

**FEBRUARY 12, 2017**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday (February 12) Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:00 Pro Populo  
10:00 Jerri Laura Strang  
*Requested by:* Her Loving Family  
12:00 Anna Pappas  
*Requested by:* Family  
7:00 Spanish Mass

**Monday (February 13)**

- 7:00 Genevieve Fogg  
*Requested by:* Donna Sticco  
9:00 Michael Cook  
*Requested by:* The Berry Family

**Tuesday (February 14) Saint Cyril, Monk, and Saint Methodius, Bishop**

- 7:00 Personal Intentions  
*Requested by:* A Parishioner  
9:00 Dr. Thomas Ramos and Lourdes Zaldivar  
*Requested by:* June Ramos and Family

**Wednesday (February 15)**

- 7:00 Richard Knizeski  
*Requested by:* The Americo Family  
9:00 Patsy Salvate  
*Requested by:* Elsa Salvate and Family

**Thursday (February 16)**

- 7:00 Elena Kay Morrice  
*Requested by:* Judy Kelleher  
9:00 Jennifer O’Gorman Ruland  
*Requested by:* Donna O’Gorman

**Friday (February 17) The Seven Holy Founders of the Servite Order**

- 7:00 Souls in Purgatory  
*Requested by:* Carlos & Cassandra Fernandes  
9:00 Michael Cook  
*Requested by:* The Berry Family

**Saturday (February 18)**

- 9:00 Angelo Savino  
*Requested by:* Juliet Juarez  
5:00 Emerciana Braganza  
*Requested by:* Lawrence & Maggie Braganza and Family  
7:00 Spanish Mass

**Sunday (February 19) Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

- 8:00 John DeRico  
*Requested by:* Family  
10:00 Pro Populo  
12:00 Lillian Macken  
*Requested by:* Judy and Frank LoSasso  
7:00 Spanish Mass

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

**MEMORIALIZATIONS**

**ALTAR CANDLES**

In Memory of the Carey & Eible Families  
*Requested by:* Family  
Bruno Valente  
*Requested by:* His wife, Santina Valente

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**

Peter DeCrenza, Jr.  
*Requested by:* Cathleen DeCrenza  
Tina Kessinger  
*Requested by:* Claire Mathey

**NOTES FROM THE LOFT**

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
February 19, 2017

February 14<sup>th</sup> marks the feast day of St. Valentine. At least one Third Century AD priest/bishop by that name appears in Roman martyrology. Christianity was not yet tolerated in the Roman Empire, so Christians – especially the clergy – were the targets of suspicion, persecution and violence.

In this pagan culture, Valentine labored to instruct converts and administer the sacraments, especially Christian marriage. He was eventually arrested and executed by clubbing and beheading on February 14 outside the Flaminian Gate in Rome.

One legend has it that, on the day of his execution, he left a note for his jailer’s daughter, whose blindness he had cured, signing it “your Valentine.” By the Middle Ages, St. Valentine had become known as the patron of engaged and married couples. Birds and roses are associated with his image because February is the month when our feathered friends begin to pair off!

The Readings for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time are a call to real love – and holiness. In the First Reading from the Book of Leviticus, the Lord said to Moses, “*Be holy, for I, the Lord, your God, am holy.*” What is holiness if not to love God – His Will, His Law – above all things, and to “*love your neighbor as yourself*”?

The Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 103) calls us to gratefully remember God’s kindness and compassion, His gracious forgiveness of sin, and the triumph of His mercy over His justice in the treatment of His children.

The Gospel continues Jesus’ bold and original series of “But I say” teachings: “*But I say to you, love your enemies.*” (Matthew 5:44)

Fast-forward from the Sermon on the Mount to the Last Supper. After three years of love in action – preaching, healing, curing – we see the Lord washing the feet of the Twelve. “*This is my commandment – to love as I have loved you.*”

On February 19 the Choir will sing Dan Schutte’s AS I HAVE DONE FOR YOU (#143) and Michael Ward’s A NEW COMMANDMENT. The repertoire will include Scott Soper’s musical version of Psalm 103 in LOVING AND FORGIVING (#663). The Taizé community of France also offers its version of the same psalm in BLESS THE LORD.

