

**APRIL 23, 2017**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday (April 23) Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday**

- 8:00 Personal Intentions  
*Requested by: A Parishioner*
- 10:00 Personal Intentions  
*Requested by: A Parishioner*
- 12:00 Pro Populo
- 7:00 Spanish Mass

**Monday (April 24) St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr**

- 7:00 Constancio Clemente  
*Requested by: Family*
- 9:00 Francesca and Elisabetta Diodatto  
*Requested by: Family*

**Tuesday (April 25) St. Mark, Evangelist**

- 7:00 Violet Aguiar  
*Requested by: Joaquim & Lucy Aguiar and Family*
- 9:00 Madeline F. Turrone  
*Requested by: Christopher Columbus Ladies' Auxiliary*

**Wednesday (April 26)**

- 7:00 Giuseppe Pascetta  
*Requested by: Family*
- 9:00 Jerri Laura Piamonte-Strang  
*Requested by: Her Loving Family*

**Thursday (April 27)**

- 7:00 Wally Carberry  
*Requested by: Bill McCrain*
- 9:00 The Edward Burns Family  
*Requested by: Madeline Stinson*

**Friday (April 28) St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr; St. Louis Grignion de Montfort, Priest**

- 7:00 Martin B. O'Brien  
*Requested by: John D'Angelo*
- 9:00 Luigi and Elisa DiPaterio  
*Requested by: Pietro & Concetta DiPaterio and Family*

**Saturday (April 29) St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor**

- 9:00 For Those Enrolled in the Purgatorial Society
- 5:00 Pro Populo
- 7:00 Spanish Mass

**Sunday (April 30) Third Sunday of Easter**

- 8:00 Maria V. DeLuca  
*Requested by: Family*
- 10:00 Maria Baldini and Deceased Members of the Baldini Family  
*Requested by: Angelo and Maria Baldini*
- 12:00 Richard Knizeski  
*Requested by: Jean Ryan*
- 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*

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**

Mary Cioffi  
*Requested by: Cathy DeCrenza*

**NEWLY-ENROLLED IN PURGATORIAL MASS SOCIETY**

*(Enrolled for one year for monthly Masses normally celebrated on the last Saturday of the month)*

Shirley Tudor  
Virginia Miozzi  
*Requested by: Scott Miozzi (son)*  
Madeline F. Turrone  
*Requested by: Henry and Nancy Hrdlicka*

## A Letter from Cardinal Dolan



Office of the Cardinal  
1011 First Avenue  
New York, NY 10022

April 2017

Dear Assumption Parish Parishioners,

*Easter Joy!*

Congratulations on surpassing your goal for the *Renew + Rebuild Capital Campaign!* Along with your pastor, Father Higgins, I am deeply grateful to those of you who made a commitment to this important endeavor. Your parish contributed to the overwhelming success of Block I, which has raised 109% of its cumulative target.

The mission and ministry of the Church depend on strong parish communities. Thanks to the generosity of the Assumption Parish community, we can ensure that our parishes and Archdiocese remain strong and guarantee a solid foundation for our future.

Through your dedication, the Archdiocese can serve the 2.6+ million Catholics across our ten counties. Together, with God's grace, we will *Renew + Rebuild!*

With prayerful gratitude, may I remain,

Faithfully in Christ,

Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan  
Archbishop of New York

**TITHING REPORT**

Holy Thursday 2017.....	\$2,116.00
Holy Thursday 2016.....	\$1,819.00
Good Friday 2017.....	\$2,837.00
Good Friday 2016.....	\$2,135.00
Easter 2017.....	\$17,854.75
(includes Parish Pay amount of \$653.75)	
Easter 2016.....	\$20,145.00
(includes Parish Pay amount of \$890.00)	

If you would like to enroll in Parish Pay, please go to [www.pariishpay.com](http://www.pariishpay.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**

Robert J. Manley  
Michael J. Gaetani

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

**RESPECT LIFE**



**Divine Mercy and Pro-Life.** Saint John Paul II, as Pope, declared the Sunday after Easter to be Divine Mercy Sunday. Many of the faithful pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy regularly. There is a link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. In his article “Wombs of Mercy,” Father Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, a principal translator of Saint Faustina’s diary and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes: *“On at least three occasions, from 8:00 – 11:00 in the evening, she felt like her insides were being torn apart. She suffered so much that she thought she was going to die. The doctors couldn’t figure out what was ailing her, and no medication was able to alleviate her sufferings. Later, she was given to understand that she was undergoing those pains for mothers who were aborting their children... On another occasion, she had a vision of an angel coming with thunderbolts to destroy one of the most beautiful cities of her country. And she felt powerless to do anything about it... [the] city was to be chastised for its sins, primarily the sin of abortion... What antidote did the Lord give her? The Chaplet of Divine Mercy.”*

**The next Respect Life Holy Hour is Friday, May 19 at 7:00 pm.**

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AND HOLY HOUR**

During the course of Jesus’ revelations to Saint Faustina, He asked that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter (i.e., the Octave Day of Easter). Pope John Paul II made clear that the image of the Divine Mercy seen by Saint Faustina – representing the Risen Christ bringing mercy to the world – should be venerated on Divine Mercy Sunday. In his homily at her canonization Mass, the Pope described the now iconic image as “two rays of light shining from that Heart and illuminating the world: ‘The two rays,’ Jesus Himself explained to [Saint Faustina] one day, ‘represent blood and water.’”

