

MARCH 26, 2017
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday (March 26) Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:00 Geraldo Quiñones

Requested by: Family

10:00 Members of the Schuka Family

Requested by: Family

12:00 Pro Populo

7:00 Spanish Mass

Monday (March 27)

7:00 Daniel Mayancela

Requested by: Alicia Boland

9:00 Dorothy and Alfred Zizzo

Requested by: Kathryn Vignini

Tuesday (March 28)

7:00 Patricia Mercaldo

Requested by: Michael and Ann Mary Martin

9:00 Jessie Brauser

Requested by: Madeline Stinson

Wednesday (March 29)

7:00 Marjorie Pauze

Requested by: Inés Campoverde

9:00 Theresa Salkey

Requested by: Assumption Employees

Thursday (March 30)

7:00 Constancio Clemente

Requested by: Family

9:00 Maria V. DeLuca

Requested by: Family

Friday (March 31)

7:00 John Andrew

Requested by: Sanda Maghiar

9:00 Joan Sewalk

Requested by: The Harkins Family

Saturday (April 1) First Saturday

9:00 Moreno-Manato Families

Requested by: Salve Delacruz

5:00 Pro Populo

7:00 Spanish Mass

Sunday (April 2) Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 William and Lillian O'Loughlin

Requested by: The Fonseca Family

10:00 Diogo L. Fernandes

Requested by: Natalia and Family

12:00 Tony Catalano

Requested by: Aunt Lee and Family

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: Santiago Hernandez & Maira Mendez

MEMORIALIZATIONS

ALTAR CANDLES

In Memory of the Carey & Eible Families

Requested by: Family

Constancio Clemente

Requested by: The Fonseca Family

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

Madeline Turrone

Requested by: Natalie Matthews

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

Fifth Sunday of Lent

April 2, 2017

"I will open your graves and have you rise from them, O my people! I will put my spirit in you that you may live... says the Lord." Such is the theme of Ezekiel's bold prophecy in the First Reading for the Fifth Sunday of Lent.

Living in the age of the fulfillment of prophecy, St. Paul confirms Ezekiel in the Second Reading, from the Letter to the Romans: *"You are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you... the Spirit of Christ... If the Spirit of the One who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies..."*

The Gospel makes God's promise personal. Jesus' good friend, Lazarus, has died. To a grief-stricken Martha, Jesus offers words of instruction and consolation. *"Your brother will rise... I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live... [he] will never die."* Obviously, Jesus speaks of eternal life.

The Sunday Gospels of Lent present the highlights of Christ's mission. Three years of preaching, teaching and healing have led Him to the threshold of immense popularity and intense suspicion. The plot to arrest and kill Him is thickening, and this miracle of raising Lazarus will cause the pressure cooker of animosity to explode.

The music accompanying the Readings at this point in Lent is torn between mourning and rejoicing. Unlike the apostles, we experience the Passion in hindsight and know how the story ends.

WHAT WONDROUS LOVE IS THIS (#479) ponders the mystery of a Love that bought us with blood! The moving, anonymous lyric was set to music for William Walker's 1835 hymnal, *The Southern Harmony*.

During the colonial period in America, singing schools were formed to provide instruction for congregational singing. The use of "shape notes" was introduced in New England in 1801; it employed from four to, eventually, seven "shapes," in contrast to modern musical notation which uses the same shape for each note. The starting note – "Fa" – was represented by a triangle; "Sol" by a circle; "La" by a square; and "Mi" by a diamond.

Choir music for April 2 will include MIRACLE OF GRACE (#359) by Curtis Stephan; its references to adoration, senses that fail and grace that prevails recall the lyric of TANTUM ERGO.

TITHING REPORT

March 19, 2017.....\$11,397.00
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$752.00)
 March 20, 2016 (Palm Sunday).....\$14,786.75
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$868.75)

If you would like to enroll in Parish Pay, please go to www.parishpay.com OR call the Rectory



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

Ricardo Moses
 Winifred Jaeger

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

RESPECT LIFE



Wisdom from an American President. The words of President Ronald Reagan in 1982: *“Simple morality dictates that, unless and until someone can prove the unborn human is not alive, we must give it the benefit of the doubt... and, thus, it should be entitled to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”*

The Respect Life Holy Hour is this Monday, March 27 at 7:00 pm.

GET YOUR DAILY DOSE OF LENT

Heard the latest? Those who signed up to receive their daily “Lenten Moments” – a series of short videos “starring” Father Higgins and Father Vincent – have not been disappointed. (In fact, it’s been overheard that parishioners of all ages have been doing their social-media duty of linking to the videos and sharing messages on Facebook, etc.) It’s not too late to sign up to get each day’s “Lenten Moment” sent directly to your inbox or mobile device. Simply text PEEKSKILL to 84576 or go to www.flocknote.com/assumptionpeekskill. (If texting, you’ll receive a confirmation text back from Flocknote and a second message with a link to click to complete the process; click the link, choose “Assumption Lent” and any other groups of interest.) “Lenten Moments” can also be viewed on our website (www.assumptionpeekskill.org), on our Catholic Peekskill YouTube Channel, and on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CatholicPeekskill). To catch up on any you may have missed, binge-watching is encouraged!

