

**MARCH 8, 2015  
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MEMORIALIZATIONS**

**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

**Monday (March 9)**  
 7:00 Bridget & Stephen Austin  
*Requested By: Family*  
 9:00 Mrs. Dale Kessinger  
*Requested By: Her daughter, Claire*

**Tuesday (March 10)**  
 7:00 Macario Ortega  
*Requested By: Juliet Juarez*  
 9:00 Melissa Brown  
*Requested By: Mary Morrison*

**Wednesday (March 11)**  
 7:00 Joseph Henry Purvis  
*Requested By: Angela Sprouse*  
 9:00 Maria & Filipo Alterio  
*Requested By: Family*

**Thursday (March 12)**  
 7:00 Roger H. Prah  
*Requested By: Anthony Antunes*  
 9:00 Teresita Delacruz  
*Requested By: Salvacion Delacruz*

**Friday (March 13)**  
 7:00 Tyler Seger  
*Requested By: Christine Cothren*  
 9:00 Patricia Moreno  
*Requested By: Salvacion Delacruz*

**Saturday (March 14)**  
 9:00 Rosaria Federico  
*Requested By: Lucia & Filippo Pascetta & Family*  
 5:00 Diego L. Ferandes  
*Requested By: Natalia Fernandes*

**Sunday (March 15) Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 8:00 Rosaria Federico  
*Requested By: Angelo & Maria Baldini*  
 10:00 Pro-Populo  
 12:00 John & Mary King  
*Requested By: John & Loretta Donahue*  
 7:00 Spanish Mass

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**  
 Andrew Risenhover  
*Requested By: Assumption Priests*

**NOTES FROM THE LOFT 4th Sunday of Lent**

Most of us are familiar with the musical genre known as ‘Negro spirituals’, music which grew out of the shared faith experiences and ‘socio-political’ protests of transplanted and enslaved African peoples. What many of us do not know is that there is also a body of ‘white spirituals’, or ‘folk music’. These songs of faith developed from popular ballads. A fine example of this is “WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS”.

The term ‘folk music’ was popularized during the 1960s; however, in a prior century, it had a more precise meaning. ‘Folk music’ had defining characteristics: 1. It was created and transmitted orally by the illiterate working class which had neither the education nor the technology to put it in writing. 2. It built cohesiveness and preserved cultural identity. 3. It was sung to mark special events: a birthday, a wedding, a death, a feast, e.g. Christmas or Easter. 4. Its melodies were often of uncertain- even anonymous- origins and handed on generation after generation.

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS can be described as a ‘white spiritual’. It has Appalachian roots with words attributed to Alexander Means, a 19<sup>th</sup> century Methodist clergyman, scientist, physician and teacher, who was inspired by John 3:16 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday’s Gospel verse). Most sources agree the melody to which it was set, and printed for the first time by William Walker in his hymnal, “The Southern Harmony”, is actually the “Ballad of Captain Kidd” (1701), the same tune actually predating the ballad by about 100 years.

One musicologist describes “WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS” as “haunting”, even “plaintive”. Aside from its somber lyrics, this is largely due to the fact that it is based on what is known in music, as the ‘Dorian’ mode or scale. Using a keyboard, the easiest way to hear this is to begin on the white key “D” and play **only** the white keys for an octave, that is, up to and including the next “D”.

The ancient Greeks ascribed moral and ethical qualities to the ‘modes’. According to Plato, the Dorian was a mode capable of expressing sincerity. His student, Aristotle, took it even further, ascribing to it the power to inspire courage, action, moderation and religious purification. Next Sunday, Choir Mass music will include “WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS” # 483.

*\*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**



March 8	3PM	Assumption Church
March 15	3PM	Assumption Church
March 22	3PM	Assumption Church
March 29	3PM	Assumption Church

**DIVINE MERCY TRIP – STOCKBRIDGE, MA**

Join parishioners of Assumption Church for a trip to the Divine Mercy Shrine in Stockbridge, Massachusetts on Sunday, April 12, 2015! Assumption Church is sending 8 buses to the Divine Mercy Shrine. Members of the Divine Mercy Apostolate will sell tickets in the vestibule of the church after the masses. Please watch for further developments on when they will be sold. The cost of the trip is \$28. Buses depart from the Beach Shopping Center at 6:00AM and will return at 6:00PM. For more information and tickets, please contact Annie Zuzarte: 914-610-5035 or Conon Zuzarte 914-610-0019.

**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 a t-shirt. To register or for more information, visit [www.nymensconference.com](http://www.nymensconference.com) or please call Assumption’s Dedicated line at (914) 218-7435.

## TITHING REPORT

1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent 2015.....	\$ 8,424.55*
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent 2014.....	\$ 11,440.25
*Includes Parish Pay.....	\$ 747.80

## RESPECT LIFE



**Pope Benedict XVI on Life** "In the light of my recent Encyclical Letter on Christian love, I would like to underline the importance of the service of love for the support and promotion of human life. In this regard, even before active initiatives, it is fundamental to foster a correct attitude towards the other: the culture of life is in fact based on attention to others without any forms of exclusion or discrimination. Every human life, as such, deserves and demands always to be defended and promoted." – Address on February 5, 2006 **The next Respect Life Holy Hour will be on Tuesday, March 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*.

### Summary to Date

Goal	Pledge	Paid	Number of Gifts	Average Gift
\$72,000.00	\$12,116.00	\$9,346.00	49	\$247.27

## 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.

## 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 canned chicken/tuna, items that can be easily prepared, microwavable meals, canned soups, peanut butter, and jelly. Any items in excess will be given to Fred's Food Pantry.

*"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in..."*

Mt. 25:35

## 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

## MINI VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT FOR WOMEN

Springtime is approaching, which means bathing suit season is not too far behind! Let's get physical! Get yourself fit for summer 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

## 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!

## 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.

## COFFEE HOUR



Assumption's Filipino Group will host the Coffee Hour on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, following the 12 Noon Mass. Please join us in the Annex for a great opportunity to socialize with fellow members of the congregation, meet new visitors, or continue discussion of themes brought up during the service.

## 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.