**TITHING REPORT**

February 5, 2017.....\$12,479.00  
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$800.00)  
 February 7, 2016.....\$12,014.69  
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$679.69)

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



**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**

Alheri Ja Ja Gaya  
 Marlene Albert  
 Lorraine Groark  
 Ingrid Piel

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



**RESPECT LIFE**

**“God is Love.”** In his very first encyclical, *Deus Caritas Est* (“God is Love”), Pope Benedict XVI writes the following, which reminds us of our calling to love all our neighbors, born and unborn: “In sacramental communion I become one with the Lord, like all the other communicants. As Saint Paul says, ‘Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread’ (1 Corinthians 10:17). Union with Christ is also union with all those to whom he gives himself. I cannot possess Christ just for myself; I can belong to him only in union with all those who have become, or who will become, his own... Love of God and love of neighbor are now truly united: God incarnate draws us all to himself... Here the usual contraposition between worship and ethics simply falls apart. ‘Worship’ itself, Eucharistic communion, includes the reality both of being loved and of loving others in turn. A Eucharist which does not pass over into the concrete practice of love is intrinsically fragmented.” (n.14)

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

**STILL TIME TO JUMP ON BOARD!**



Though as a parish we’ve surpassed our original goal of \$1,115,500 in the Renew + Rebuild capital campaign – and even breezed by the benchmark of 120% of original goal (meaning 100% of the funds received at this point will flow through to us for our sole use) – we’re still at less than 20% participation in terms of the number of parish families who have joined in. Wouldn’t it be great if more of our families and individuals would contribute any amount of money to our renewing and rebuilding? If you have already made your pledge, thank you! If you have not yet done so, pledge forms 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 (at the time of this bulletin’s printing):

Initial Goal	Total Amount Pledged	% of Goal	# of Pledges	% of Families
\$1,115,500*	\$1,319,490	126%	378	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.)

**THE GODPARENT “RULES”**

Being chosen as a godparent is an honor. Either the parents of a child or, in the case of an adult baptism, the baptismal candidate him or herself sees in you an example of what a good Catholic should be. But what, exactly, does the Church require of godparents? The answer, drawn from the website of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Philadelphia:

“When a child or an adult is to be baptized, he or she must Have at least one godparent or sponsor (the terms are interchangeable). It is customary for children to have two godparents. When there are two, one must be male and the other female. Godparents must meet all the following criteria, which are established by universal Church law and do not vary from place to place. Godparents must: (a) be Catholic; (b) have been baptized, confirmed and receive Communion; (c) be 16 or older (exceptions may be made at the bishop’s discretion); and (d) must be living a life consistent with their own baptismal vows. This means they must be practicing the faith (e.g., attending Mass on Sunday; not living with a partner to whom they are not married), cannot be engaging in notorious sin, and cannot have taken public positions in opposition to Catholic faith or morals. If a sponsor is married, their marriage must be recognized by the Church. In general, when one is chosen to be a godparent, he or she must obtain a letter or certificate from their own parish which affirms they meet the above requirements.” [Next week: Why such rules?]

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

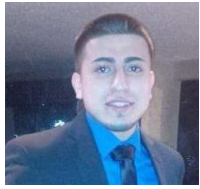


We’re into Week Three of Assumption’s five-week Pre-Lenten Preaching Series. Each Gospel reading during the weeks leading up to Ash Wednesday is from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew Chapters 5 – 7). Exploring the unifying theme “Called to be...,” a special homily will be delivered at each Mass on a particular weekend. This weekend (**Saturday, February 11** and **Sunday, February 12**), Father Vincent will speak on “Called to be Peace.” The schedule for the remaining weeks of the series:

WEEKEND	THEME: Called to ...	MESSAGE DELIVERED BY
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

## 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 Pedro Apolinar, Youth Minister at Assumption.



*“Hello everyone, my name is Pedro Apolinar, and I’m the Youth Minister here at Assumption parish.*