Most every Sunday afternoon of the year, our parish has a Divine Mercy Holy Hour. As this **Sunday (April 23)** is the actual Divine Mercy Sunday, Assumption will host a special bilingual celebration in the Church at 3:00 pm, with an opportunity for Confession and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. As an added enticement, refreshments will follow.

**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE**



April 23*	3 pm	Assumption Church
April 30	– No Holy Hour –	
May 7	3 pm	Assumption Church
May 14	3 pm	Assumption Church

\*(A special bilingual Divine Mercy Holy Hour)

**WELCOME TO THE FOLD!**



Assumption rejoices with our RCIA catechumens and candidates who received their sacraments at the Easter Vigil Mass last weekend: three people were baptized, 11 received

First Holy Communion (including one who came into full communion with the Catholic Church) and 19 received Confirmation. Much gratitude is due our RCIA team members and sponsors for their prayers and dedication as they guided the journey of those preparing for the Easter Sacraments. May the Risen Christ reward their generosity and continue to guide their ministry in our parish.

**YOUTH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE, ASSEMBLE!**

Join hundreds of fellow high-school youth for the annual New York Catholic Youth Day, to be held this **Saturday, April 29**. Sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York and the Office of Youth Ministry, the event takes place at 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 beatboxer Paul J. Kim. Emcees Brad Farmer and Gene Monterastelli of APeX Ministries have crisscrossed America sharing the Gospel through “Christian Vaudeville” (a blend of comedy, juggling and street performer skills). The event is open to high school students, ages 13 – 17; the cost of \$30 includes bus transportation, lunch, a T-shirt and a bag. Please register by contacting Pedro Apolinar, Assumption’s Youth Minister, at (914) 637-0080.



**Wedding Banns**

Third Time: Henry Gustavo Alvarracín & Martha Lucia Gutama

Third Time: Cristopher Garcia & Natalia Gonzalez

First Time: Gonzalo Merchan Damián & Norma Obdulia Guarango

## 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 Mary Mancini Tacca, Coordinator of Music at Assumption.



*"Hello! My name is Mary Mancini Tacca. I was born in Peekskill, attended Assumption School (K-8) and have been a parishioner of Assumption Church all my life.*

*Along with the Franciscan Sisters and Assumption Priests, my parents set the best example for me by their devotion to God, their constant faith and teaching the importance of attending Church on a regular basis.*

*My desire to be part of the Assumption "family" began during those early school years – I helped out in the sacristy every Friday, cleaning candle holders and doing whatever else was needed.*

*Eventually, I was elected President of the Sodality of Mary and was asked to join the choir at age 11. This allowed me to be part of all the musical shows that took place on the stage of what is now Father Wilson Hall. I knew early on that God had blessed me with the gift of music!*

*When I "grew up," I went to work in the legal department of IBM at its T.J. Watson Research Center. At the same time, I began studying vocal music and eight languages under private tutelage in New York City, studies which spanned over 20 years!*

*After about ten years of studies, realizing the strength of my gift, I took the leap and devoted myself to music full-time. My concert and show work is ongoing; I've performed throughout the USA, Canada, Europe and even twice in the People's Republic of China.*

*As Coordinator of Music at Assumption, cantoring two Masses every weekend and singing for funerals and weddings, I continue expanding my music repertoire – and I love every minute of it!*

*In addition to my music ministry, I've been the chairperson of Assumption's Events Committee for 25 years. I truly enjoy both putting on events in the parish and working with fellow parishioners on the committee. (And we're always looking for volunteers!)*

*I am doubly blessed to be able to work with my husband, Mario Tacca, who not only is an organist at Assumption but is also a world champion accordionist. We've been making beautiful music together for 41 years, recording ten CDs during that time as well as producing three marvelous children and eight precious grandchildren!*

*I am so grateful to be part of Assumption and most grateful for God's plan over my life – He has given me the gift of music and I am driven to gift it back to Him."*



## NOTES FROM THE LOFT

Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)  
April 23, 2017

In recent days the Church has presented us with long, descriptive narratives of Christ's Passion and Resurrection, narratives filled with the mention of many ordinary people "rising to the occasion" of showing mercy.

