

**JANUARY 29, 2017**  
**FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday (January 29) Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:00 Catarina Clemente  
*Requested by:* The Fonseca Family
- 10:00 Casper Knizeski  
*Requested by:* Joaquim and Lucy Aguiar
- 12:00 Pro Populo
- 7:00 Spanish Mass

**Monday (January 30)**

- 7:00 Catarina Clemente  
*Requested by:* Camilo Clemente and Family
- 9:00 Maria V. DeLuca  
*Requested by:* Family

**Tuesday (January 31) Saint John Bosco, Priest**

- 7:00 Richard Knizeski, Jr.  
*Requested by:* Paul Demchar & Carolyn Wilson
- 9:00 Josephine Lilienfield  
*Requested by:* Janis, Frank and Paul

**Wednesday (February 1)**

- 7:00 Sara Montanez  
*Requested by:* Her Children
- 9:00 Angela and John Alterio  
*Requested by:* Family

**Thursday (February 2) The Presentation of the Lord**

- 7:00 Elinor Higgins  
*Requested by:* The Conlin Family
- 9:00 Frank Garziona  
*Requested by:* Filomena and Joseph Garziona

**Friday (February 3) First Friday; Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr; Saint Ansgar, Bishop**

- 7:00 Domenico and Rosaria Federico  
*Requested by:* The Fonseca Family
- 9:00 Joaõ Xavier Rodrigues  
*Requested by:* Wilfred & Celina Rodrigues and Family

**Saturday (February 4) First Saturday**

- 9:00 Ema Fonseca  
*Requested by:* The Fonseca Family
- 5:00 Pro Populo
- 7:00 Spanish Mass

**Sunday (February 5) Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:00 Pauline Pullano  
*Requested by:* The Ciciretto Family
- 10:00 Robert DiStefano  
*Requested by:* Ida Perez-Owens and Family
- 12:00 Alice Sorano  
*Requested by:* John Donohue
- 7:00 Spanish Mass

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



**Wedding Banns**

Third Time: Rodolfo Marquez & Hilda Heras

**MEMORIALIZATIONS**

**ALTAR CANDLES**

In Memory of the Carey & Eible Families  
*Requested by:* Family

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**

Peter DeCrenza, Sr.  
*Requested by:* Cathleen DeCrenza

**NOTES FROM THE LOFT**

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 5, 2017

A recent conversation with a young church musician proved to be a genuine “teachable moment.” Our discussion centered on the successes and shortcomings parishes experience in “marrying” the Mass to the music.

This is the fundamental challenge the liturgical musician faces on a weekly basis. Music for the Sacrifice of the Mass must be sacred. Musical selections must complement – not distract nor detract from – the holy action at the altar. A balance must be struck between beauty and function, performance and prayer. Music for congregations must be inspiring but not difficult, regular but not routine. It can be soaring and intellectual, but it must also touch the heart.

The Church provides two principles. First, musical choices must be guided by the liturgical readings: How are they thematically connected? How do we sing what the Word is speaking?

Secondly, the music must be suited to the liturgical action – e.g., appropriate for an entrance procession or conducive to a Communion meditation. This, however, is just the beginning for the musical director when planning a well-integrated spoken-and-sung liturgy.

The serious liturgical musician is a person of prayer. Meditation on the Sunday selections from the Old and New Testaments is essential. Scripture is the voice of God: What is He saying to us here and now?

Familiarity with the daily Mass readings and praying the Divine Office during the week provide an even broader understanding. A prayerful approach to the sacred texts, plus familiarity with a range of music from chant to traditional hymns to contemporary compositions, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, can create something mystical out of what can, sadly, at times become mundane.

Liturgy and sacred music can be a catechetical vehicle to teach the truths of the Catholic faith. Authentic lyrics reinforce the meaning of its mysteries. The vocation of the composer is to put his or her talents at the service of what is eternally Good, True and Beautiful!

This is movingly demonstrated in the modern composition ANIMA CHRISTI by Msgr. Marco Frisina, director of Orchestra and Chorus for the Diocese of Rome. The Latin lyrics, taken from a 14<sup>th</sup> Century prayer, include these powerful invocations: “*Soul of Christ, sanctify me! Body of Christ, save me! Blood of Christ, inebriate me! Water from the side of Christ, wash me!*”

It will be sung at the Choir Mass on February 5.