*I was born and raised in southern Westchester, where I started volunteering in Youth Ministry over seven years ago. I sincerely believe that our youth represent not only the future of the Church but, more importantly, its present.*

*Raised in a single-parent home with my two brothers and two sisters, I have come to understand just how amazing mothers are. My mother is my own personal hero; I admire her so and hold her in the highest esteem.*

*Currently, I work during the day at a marketing company in Stamford, Connecticut, but my evenings are dedicated to the youth of Assumption. I believe every young person can accomplish anything to which they put their mind. My mission here is simply to guide and support them along the way.*

*On behalf of everyone who contributes to and volunteers in our Youth Ministry, I would like to thank all Assumption’s parishioners for your constant support and prayers.”*

## THANK YOU FOR “FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS”

Thanks to all Assumption parishioners who donated to the Archdiocese’s recent “Feeding Our Neighbors 2017” food-collection campaign. Through your generosity, we were able to restock our own Food Pantry’s ever-dwindling supply as well as contribute to Fred’s Food Pantry, thus reaching out and helping even more families in our community. Great job, everyone!

## BRINGING IN THE PALMS



According to liturgical norms of the Catholic Church, ashes imposed on Ash Wednesday are to be made from the burning of the blessed palms from Palm Sunday of the previous year. In preparation for Ash Wednesday – which falls on March 1 – please gather your palm fronds from last year and bring them with you this weekend (**February 11 and 12**) or next weekend (**February 18 and 19**) when you come to Mass, placing them in the receptacle provided in the rear of the Church.

## DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE



February 12	– No Holy Hour –
February 19	3 pm Assumption Church
February 26	3 pm Assumption Church
March 5	3 pm Assumption Church

## A LENTEN DAY OF RETREAT



An inspirational way to begin the Lenten season is by attending the annual Lenten retreat at Mt. St. Francis on **Monday, March 13**. Sister Danielle Marie Baran, C.R., will help retreat-goers enter into the spirit of Lent, beginning with a 10:00 am morning session, followed by Mass at 11:15 am, lunch, an afternoon session and prayer. The suggested donation is \$15 per person. For reservations, please call Sister Sheila or Sister Laura at (914) 737-3373. Bring your own lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided. (Mt. St. Francis is at 250 South Street in Peekskill.)

## SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS

St. Columbanus Church presents an Exposition of Sacred Relics of the Saints on **Monday, February 20** at 7:00 pm. Over 150 relics – including those of Saint Maria Goretti, Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (the “Little Flower”), Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Anthony of Padua, Saint Thomas Aquinas and Saint Faustina Kowalska – will be shown. Among the treasures presented will be a piece of a veil believed to have belonged to Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will teach about these holy objects. Those attending will be able to examine and venerate each relic and are encouraged to bring articles of devotion (rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends and family members to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. (St. Columbanus Church is located at 122 Oregon Road in Cortlandt Manor.)

## THE EMMAUS MINISTRY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS



Of all the sorrows that can befall one in life, surely one of the most devastating is the death of a child. To meet the spiritual needs of Catholic parents whose children of any age have died from any cause – no matter how long ago – the Family Life † Respect Life

Office of the Archdiocese of New York has established the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents (so named for the solace the risen Jesus brought to his distraught disciples after his crucifixion, while walking the road to Emmaus). A faith-based program of spiritual retreats for grieving parents, offered by grieving parents, the Emmaus Ministry provides a unique environment where one can find comfort and hope for the difficult journey from grief to healing peace. If you feel this program could help you, please register for an upcoming one-day retreat: **Saturday, February 25** at St. Joseph’s Seminary in Yonkers and/or **Saturday, April 1** at Church of the Magdalene in Pocantico Hills (Tarrytown). The cost is \$25 per person (or \$40 per couple). To register online, please go to [www.emfgp.org/archny](http://www.emfgp.org/archny) or contact Sue DiSisto, Coordinator of Parenting and Family Life Education, at [susan.disisto@archny.org](mailto:susan.disisto@archny.org) or by calling (646) 794-3191.

# ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL



**LA PERLA DEL ORIENTE ECUATORIANO**  
SANTA EUCARISTIA EN HONOR A LA  
VIRGEN PURISIMA DE MACAS  
LA PERLA DEL ORIENTE.  
**Sábado 18 de febrero 7:00 pm**



**SANTA EUCARISTIA MENSUAL  
EN HONOR A**

**LA SANTISIMA VIRGEN DE EL CISNE**

Invitamos para el próximo día **martes 21 de febrero** a partir de las 7:30 de la noche, celebraremos La Santa Eucaristía mensual en honor a la Virgen De El Cisne. El ofertorio y el café serán donados por la Comunidad de Gualaceo miembros activos de la devoción.

**LA CUARESMA SE INICIA CON  
EL MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA**



Recordemos una vez estas palabras. **"en polvo eres y en polvo te convertirás"**, es una invitación para que todos acudamos a recibir la ceniza. Nuestra parroquia tiene programado para el día miércoles **1ro. De marzo, que es miércoles de ceniza**, dos misas en español, la primera misa será a partir de las 5:30 de la mañana y la segunda misa será a partir de las 7:30 de la noche.



El Grupo de Oración Carismático "Nuestra Señora de la Asunción" invita a sus reuniones semanales de oración e intercesión los días martes, comenzando el día **martes 7 de marzo**, solo por el tiempo de cuaresma, las reuniones serán en el anexo de la escuela desde las 7:30 pm.

**IX 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 Diacono Carlos Campoverde.

A todos los hermanos y hermanas que fueron convocados para la

**En Camino  
HACIA EL V ENCUENTRO**



reunión en primera instancia para el día Lunes 20 de febrero, les pedimos disculpas por haber tenido un inconveniente y hemos decidido cambiar de fecha y hora para esta convocatoria, quedando invitados muy cordialmente para el día domingo 26 de febrero en el anexo de la escuela, con el siguiente itinerario:

## **4:30 PM Equipos de Trabajo V Encuentro Parroquial**

### **1.- Llamados a un encuentro con Jesús**

Gladys Rosero – Victoria Vásquez / Presentadoras

- 1.- José Illescas & Cecilia Tinoco
- 2.- Carlos Lojano
- 3.- Milton Macas
- 4.- Marialeny Castillo
- 5.- Ana Suarez
- 6.- Karla Tacuri
- 7.- Jessica Carchipulla

### **2.- Con obras y con gestos: Atrévete**

Lina Espinoza – María Loja / Presentadoras

- 1.- Manuel & Irma García
- 2.- Jaime Pane
- 3.- Jorge Valverde
- 4.- Maribel Flores
- 5.- Lupe Rivadeneira
- 6.- Abraham Urrutia
- 7.- Tamia Rivadeneira

### **3.- Caminando juntos con Jesús**

Elizabeth Recinos – Ana Hidalgo / Presentadoras

- 1.- Marvin Conoz & Denia Cáceres
- 2.- Rene & Olga Cetino
- 3.- Marcelo Alarcón
- 4.- Manuel Bravo
- 5.- Miriam Cabrera
- 6.- Hhanna Hidalgo
- 7.- Evelyn Zhinin

### **4.- Dando frutos de vida nueva**

Viviana Hernández – Dinora Pacheco / Presentadoras

- 1.- Geovany López & Martha
- 2.- Patricio Monge & Inés
- 3.- Ana Peña
- 4.- María Ledesma
- 5.- Manuel Rumipulla
- 6.- Katherine Vidal
- 7.- Karol Pachar

### **5.- Festejando la alegría de ser discípulos**

Jorge Almanza – Beatriz Tenezaca / Presentadoras

- 1.- Sandra Mazo
- 2.- Luz Elena Avalo
- 3.- German Andagoya
- 4.- Mauro & Rosa Duran
- 5.- Miguel Sisalima
- 6.- Mario Chiqui
- 7.- Vinicio Chiqui
- 8.- Jonathan Macas
- 9.- Jennifer Panjon

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