BLESS ME, FATHER, FOR I HAVE SINNED...



To prepare ourselves to fully celebrate the great feast of Easter, the sacrament of Confession will be available in our Church from 3:00 pm through 9:00 pm on **Monday, April 10** – Reconciliation Monday – with visiting priests available throughout this time.

This sacrament is Christ’s gift to us, the means by which we experience His loving mercy and forgiveness. Please take advantage of this opportunity!

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE



March 26 – No Holy Hour –
 April 2 3 pm Assumption Church
 April 9 – No Holy Hour –
 April 16 – No Holy Hour –

A VERY SPECIAL HEALING MASS THIS SATURDAY

We all know someone in need of healing – physical, emotional and/or spiritual healing. Just so, all are invited to attend a special Mass with Healing Prayers in our Church at 2:00 pm this **Saturday, April 1**. Father Ubald Rugirangoga from Rwanda will celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, along with Father Vincent, which will be followed by Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a procession through the Sanctuary. (Prior to the Mass, at 1:30 pm, Immaculée Ilibagiza of Rwanda – author of the New York Times bestseller *Left to Tell: Discovering God Amidst the Rwandan Holocaust* – will lead recitation of the Holy Rosary.) Thousands upon thousands have gathered to pray with Father Ubald who, like Miss Ilibagiza, is a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide. [SEE article below.] Assumption is truly honored to host this ministry of healing, forgiveness and reconciliation. Come pray for yourself and for others who may not be able to attend. Prayer intentions and questions may be sent to ServantsofChristHealing@aol.com.

FATHER UBALD RUGIRANGOGA



Father Ubald Rugirangoga has been a Catholic priest in the Cyangugu Diocese of southeastern Rwanda for 25 years. During the Rwandan genocide, Father Ubald lost more than 80 family members and more than 45,000 of his parishioners. (Approximately 800,000 Rwandans were slaughtered in a period of 100 days in 1994.) But Father Ubald survived and first came to the United States in 2009 at the invitation of Immaculée Ilibagiza. Over the years, Father Ubald has brought the power of forgiveness and the love of Christ into the lives of countless individuals. (To learn more about his ministry, go to www.frubald.com.)

AN “ENCORE” FOR FATHER UBALD

One afternoon of Father Ubald’s presence is not enough! After celebrating the Healing Mass on Saturday, April 1, Father Ubald will extend his stay at Assumption for one more day, celebrating the 12:00 pm Mass on **Sunday, April 2** and conducting the Divine Mercy Holy Hour a few hours later (at 3:00 pm). (No, this is NOT an April Fool’s shenanigan!)

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 Nataly Flores, Parish Manager at Assumption.



"Hi, my name is Nataly Flores, and I was born in Peru, where I attended Catholic schools from Kindergarten through college, graduating from the University of the Pacific with a major in Marketing Management.

I came to Peekskill in 2001 and have lived here ever since. I have two daughters, Brunella and Francesca – both very dedicated students and volleyball players – and a wonderful, supportive husband, Juan Carlos. Last, but not least, is my little dog Hannah, a Yorkshire terrier.

My children were baptized at Assumption, began their schooling at Assumption School and made their first sacraments in this Church. While they were attending Assumption School, the principal, Mr. Lyons, asked me to volunteer as the Kindergarten aide, which eventually led to my working as a secretary at the School until its closing in 2013.

The following year, Father Higgins offered me the position of being personal assistant to him and Father Vincent. I had no idea that would prove to be such an exciting and amazing job! Our parish is very blessed to have these two hardworking, dedicated priests.

Then, in October 2015, Father Higgins offered me the challenge of managing this extraordinary parish. I took him on, and here I am, based in the Rectory, working around parish employees and volunteer parishioners who want nothing but the betterment of Assumption. My job is extremely gratifying!

I thank God every day of my life for having given me this amazing opportunity to serve and help people.

The door to my office is always open..."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – PALM CROSS SALE

To help prepare our homes and the graves of our loved ones for the Easter season, the Knights of Columbus will once more be selling beautifully-decorated palm crosses at all Masses on the weekend of **Saturday, April 8** and **Sunday, April 9**. The cost of each cross is \$10, with proceeds from the sale helping our Knights of Columbus Council in its charitable endeavors throughout the year.

PALM SUNDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Knights of Columbus continue with Palm Sunday activities as they hold their annual Stations of the Cross service within the Columbarium Garden at the top of the hill in Assumption Cemetery (1055 Oregon Road, Cortlandt Manor). Please gather at 2:30 pm on

Palm Sunday, April 9 to experience a poignant way to reflect on the steps taken by Our Lord Jesus.



A SIMPLE LENTEN MEAL

During Lent, we are obliged to fast and, on Fridays, to abstain from meat. Each Friday of Lent, our CCD Confirmation students will offer a simple meal of soup and salad at 5:30 pm in the Music Room (second floor of the Annex Hall), prior to Stations of the Cross at 7:00 pm. Please join us this **Friday, March 31** for an evening of nourishment, both physical and spiritual.

