
*Requested By: Christine Cothren*  
 9:00 Patricia Barton  
*Requested By: Anita Creem*
- Saturday (February 28)**  
 9:00 Janet Stewart  
*Requested By: Friend*  
 5:00 Pro-Populo
- Sunday (March 1) Second Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 Lucia & Pasquale DeRico  
*Requested By: Yolanda DeRico & Family*  
 10:00 Maria Baldini & Deceased Members of Baldini Family  
*Requested By: Angelo & Maria Baldini*  
 12:00 Luigi & Elisa DiPaterio  
*Requested By: Pietro & Concetta Dipaterio & 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**



February 22	3PM	Assumption Church
March 1	3PM	St. Francis Convent
March 8	3PM	Assumption Church
March 15	3PM	Assumption Church

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – LENTEN MEAL**

During the season of Lent, we as Catholics are obliged to fast & abstain. During all Fridays of Lent, the Knights of Columbus along with CCD Confirmation students, will be offering a simple Lenten meal of soup and salad at 5:30pm in Father Wilson Hall prior to the Stations of the Cross. It should be a nice evening of fellowship followed by prayer.

**MEMORIALIZATIONS**

**Altar Candles**

James J. Kiley  
*Requested By: Margaret A. Kiley*

**NOTES FROM THE LOFT  
2nd Sunday of Lent**

Today's Gospel Reading from the first chapter of St. Mark alludes very briefly to Jesus' forty days of prayer and fasting in the desert. (The accounts of Matthew and Luke give details of His 'testing' or temptation.) Mark 2-8 narrates a whirlwind of cures and castings-out of demons as Jesus' Messianic mission explodes on the scene.

Next Sunday's Gospel brings us right to the event of the Transfiguration. Jesus reveals His divinity to key apostles, Peter, James and John, because the faith of the Twelve is going to be severely 'tested' by the Passion. The first pope will need to be strengthened by this Transfiguration experience, for he will be crucified for this Faith. James, future head of the Church in Jerusalem, will also be martyred; and John will flee with Mary to Ephesus, Turkey to escape the siege of Jerusalem and the destruction of the Temple by the Romans in 70 AD. Next week's First Reading also focuses on a great 'testing' – the command by God to Abraham to sacrifice Isaac, the child of the promise of Abraham's great posterity.

The hymn, THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE ('Yigdal Elohim Hai' in Yiddish) has very interesting origins. The work of Daniel ben Judah, a 14<sup>th</sup> century Roman Jew, judge and liturgical poet, and set to the Hebrew melody 'Leoni', it contains the 13 Articles of the Jewish Faith, as compiled by the pre-eminent 12<sup>th</sup> century Jewish rabbi, philosopher, scholar and physician, Mosheh ben Maimon, known by his Latin name: Maimonides. The 'Yigdal' (which means 'magnify') was sung as part of morning and evening prayer. Interestingly, Christian "Evening Prayer" or "Vespers" includes Mary's 'Magnificat', a hymn of praise.

The 13 Articles bear a striking resemblance to our Creed, showing the direct connection between the two Faiths rooted in the same Divine Revelation: the belief in one God, the all-knowing, unchanging, and eternal Creator. Spirit in nature and separate from His creation, He provides for it. He is the source of immutable Truth and spoke through the prophets. He knows the hearts and deeds of men, who will be rewarded or punished accordingly and who will rise from the dead.

The Choir will sing THE GOD OF ABRAHAM PRAISE at next Sunday's 10:00 Mass during the Presentation of Gifts.

**YOUTH CONFERENCE**

The Archdiocese of New York and the Office of Youth Ministry with Father Joseph Espailat is sponsoring a Youth Conference: NYCYD2015 \* New York Catholic Youth Day 2015 at Saint Joseph Seminary in Yonkers, NY on April 11, 2015. Assumption Church will be sponsoring a bus for this exciting event that features Brian Greenfield (Hard as Nails Ministry) and music by the Ike NDolo Band. Cardinal Dolan will celebrate the Holy Mass. For more information please contact Assumption Rectory at 914-737-2071.

