

**MAY 10, 2015
SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

MASS INTENTIONS

MEMORIALIZATIONS

Sunday (May 10) Sixth Sunday of Easter
 8:00 Stanley Edwin & Clothilda John
Requested By: Dunbar John
 10:00 Pro-Populo
 12:00 Alex & Catherine Uva
Requested By: John & Loretta Donahue
 7:00 Spanish Mass

Monday (May 11)
 7:00 Ruth Schuka
Requested By: Joe Schuka & Family
 9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Tuesday (May 12)
 7:00 Mother's Day Novena
 9:00 Emilia Zeoli & Lucia Malaspina
Requested By: Antoinette Malaspina

Wednesday (May 13)
 7:00 Josephine Bennett
Requested By: Ellen Bennett
 9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Thursday (May 14) The Ascension of the Lord
 7:00 Mother's Day Novena
 9:00 Jenny & James Acker
Requested By: The Robillard Family
 7:30 Pro-Populo

Friday (May 15)
 7:00 Francesca Burza
Requested By: Daughter, Santina
 9:00 Mother's Day Novena

Saturday (May 16)
 9:00 Mother's Day Novena
 5:00 Vera Antunes
Requested By: Anthony Antunes

Sunday (May 17) Seventh Sunday of Easter
 8:00 Mother's Day Novena
 10:00 Manuel D'Cunha
Requested By: Lawrence & Maggie Barganza
 12:00 Pro-Populo
 7:00 Spanish Mass

ALTAR CANDLES
 Irma Wassily
Requested By: Arlene & Doug Swankie
 Margaret Burgess
Requested By: The Elms Family
 Victoria Bushey-DiCola
Requested By: The DiCola Family

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE
 Margaret Guidali & Mary Pizzuco
Requested By: Lola Pizzuco

NOTES FROM THE LOFT 6th Sunday of Easter
 The First Reading for the Third Sunday of Lent, presented the Ten Commandments as recorded in the Book of Exodus. Fast forwarding to Holy Thursday, we recall the words of Jesus, "If you love Me, you will keep My commandments..." In today's Gospel (John 15:9-17) we read, "THIS is My commandment: LOVE one another as I have loved you."

A prayerful reading of John's Gospel, chapters 14-16 reveals the tenderness with which Jesus expresses His 'commands'. He is the WORD spoken by the Father, sent by the Father. He and the Father are one. He is the Word which spoke those Commandments to Moses from the Burning Bush. For the Israelites, to live by the Commandments, was to "walk in The Way". However, by Jesus' time, the Commandments had been reduced to a harsh, Pharaical legalism with its imposition of hundreds of minor regulations. Against this background, Jesus recasts keeping the Commandments as the language of LOVE!

Unfortunately in modern English, the words 'command', 'commandment', 'mandate' are understood too narrowly, even negatively, associated usually with power or force - an 'order' - sometimes given in a dictatorial fashion. That is NOT what the word 'commandment' conveyed in Biblical times!

A visit to a website called "Ancient Hebrew Word Meanings" reveals the word 'commandment' as the Jews would have used and understood it. The author of the article, Jeff A Benner, explains that a command or 'mits'vah' is a DIRECTIVE. The verb form of "mits'vah" (directive) is "tsavah" (to direct one on a journey). The Israelites were a nomadic people, often traveling through the 'tsiyon' or desert, in search of green pastures - oases - to water their flocks. 'Tyison' also meant 'landmark' - a river or mountain which would give DIRECTION. From this comes the word ZION, but this is not just any mountain! On it is built JERUSALEM! The Commandments, then, are loving DIRECTIVES, pointing the way, and Jesus, THE WAY, upholds them, as the loving way to union with Him and the Father, in the Spirit, here and in the Heavenly Jerusalem.

Choir music will include parts of the MANDATUM (Dr. Latona) we sang on Holy Thursday and Michael Ward's composition, A NEW COMMANDMENT. Mass will conclude with GOD IS LOVE # 489 (tune: Abbots Leigh).

**Please notify an usher if you would like to bring up the gifts during a Mass for your loved one.*

AT THE SISTERS': "LUKE, STORIES ON THE ROAD"

As a part of their 150th Jubilee year celebration the Franciscan Sisters are presenting a one person show starring Frank Runyeon. *Luke, Stories on the Road* will be performed on Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 7PM in the chapel. Mr. Runyeon has appeared in many television programs and has received national acclaim. For ticket information, call the Sisters at 914-737-3373.



DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

May 10	3PM	Assumption Church
May 17	3PM	Assumption Church
May 24	3PM	Mt. St. Francis
May 31	3PM	Assumption Church

OPENING OF 2015 MASS BOOK

The second half of 2015 Mass Book will be opening on May 22nd 2015. (July 1st 2015 through December 31, 2015) In order to comfortably accommodate as many people as possible the Mass intentions will be received in the Library of the Rectory (basement), starting at 8:00 AM. Because we are only opening the second half of the Mass book, as many as three Masses can be requested on that day.