**TITHING REPORT**

January 15, 2017.....\$11,766.05  
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$608.60)  
 January 17, 2016.....\$9,857.12  
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$671.12)

*If you would like to enroll in Parish Pay, please go to [www.parishpay.com](http://www.parishpay.com) OR call the Rectory*

**RESPECT LIFE**

**A Continuing Prod to the Conscience.**



President Ronald Reagan, in his book *Abortion and the Conscience of the Nation* (1983) wrote: "Make no mistake, abortion-on-demand is not a right granted by the Constitution. No serious scholar, including one disposed to agree with the Court's result, has argued that the framers of the Constitution intended to create such a right. Shortly after the Roe v. Wade decision, Professor John Hart Ely, now Dean of Stanford Law School, wrote that the opinion 'is not constitutional law and gives almost no sense of an obligation to try to be.' Nowhere do the plain words of the Constitution even hint at a 'right' so sweeping as to permit abortion up to the time the child is ready to be born. Yet that is what the Court ruled. As an act of 'raw judicial power' (to use Justice White's biting phrase), the decision by the seven-man majority in Roe v. Wade has so far been made to stick. But the Court's decision has by no means settled the debate. Instead, Roe v. Wade has become a continuing prod to the conscience of the nation."

**The next Respect Life Holy Hour is Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 pm.**

**CALLED TO BE BLESSED... AND MORE!**



As has become a custom at Assumption, our Church will once more offer a five-week Pre-Lenten Preaching Series. During the weeks leading up to Ash Wednesday (March 1), the Preaching Series will zero in on the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew Chapters 5 – 7), from which each Gospel reading of those five weeks is drawn. Exploring the unifying theme "Called to be..." a special homily will be delivered at each Mass on a particular weekend. Beginning this weekend (**Saturday, January 28 and Sunday, January 29**), the initial message is "Called to be Blessed" and is delivered by Father Vincent. The schedule for the whole series:

WEEKEND	THEME: Called to ...	MESSAGE DELIVERED BY
January 28/29	...be Blessed	Father Vincent
February 4/5	...be Light	Father Higgins
February 11/12	...be Peace	Father Vincent
February 18/19	...be Love	Father Higgins
February 25/26	Too Blessed to be Stressed	Father Juniper Adams, CFR

**PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**



Gladys Latimer, Catherine Chesser, Janet Fortier, Linda McGarr, Andrew Muller, George Strumke, Mario Garziona, Tony DeMilio, James Brian Dolman, Suzi Jo Bondra, Margaret Kang and Carli Hermina.

**PRAY ALSO FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED**

Richard Carlson  
 Steve Remo

*"Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace."*

**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE**



January 29 3 pm Assumption Church  
 February 5 3 pm Assumption Church  
 February 12 – No Holy Hour –  
 February 19 3 pm Assumption Church

**REACHING THE HEIGHTS!**



Thanks to 374 Assumption families and individuals who gave so generously to the Renew + Rebuild capital campaign, our parish is now officially "over the top." With \$1,317,490 in pledges (at the time of this bulletin's printing), we've surpassed 120% of our initial-goal mark, meaning 100% of the funds now received remain with Assumption for our sole use. If you have already made your pledge, thank you! If you have not yet done so, please consider joining in, as everything received from this point onward, as they say, "is gravy!" Pledge forms to fill out are available on the tables near the back of the Church as well as in the Rectory or by accessing our website at [www.assumptionpeekskill.org](http://www.assumptionpeekskill.org). Our current numbers:

Initial Goal	Total Amount Pledged	% of Goal	# of Pledges	% of Families
\$1,115,500*	\$1,317,490	126%	374	18%

\*(This "Initial Goal" figure of \$1,115,500 includes Assumption's 2017 Cardinal's Appeal goal of \$68,000; the "% of Goal" figure in the chart above is based on the Initial Goal figure less the Cardinal's Appeal figure – i.e., \$1,047,500.)

**AN ABUNDANCE OF FEASTS**

February 3 is the traditional date of the feast of St. Blaise, the patron saint of health of the throat. The Blessing of the Throats will be offered after the 7:00 am and 9:00 am Masses on the actual feast day (**Friday, February 3**) as well as after all Masses next weekend (**Saturday, February 4 and Sunday, February 5**). Also, the traditional feast of Candlemas – commemorating the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple 40 days after His birth – is February 2. If you would like to have candles blessed, please bring them to the 7:00 am or 9:00 am Mass on **Thursday, February 2** for a blessing at the commencement of each Mass.

## BEHIND THE SCENES AT ASSUMPTION

It takes many people to see to it that a parish runs smoothly. In our continuing series highlighting parish employees and volunteers, we focus this week on Donna Sticco, Choir Director and Cantor at Assumption.