MEN'S GROUP TO LEAD STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The centuries-old practice of praying the Stations of the Cross is a way to show our union with Jesus Christ in His Passion and death, which becomes ever more meaningful during the season of Lent. Please join us in the Church for Stations of the Cross each Lenten Friday at 7:00 pm. This Lenten season, the Stations of the Cross will be led each week by a different parish group. The upcoming schedule:

Friday, March 31 – Men's Group
Friday, April 7 (First Friday) – Pro-Life
Friday, April 14 (Good Friday) – Legion of Mary

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...

... when hundreds of high-school youth from around the



Archdiocese congregate for New York Catholic Youth Day, to be held on **Saturday, April 29**. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York and the Office of Youth Ministry, the event will take place on the grounds of St.

Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm. This year's theme is ABLAZE, inspired by the famous quote of Saint Catherine of Siena – "If you are what you should be, you will set the whole world ablaze." The keynote performer is international speaker and beatboxer Paul J. Kim. (Catch his Beatbox Loop video on YouTube.) The emcees are the duo from APeX Ministries – Brad Farmer and Gene Monterastelli – who have crisscrossed North America sharing the Gospel through "Christian Vaudeville" (a blend of sketch comedy, juggling and street performer skills). A day not to be missed! The event is open to high school students, ages 13 – 17, at a cost of \$30 per student (which includes bus transportation, lunch and a T-shirt). For more information and to register, please contact Pedro Apolinar, Assumption's Youth Minister, at (914) 637-0080.

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!

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ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL



REZO DEL ROSARIO DE LA AURORA

SABADO 1ro. DE ABRIL /2017

5:00 - 6:00 AM

Devociones invitadas:

Señor de la Misericordia de San Fernando
y Devoción de la Virgen de El Cisne



"Cuentan los antiguos que cuando Santo Domingo de Guzmán empezaba a desanimarse al ver que en los sitios donde predicaba la gente no se convertía y la herejía no se alejaba, le pidió a Nuestra Señora le iluminara algún remedio para conseguir la salvación de aquellas personas y que Ella le dijo en una visión: "Estos terrenos no producirán frutos de conversión sino reciben abundante lluvia de oración."

Desde entonces el santo se dedicó a hacer rezar a las gentes el Padre Nuestro y el Ave María y a recomendarles que pensarán en los misterios de la Vida, Pasión y Muerte de Jesús. Muy pronto las conversiones fueron muy numerosas y las gentes de aquellas regiones volvieron a la verdadera religión." AUSPICIA LA LEGION DE MARIA



SABADO 1ro. DE ABRIL 7:00 AM

MISA MENSUAL

EN HONOR AL DIVINO NIÑO

Bendición de vientres para madres embarazadas.

Divino Niño Jesús en Tí confío y espero!

REZO DEL VIA CRUCIS PENITENCIAL

8:15-9:30 PM - TEMPLO PARROQUIAL

Servicio de Confesiones



MARZO

Viernes 31

"Legión de María"

"Purísima de Macas"

"Señor de los Milagros de Cumbe"

"Divino Niño"

ABRIL

Viernes 7

Ministerios de la Sacristía - Acogimiento
Lectorado-MVE-MEC - Funerales

DOMINGO 2 DE ABRIL - 4:30 PM - ANEXO PRE CONSEJO DE PASTORAL PARROQUIAL



DOMINGO DE RAMOS EN LA PASIÓN DE NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO



HORARIOS DE LAS MISAS

Sábado 8 de Abril Santa Misa 7:00 pm

Domingo 9 de Abril Santa Misa 2:30 pm

(Con procesión)

Domingo 9 de Abril Santa Misa 7:00 pm

En las tres celebraciones obsequiaremos los ramos para que sean bendecidos.

LA SEMANA SANTA EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA

TRIDUO PASCUAL

LA GRAN FIESTA CRISTIANA



1. JUEVES 13 DE ABRIL - JUEVES SANTO

HORA: 7:30 PM - MISA BILINGUE VESPERTINA DE LA CENA DEL SEÑOR, LAVATORIO DE PIES - ADORACIÓN AL SANTÍSIMO

2. VIERNES 14 DE ABRIL - VIERNES SANTO

HORA: 12:00 MD - REZO DEL VIA CRUCIS EN EL DEPEW PARK EN VIVO!

Participación de los Grupos Apostólicos, Ministerios y las Devociones de nuestra Parroquia

VIERNES 14 DE ABRIL - VIERNES SANTO

HORA: 7:00 PM - EN EL TEMPLO PARROQUIAL

LECTURA DE LA PASION - VENERACION DE LA SANTA CRUZ (BESAR LA CRUZ) - Y RECIBIR LA SANTA COMUNIÓN

3. SÁBADO 15 DE ABRIL - SABADO SANTO

HORA: 8:00 PM - VIGILIA DE PASCUA - SANTA EUCHARISTIA BILINGÜE - CELEBRACION DE LOS SACRAMENTOS, ALUMNOS DE R.I.C.A.