



Easter 2015

Dear Assumption Parishioners,

**"Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed,"**

- John 20:8

The Gospel of John tells us it was after the beloved disciple entered the tomb he was able to believe what Jesus had preached to his disciples. That message was that Jesus would suffer his passion, death, and be resurrected from the dead. Our belief in eternal life is plausible after we too have experienced the preaching, healing, and forgiveness of our savior Jesus Christ. We can come to our belief in the resurrection only after we take the time to enter the tomb.

We are so blessed here at Assumption to have experienced Jesus' presence through our parish. Thank you to our parishioners who have made Christ real by your loving service to our parish and to our priests. We are so deeply grateful.

Please be assured that myself and Fr. Vincent are both keeping you, your loved ones, and all the faithful of Assumption Parish in our prayers this Easter. Our hope is that all who have died with Christ will also share in the triumph of the Resurrection.

Faithfully Yours in Christ,  
Father John Higgins  
Pastor

**TITHING REPORT**

Palm Sunday of Lent 2015.....	\$12,521.03*
Palm Sunday of Lent 2014.....	\$13,809.25
Second Collection for Catholic Education.....	\$ 3,250.00
*Includes Parish Pay.....	\$ 738.03

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

Our altar servers do such a wonderful job and give 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.

**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**



**Our Easter Mission** "Have no fear. The outcome of the battle for life is already decided, even though the struggle goes on against great odds and with much suffering... "Christ is now raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep ... so in Christ all will come to life again" (1 Cor. 15:20,22). The paradox of the Christian message is this: Christ - the head - has already conquered sin and death. Christ in his body - the pilgrim people of God - continually suffers the onslaught of the Evil One and all the evil which sinful humanity is capable of." The liberating message of the Gospel of life has been put into your hands. And the mission of proclaiming it to the ends of the earth is now passing to your generation. Like the great apostle Paul, you too must feel the full urgency of the task: "Woe to me if I do not evangelize" (1 Cor. 9:16). Woe to you if you do not succeed in defending life. The church needs your energies, your enthusiasm, your youthful ideals, in order to make the Gospel of life penetrate the fabric of society, transforming people's hearts and the structures of society in order to create a civilization of true justice and love." – St. John Paul II to Youth, August 15, 1993, Denver, Colorado. **The next Respect Life Holy Hour will be on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

**CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2015**

Cardinal Dolan said: "I pray that you will join me and consider renewing your commitment to the Church in New York with a gift to the *Cardinal's Annual Appeal*. I ask not for me, but on behalf of the thousands of men, women and children who are so grateful for your love and care. Please help me in making the *Appeal* a success".

**Summary to Date**

Goal	Pledge	Paid	Number of Gifts	Average Gift
\$72,000.00	\$25,626.00	\$17,596.00	80	\$320.33

**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE**



April 5	No Holy Hour -----
April 12	3PM Assumption Church*
April 19	3PM Assumption Church

\*April 12 will be a special multilingual Divine Mercy Holy Hour

**FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER**

On **Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm**, please join us for Mass as we celebrate St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work. Mass will be celebrated by Monsignor Hilary Franco in Italian and English. Following the Mass will be a procession as well as an "Evening in the Piazza" in Father Wilson Hall. Sample many homemade Italian "dolci" with an espresso while enjoying authentic Italian music and entertainment! Don't forget to join in a Tarantella or two! You won't want to miss this evening!

**WHEN WILL OUR MASS BOOK OPEN?**

In the process of *Making All Things New*, the Archdiocese of NY has asked parishes to not accept Mass intentions for the second half of 2015. We are currently awaiting word from the Archdiocese as to when we will be able to open our Mass book for July - December 2015. We will allow plenty of time for notification so that families will be able to reserve their Masses.