*"Hello, my name is Donna Marie Sticco, and I have the best job: I sing for God!"*

*Before becoming Choir Director and Cantor at Assumption in 2009, I enjoyed 30 years conducting an 'a cappella' schola, which brought chant and polyphony to churches in the New York metropolitan area. I am honored to have been recently appointed to the Archdiocesan Commission for Liturgical Music.*

*Upon graduating from Seton Hall University, I launched a 34-year career in public elementary education. By 1978 I had also completed studies at a pontifical institute at St. John's University, earning an MA in Catholic Doctrine and a catechetical diploma from the Vatican. (I also continued my studies at St. Joseph's Seminary.)*

*Simultaneous with public school teaching, I worked for 23 years as Director of Religious Education at the Church of Mary's Nativity in Flushing, Queens, while devoting summers to training catechists on parish and graduate levels in Oregon, Wyoming and Virginia.*

*Changing careers in 2004, I spent the next five years teaching high school theology, literature, and music and art appreciation.*

*Writing "Notes from the Loft" for each week's bulletin and teaching RCIA for Teens provide me with intellectual stimulation. My greatest joy, however is assisting our priests in the care of souls by monitoring the weekly visits of our Extraordinary Ministers, who have touched the lives of some 300 people at last count, 103 of whom have gone home to the Lord!"*

## FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS 2017

*"We need to feed the hungry in the name of Jesus, and that is a high honor and call. We need to make sure none of our neighbors are ever turned away when they look to the Church for help." – Timothy Cardinal Dolan*

This week (**Sunday, January 29 – Sunday, February 5**), Cardinal Dolan is calling on Catholics and non-Catholics alike to feed our neighbors by replenishing food pantries and soup kitchens that so many families rely on to survive. Assumption, in conjunction with Fred's Food Pantry, already does a great deal toward meeting the needs of the hungry in Peekskill, but we still wish to heed the Cardinal's call to join in this Archdiocesan-wide effort. If your means allow, please consider bringing a bag or two of non-perishable, never-opened food when you come to Mass this weekend (**January 28 and 29**) or next weekend (**February 4 and 5**). All donations are welcome but especially needed are cereals, spaghetti sauce, jars of jelly, and canned goods (tuna, chili, stews, soups, etc.). Please check that no donation is past its expiration date.

## FAMED PREACHER COMING TO ASSUMPTION



Assumption is pleased to announce that Saulo Hidalgo – renowned lay Catholic preacher and minister of healing – will be coming to our Church in mid-February for a Healing Mass and a Pre-Lenten Retreat. Mr. Hidalgo, born in the Dominican Republic and residing in Texas, will preach at both the Healing Mass and during the day of retreat.

**Friday, February 10:** The evening of the Healing Mass begins at 6:30 pm with recitation of the Rosary. Father Vincent Druding will then celebrate Mass at 7:00 pm, followed by a Eucharistic Procession. Mr. Hidalgo will preach after the Procession and Benediction. A Laying-of-Hands service concludes the evening. (Music during the evening will be provided by the Kevin Donovan Band.)

**Saturday, February 11:** The Pre-Lenten Retreat will begin at 8:30 am with recitation of the Rosary and a Mass at 9:00 am; a light breakfast will be served, followed by a day of talks by Mr. Hidalgo. Agnus Dei Ministries will provide Praise and Worship music throughout the day, which will also include a Holy Hour, discussion and a break for lunch. The cost of the Retreat is \$10 per person and is open to all age 15 and above. For tickets, please call (914) 486-8674; tickets can also be purchased after all Masses on the weekends of **January 28 and 29** and **February 4 and 5**.

## IT'S NEVER TOO LATE...

...to discover Christ. If you've been contemplating whether to attend the seven-week "Discovering Christ" series – good news! – there's still time to sign up. The start of the series has been pushed back a couple of weeks and will now begin on **Monday, February 6**, continuing through Monday, March 20 (with a day of retreat on Saturday, March 11). Come explore answers to questions about God and the meaning of life as you deepen your personal relationship with Jesus. Meeting in Father Wilson Hall on Monday evenings (from 6:30 – 9:00 pm), each session will include free dinner, prayer time, an interactive video presentation on a core Gospel message and small group discussion in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Reservations are required, and you must be at least 18 years of age. Please register at [www.dcassumption.eventbrite.com](http://www.dcassumption.eventbrite.com) OR e-mail [discoveringchrist.assumption@gmail.com](mailto:discoveringchrist.assumption@gmail.com) OR call (914) 402-4439. For more detailed info on the Discovering Christ series, visit <https://christlife.org/discover>.



## COULD YOU NOT PRAY WITH ME...?

First Fridays of every month are special times to visit our Lord, who is truly present in the Eucharist and exposed in the Church. This **Friday, February 3**, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Eucharist, will be on the altar for adoration from 12:15 pm – 7:00 pm. At 7:00 pm the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament takes place. Come and spend time adoring the Lord Jesus with us.

# ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL



## SANTA EUCARISTÍA Y RENOVACIÓN DE LOS VOTOS MATRIMONIALES

**Sábado, 11 de febrero del 2017 - 7:00 pm**

Invitación especial para todas las parejas que se han casado por la Iglesia en sus diferentes países, así como también para las parejas que se casaron por nuestra Iglesia de la Asunción y otras parroquias.