Wedding Banns

Third Time: Andrew Marousek and Catherine Cronin
 Second Time: Filippo Rigalia and Adrianna R. Dekrell
 Second Time: Colby Glenn and Rachael Barainca

TITHING REPORT

Fifth Sunday of Easter 2015.....\$ 10,109.16
 Fifth Sunday of Easter 2014.....\$ 10,052.25
 *Includes Parish Pay.....\$ 723.16

RESPECT LIFE



A Prayer for Those Afraid of their Motherhood - Lord God, we thank you, the Source of Life, for all those who have welcomed and nurtured our lives. In particular, we thank you for our mothers, who with trust in you and self-sacrifice beyond description, have made it possible for us to live and praise you today. Give them the reward of their labors. Today, Lord, we also pray for mothers who are afraid of being mothers. We pray especially for those carrying a child within them, but afraid to bring that child to birth. Look with favor on these, your daughters, and give them trust and strength. Enable them to give themselves to their children, as you give yourself to us, and to experience the joys of motherhood. Enable us to do our part to encourage them and provide for their needs. We ask this through Christ our Lord. **The next Respect Life Holy Hour will be on Tuesday, May 26, 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	\$34,306.00	\$26,561.00	112	\$306.30

HONORING OUR VETERANS



Parish volunteers are needed to assist the American Legion in placing the Memorial Day flags for the 1,450 veteran's buried at Assumption Cemetery. We will meet at the cemetery on Saturday, May 16th starting at 10am. If you are interested in participating please contact Tim Warn at 914-737-3448 or tswarn@gmail.com.

MONTH OF MARY AND MAY CROWNING



The month of May is the "month which the piety of the faithful has especially dedicated to Our Blessed Lady," and it is the occasion for a moving tribute of faith and love, which Catholics in every part of the world pay to the Queen of Heaven. During this month Christians, both in church and in the privacy of the home, offer up to Mary from their hearts an especially fervent and loving homage of prayer and veneration. In this month, here at Assumption we will be honoring the many images of Mary in the sanctuary for the month of May. Please know that we will hold our annual May Crowning on May 16th after the 9am Mass with Communion kids. All are welcome.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – ROSARY

On Sunday, May 31st at 2:30pm the Knights of Columbus will be conducting a rosary in the Msgr. Ansbrosio Rosary Garden on the side of the Church, in honor of Our Blessed Mother on the Feast of the Visitation. And it will follow into the Divine Mercy Holy Hour inside the Church with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Should be a beautiful way to close out the month of May, the month of Mary. Hope to see you there.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL



Gladys Latimer, Catherine Chesser, Janet Fortier, Linda McGarr, Loretta Donohue, Andrew Muller, George Strumpke, Daniel Cairl, George Smith, Fr. Steven Clark, Cecilia Murphy, Mario Garziona, Guadalupe Arango, Catherine Gleba, James Brian Dolman, Jeffrey Deskovic, Gary Neidhardt, and Janet Fortier

HEALING SERVICE WITH ALAN AMES

Alan's life was changed from a violent, alcoholic, motorcycle gang member to a man of complete devotion to God. Alan is an internationally known evangelist who has been graced with the gift of healing, a close union with Jesus in His passion and a mystical prayer life that he has shared globally the past 18 years, in 50 countries and 6 continents. There have been 1000's of documented healings, by the grace of God. Alan travels worldwide sharing his inspiring story and testimony of God's merciful love. For more info: www.alanames.org. Please join us on **Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00pm in the Church** for a Mass, talk, adoration, and healing service. Confessions also available.

ATTENTION ASSUMPTION VOLUNTEERS

On May 23rd, we will be doing a Spring Clean-up of our Assumption property. In addition to able-bodied people willing to help, we are looking for three to four people with pick-up trucks that will be able to make a trip to the Peekskill dump before Noon. We could also use a couple of powerful leaf blowers in order to clean up the parking lot and driveway. Anyone interested please feel free to just show up here, we will begin just after the 9:00AM Mass.

ASCENSION OF JESUS

The Ascension of Our Lord, which occurred 40 days after Jesus Christ rose from the dead on Easter Sunday, continues our joy in the resurrection of Jesus. On this day, the risen Christ, in the sight of His Apostles, ascended bodily into Heaven (Luke 24:51; Mark 16:19; Acts 1:9-11). Ascension Thursday, May 14th, 2015 is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our Masses will be as follows:

- Wednesday - 5:30 PM
7:00 PM – CCD Mass - Bilingual
- Thursday - 6:45 AM
10:00 AM
7:30 PM Bilingual with Sacraments of Initiation for the RCIA for Teens candidates.

Please note that our CCD Families will join together for a Bilingual Mass on Wednesday evening at 7:00 PM

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE



From Mother's Day to Father's Day we will run a Baby Bottle Drive to support Expectant Mother Care--Frontline Pregnancy Centers, which serve mothers in crisis pregnancies by helping them to choose and give life to their babies. Parishioners are invited to take a bottle home on the weekend of May 9-10 and return it with donations on the weekend of June 20-21. You can find the bottles in the vestibule, with directions inside them. Thank you for helping to support this mission and to save lives!