### TITHING REPORT

6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015.....	\$ 7,830.64*
6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time 2014.....	\$ 7,712.97
*Includes Parish Pay.....	\$ 794.94



### 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, Patricia Cothren, Guadalupe Arango, Mario Garziona, Catherine Gleba, and James Brian Dolman

### RESPECT LIFE



**The cleansing power of water** Today's first reading speaks to us of Noah's Ark. The flood that God sent upon the world in Noah's day was a cleansing of evil. Now, God cleanses us not by floods, but by the waters of baptism, which bring to us a whole new kind of life: the life of God within us. Our special efforts in Lent to come closer to God are a response to what has already happened to us! Because we have received the new life of God, we have to reform our lives and live as his sons and daughters. We have to *become who we already are*. The holy water we use when we come in and out of Church is a reminder of the cleansing waters of baptism, and a reminder of the new life we are called to live. God is a God of life, and therefore we are the People of Life. This Lent, let's look for ways to foster respect for life, especially the sick, the disabled, and the unborn. **The next Respect Life Holy Hour will be on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

### CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2015

As stewards and Disciples of Christ, we recognize that all the goods and riches in our life are gifts from God. Strengthened by the Eucharist, we respond to God's generosity in our lives with gratitude by using and sharing our gifts in service of others. Please share your blessings and make a gift to the *2015 Cardinal's Appeal*.

### A.C.T.S. RETREAT

Men, are you looking for a Spiritual New Year's Resolution? This may be the answer for you. The world is shouting for our attention with answers to our relationship struggles, solutions to our financial trouble, and explanations to our search for meaning and purpose. But the world's promises leave us empty and always searching for more. God's is the **ONLY** answer that promises to transform our lives... from the inside out! GROW in your relationship with Christ. Let the Holy Spirit bring real change to your life in this New Year! Take this exciting next step in your faith journey by joining other men just like you. The next NY ACTS Retreat for men is **March 5th to March 8th at Don Bosco Retreat Center**, in Stoney Point, and hosted by Holy Name of Mary Church. For more information and an application send an email to [hnactsny@yahoo.com](mailto:hnactsny@yahoo.com) or call (914) 736-110.

### MINI VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT FOR WOMEN

Ladies come channel your inner athlete and join our mini volleyball league. All (18 years old and up) are invited to come individually or in a small group to be part of an individual team. Games will start after Easter and held in the gym. For more information, please contact the rectory. (914) 737-2071.

### MORNING PRAYER AND EVENING CONSECRATION



At all the Masses this weekend, Assumption parishioners will be given a holy card with a prayer on one side for the Morning Offering and a prayer on the other side for the Evening Consecration. Some Catholics were never taught the first prayer to say upon arising nor the last prayer to say before retiring. It is our hope that this prayer card, beautifully design by parishioner and graphic artist Stephen Vitarbo, will help set the tone for each day and draw it to a peaceful conclusion each night.

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Each Friday of Lent is like a mini-Good Friday and takes on a spirit of penance. They are days of Abstinence in which we abstain from meat. The practice of praying the Stations of the Cross is another way to show forth our union with Jesus in His passion and death. Please join us for Stations of the Cross each Friday of Lent at 7:00 PM.

### NEW ALTAR SERVERS VESTMENTS – FROM FR. VINCENT

Our altar servers do such a wonderful job and give a their time to our church! They are overdue for a replacement of their vestments. We would like to purchase and memorialize new cassocks and surplices for the Altar Boys. And, going forward, our Altar Girls will vest in white contemporary monastic hooded albs which will also be purchased and available for memorialization. We also wish to purchase some Roman styled surplices for the Team Captains and the Master of Ceremonies. We invite any parishioner who may be interested to help defray the cost by memorializing the new vestments in remembrance of a loved one. Each memorialized vestment will be labeled accordingly. The servers who use them will be instructed to pray for your loved one when they serve Mass wearing that vestment.

- Roman styled surplices can be memorialized for \$150
- Regular Cassocks (black) for \$100
- Monastic Albs for girls for \$100
- Regular Surplices for \$75

Please make a **check** out to "**Assumption Church**" and indicate in the **Memo line**, "**Altar Servers Vestments.**" Please include a note indicating the type of vestment(s) you want to memorialize, the name of the person, your name and phone number, so we can contact you about the details of the memorialization.

### MASS FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

On Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup> at 12:00pm, a Mass and blessing will be offered for individuals with Special Needs. The Mass will be for adults, children, and their families. A musical presentation will begin at 11:30am. Light refreshments will be served in Father Wilson Hall following the Mass. Large groups, please RSVP to Michael Miner 845-206-1977 by February 15<sup>th</sup>.

### PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION

The second collection next weekend is The Peter's Pence Collection which helps the Holy Father provide emergency assistance to suffering people throughout the world. Contributions to the Peter's Pence Collection are given directly by the Holy Father to individuals who are suffering from immediate emergencies as a result of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be as generous as your means permit.

### ASSUMPTION FOOD PANTRY

The pantry always needs canned and non perishable food, which may be placed at the church entrance. Some of the most needed items include pasta, tomato sauce, canned chicken/tuna, canned fruit, peanut butter, and jelly. Any items in excess will be given to Fred's Food Pantry.

*Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit.*