## NO SE LO DEBEN PERDER!!!!

Celebremos juntos el día Internacional del Matrimonio.

**Invitado:**

**Hno. Saulo Hidalgo**

Prédica:

**"LA FAMILIA QUE YO QUIERO TENER"**

Local:

Templo Parroquial

ES GRATUITO - NO NECESITA

REGISTRARSE



**Domingo, 12 de Febrero del 2017 - 2:30 pm**  
**Asamblea de Oración, Evangelización y Sanación**

**Invitado: Hno. Saulo Hidalgo**

**Música: Voces Misioneras**

Prédica: **"LEVANTANDO LOS MUROS CAIDOS"**

Local: Auditorio Padre Wilson

**Costo: \$10 por persona / Incluye Refrigerio**

Auspicia: Ministerio Hispano de la Asunción y

Grupo Apostólico Legión de María

**Esta asamblea es abierta para todos, ofreceremos cuidado de niños**

**LA ASAMBLEA TERMINA CON LA CELEBRACION DE LA SANTA EUCARISTIA A PARTIR DE LAS 7:00 pm**

**Celebrante: P. Sandro Leyton**

**Música: Coro Parroquial San Juan Bautista**

## SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO

**(Niños menores de 6 años)**



Se celebran regularmente todos los días sábados a partir de la 1:00 pm. También ofrecemos el Sacramento del Bautismo el último sábado de cada mes dentro de nuestra Misa (7:00 pm). Se requiere llenar el formulario; asistir padres y padrinos a la catequesis pre-bautismal. Nota: deben traer al momento de la inscripción el certificado de nacimiento del niño (a). Los padres deben estar participando en nuestras Misas regulares.

**PROXIMA CHARLA PRE-BAUTISMAL**  
**JUEVES 2 DE FEBRERO**

**7:00 PM AUDITORIO F.W.H.**

**VIII EDICIÓN DE BAUTISMOS COMUNITARIOS**

**SABADO 22 DE ABRIL DEL 2017 7:00 PM**

Informes en la Casa Parroquial o en la Sacristía después de nuestras Misas en Español con el Dácono Carlos Campoverde.

## MINISTERIO DE CUIDADO PASTORAL A LOS ENFERMOS-ANCIANOS Y PRISIONES

Llame a la Casa Parroquial para los arreglos, nosotros le asignaremos a un Ministro de la Santa Eucaristía para que lo visite ya sea en el Hospital o en la casa. En casos particulares de ancianos, enfermedad o de condición seria, por favor *PRIMERO ponerse en contacto con uno de los Sacerdotes para que reciba el Sacramento de la Unción.*



## SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO

Hacer los arreglos para la planificación seis meses antes de fijar la fecha de la boda. Llame a la Rectoría y haga cita con los Sacerdotes: P. Higgins, P. Vincent, o el Diacono Carlos Campoverde

CATEQUESIS PRE-MATRIMONIALES (PRECANA) 2017

DIA 1 Sábado: 25 de Febrero 9:00 a 3:00 pm Anexo

DIA 2 Sábado 25 de Marzo 9:00 a 3:00 pm Anexo

## MINISTERIO DE FUNERALES



Falleció algún familiar, amigo o pariente y desea tener el rezo del Rosario por el eterno descanso de esa almita. No dude en comunicarse con nosotros, estamos para ayudarles. ¿Quiénes forman parte de este noble Ministerio. Está formado por el Grupo Apostólico Legión de María, coordinado por nuestros clérigos. P. John Higgins, P. Vicente Druding y el Diácono Carlos Campoverde, Hna. Gladys Rosero, Hna. Adriana López y Sandra Mazo. Teléfonos: **914-382-3048 / 914-469-9852 / 914-382-3541.**

## SE NOS VIENE EL V ENCUENTRO

**¿QUIENES PARTICIPAN?**

Todos los líderes en las diócesis, parroquias, movimientos laicos eclesiales y otras organizaciones e instituciones católicas están invitados a salir al encuentro con Hispanos/Latinos católicos, particularmente aquellos que viven en la periferia, mediante del proceso misionero de evangelización y consulta del V Encuentro.

**¿Cuál es La Meta del V Encuentro?** La meta general del V Encuentro es discernir formas en las que la Iglesia en los Estados Unidos pueda responder mejor a la presencia de los Hispanos/Latinos, y potenciar formas en que los Hispanos/Latinos respondan como discípulos misioneros al llamado de la Nueva Evangelización, sirviendo a toda la iglesia.

**PRIMERA REUNION DE PROGRAMACION**  
**EQUIPO PARROQUIAL DE LA IGLESIA ASUNCION**  
**MARTES 31 ENERO DEL 2017**  
**7:00 - 9:00 ANEXO DE LA ESCUELA**