

**MARCH 1, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

MASS INTENTIONS

MEMORIALIZATIONS

- 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
- Monday (March 2)**
 7:00 Serafin Antunes
Requested By: Anthony Antunes
 9:00 Dominick & Frank Santulli
Requested By: Family
- Tuesday (March 3)**
 7:00 Sean Heverin
Requested By: Fr. Vincent
 9:00 James J. Kiley
Requested By: Margaret A. Kiley
- Wednesday (March 4)**
 7:00 Claire Finnigan
Requested By: Juliet Juarez
 9:00 Theresa Marino
Requested By: Angeline & James DeSocio
- Thursday (March 5)**
 7:00 John Joseph Cerrone, Sr.
Requested By: David & Diane Capuzzo
 9:00 Dominick Valente Jr.
Requested By: Sister in Law, Santina
- Friday (March 6) First Friday**
 7:00 Adriano D'Ottavio
Requested By: Carmine & Maria DeLuca
 9:00 Pete Archer
Requested By: Wife
- Saturday (March 7) First Saturday**
 9:00 Rosaria Federico
Requested By: Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Marchewka
 5:00 Jennie & James Acker
Requested By: Mel & MaryLou Henning
- Sunday (March 8) Third Sunday of Lent**
 8:00 Pro-Populo
 10:00 Manuel D'Cunha
Requested By: Joaquim & Lucy Aguiar & Family
 12:00 Paola, Erminia, & Elena DiPaterio
Requested By: Pietro & Concetta DiPaterio & Family
 7:00 Spanish Mass

Sanctuary Lamps
 Monsignor Ansbro
Requested By: A Parishioner

**NOTES FROM THE LOFT
3rd Sunday of Lent**

March 8, 2015

“His disciples recalled the words of Scripture: ‘Zeal for Your house will consume me.’”(John 2: 17) This phrase from next Sunday’s Gospel, which presents Jesus ‘cleansing’ the Temple, is taken from Psalm 69, v. 9. The entire psalm is a plea for deliverance and is sung in Holy Week during ‘Tenebrae’ services as the Church enters deeply into Christ’s Passion. It finds an echo in Psalm 119, v. 139 “My zeal consumes me.” This Psalm extols the beauty of God’s COMMANDMENTS, and while it repeats the plaintive theme of being persecuted for following God’s Law, it testifies to the indescribable joy one knows when living a life of truth and righteousness.

The disciples witness the righteous anger of Jesus as He boldly defends – and declares as - HIS Father’s house. Having recently witnessed the miraculous transformation of water into wine at Cana, they are given yet another clue as to the Divinity of their Rabbi as they observe their first Passover with Him. When challenged by those who ask for a ‘sign’ – some kind of ‘authorization’ for His actions – they hear Jesus throw down the gauntlet: “Destroy THIS TEMPLE and in three days I will raise it up.” Of course, His Jewish listeners take Him literally, but WE know He was referring to Himself, to His Death and Resurrection for our salvation. It is the zeal of His Sacred Heart which consumes Him, His love for us His Mystical Body, the Church, which drives His mission and which will consume Him on the Cross.

The Covenant God made with Moses and the People was defined by the Ten Commandments. By the blood of a lamb, the angel of death had “passed over” them; in the crossing of the Red Sea, they had “passed over” from slavery to freedom and arrived at the foot of Mt. Sinai, but they were not yet in the Promised Land. These Commandments would form them into God’s People, and this Covenant would be sealed in blood. Of this same Law, Jesus would said, “If you love Me, keep MY Commandments” and would utter the words, “This is...My Blood...of the New Covenant.”

Choir Mass music next week will include IF YE LOVE ME (Thomas Tallis 16th c.), A NEW COMMANDMENT (Michael Ward 1989) and excerpts from the MANDATUM (The Commandment) (Peter Latona 2013).

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE



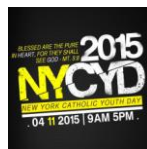
March 1	3PM	St. Francis Convent
March 8	3PM	Assumption Church
March 15	3PM	Assumption Church
March 22	3PM	Assumption Church

COLUMBIETTES – 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.

YOUTH CONFERENCE



The Archdiocese of New York and the Office of Youth Ministry with Father Joseph Espallat is sponsoring a Youth Conference: NYC Youth Day 2015 * 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

1 st Sunday of Lent 2015.....	\$ 8,424.55*
1 st Sunday of Lent 2014.....	\$ 11,440.25
2 nd Collection for Catholic Education.....	\$ 1,650.00
*Includes Parish Pay.....	\$ 818.55



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



A Pro-life Lent The traditional practice of "giving something up for Lent" is a practice of self-denial; our Lord said that to follow him, we must deny our very selves. It means we say No to ourselves and Yes to God and others. This reverses the pattern of sin, which says Yes to ourselves and No to God and others. In our culture, the most violent No to God and others is abortion. Over three thousand times every day in our nation, people say No to a little child so that they may say Yes to their fears or their plans. This Lent, as we practice self-denial, let's think of these children. Let's offer our sacrifices for them. May all say Yes to God and Yes to the unborn. For more ideas about how to foster respect for the unborn this Lent, visit www.priestsforlife.org. **The next Respect Life Holy Hour will be on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2015

\$4,500,000 of the funds raised through the *Appeal* helps needy parishes throughout the archdiocese. While continuing the great tradition of educating our youth and providing spiritual refuge and enlightenment, many of our parishes and schools need assistance to meet their day to day requirements. Invest in your faith and parish community and make your gift to the *2015 Cardinal's Appeal*.

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.

ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE



In preparation for the **Ordinary Synod on the Family in October 2015**, the faithful are invited to share their input with the Archdiocese of New York. Through an online set of abridged questions that have been developed and approved for this purpose, the people of the Archdiocese will have an opportunity to reflect and respond thoughtfully on how the Church can serve families in their vocation and mission to love. Questions are accessible via the Family Life † Respect Life website: www.nyfamilylife.org/synod **Online questions will close on March 6th.**

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 or call (914) 271-4797.

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.

FIRST ANNUAL MEN'S CONFERENCE

The Archdiocese of New York Men's Commission is hosting the First Annual Men's Conference on Saturday, March 21, 2015, at the Fordham Rose Hill campus. With over 500 expected to attend, this daylong event will provide a unique opportunity for men throughout the Archdiocese to recommit themselves to their spiritual lives. The speakers will include His Eminence Timothy Cardinal Dolan, Archbishop of New York, Damon Owens, a renowned public speaker and strong proponent of the Catholic faith, and Joe Klecko, former all-star New York Jets defensive lineman. Admission is \$45 and includes breakfast, lunch, and t-shirt. To register or for more information, visit www.nymensconference.com or please call Assumption's Dedicated line at (203) 417-2870.

A NEW BROCHURE FROM OUR CEMETERY

Assumption cemetery has recently published an updated version of the rules and regulations regarding our cemetery (the first time since 1967!). This beautiful booklet is available at the doors of the church or at any time in our rectory or cemetery. If you have a loved one or plot at Assumption Cemetery, please take a copy to see the updated rules that govern our beautiful cemetery.

ST. PATRICK'S MASS – SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH



A special St. Patrick's Mass will be celebrated at the Church of the Assumption, on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at 1:30pm. Join Grand Marshal Kathleen McGurty and her Aides, Brian P. Kelly, Pete Kelly, Kyle Knapp, and Janice Molloy, prior to the start of the 26th Annual Peekskill St. Patrick's Parade. Come one, come all to this celebratory Mass featuring outstanding vocals and musical accompaniment by some of our most talented local musicians. After the Mass, step outside and enjoy the parade!