There is Pilate's wife, Claudia, who interceded on Jesus' behalf: *"While [Pilate] was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that righteous man, for I have suffered much over Him today in a dream'."* (Matthew 27:19) Also known as "Procula," she is revered as a saint by Orthodox Churches.

Though Veronica isn't mentioned in Scripture, she is nevertheless memorialized in the Sixth Station of the Cross, offering Jesus a small gesture of mercy by wiping the spittle and blood from His disfigured face with her veil.

Simon of Cyrene helped carry the Cross, but Luke's Gospel records he was "seized" (Luke 23:26), and the Gospels of both Matthew (27:32) and Mark (15:21) state he was "compelled" to assist lest Jesus die "prematurely." Perhaps after the Resurrection, Simon realized the magnitude of the mercy he had extended!

The women of Jerusalem and their children wept for Jesus – this young man who left no children of His own to mourn for him! – en route to Calvary.

Disciples Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea were also Pharisees and members of the Sanhedrin, who dissented from the decision to put Jesus to death. Joseph assumed responsibility for Jesus' burial, approaching Pilate for Jesus' body, providing the burial cloths and his own pre-arranged burial place; Nicodemus supplied about 75 pounds of aloes and myrrh. For touching a corpse, their gestures of mercy incurred ritual impurity upon them!

Mary Magdalene and her female companions returned to the tomb to complete the burial rites in a final gesture of mercy, only to become its heralds! That Easter evening, Jesus mysteriously appeared to the Twelve and gave them the ultimate mercy: the power to forgive sins.

YE SONS AND DAUGHTERS (#169) tells the story of the octave of Easter, which ends on Divine Mercy Sunday with Thomas' stunning profession of faith – *"My Lord and My God!"* The hymn's nine stanzas were originally composed in Latin ("O Filii et Filiae") by 15<sup>th</sup> Century Franciscan preacher Jean Tisserand; renowned English translations were made by both Fr. Edward Caswall, CO and Anglican clergyman John M. Neale.

Come and sing with us the music of MERCY!

## CENTENARY OF OUR LADY OF FÁTIMA



One hundred years ago – on May 13, 1917 – our Lady made her first appearance to three shepherd children in Fátima, Portugal. Over the next six months, she appeared five more times to Lúcia Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto. To mark the centenary of the First Apparition of Our Lady of Fátima, Assumption is planning a bus trip to the National Blue Army Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Washington, New Jersey on **Saturday, May 13**. The cost per person is \$30. If interested, please contact Lisa Smith at (914) 257-7008 for more information.

## ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL



### El Grupo Matrimonial "Jesús, María y José"

Invita a la noche de enriquecimiento de parejas con el tema:

**EDUCAR PARA LA SEXUALIDAD  
MARTES 25 DE ABRIL  
7:30 - 9:00 PM. ANEXO**

Dirigido para padres y madres de cómo y a qué edad podemos hablarles a ellos sobre este tema. ¿De dónde vienen los bebés? Cuando un niño formula esta pregunta, algunos padres se ponen nerviosos y recurren al cuento de la cigüeña. Error. Los pequeños curiosos no tardan en buscar otras respuestas que los confunden aún más. La sexualidad nunca debe ser un tema tabú en casa. **PRESENTADO POR: Denisse de Óleo**, Coordinadora de la Oficina de Vida Familiar y Respeto a la Vida de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York.

**EVENTO ES GRATUITO - SOLO ADULTOS - NO NIÑOS**

### GRUPO DE ORACIÓN "NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA ASUNCIÓN"

El Grupo de Oración "Nuestra Señora de la Asunción" invita a sus reuniones semanales de oración e intercesión todos los días viernes, las reuniones son en el Anexo de la Escuela desde las 7:30 pm.



**JUBILEO DE ORO**

### E INVITAN AL GRAN CONCIERTO DE ALABANZA

CELEBRANDO LA TRIUNFANTE RESURRECCIÓN DE NUESTRO SEÑOR JESUCRISTO Y LOS 50 AÑOS DE LA RENOVACION CARISMÁTICA.

#### Invitados:

Ministerio "Kerigma"  
Ministerio "Don de Dios"  
Ministerio "El gran milagro"

**DOMINGO 30 DE ABRIL**

**HORA: 2:30 PM/ LOCAL:**

**AUDITORIO PADRE WILSON**

**Servicio de cuidado de niños**

**ES GRATUITO!**



### Mayo mes de María

#### Ave María Purísima! - Sin pecado concebida!

Estamos ya a las puertas del mes de Mayo mes dedicado a la Virgen María, por este motivo Los tres Presidios de La "Legión de María" invitamos a compartir el Rosario de la Aurora todos los sábados de Mayo a partir de las 5:00 am a cargo de las devociones Marianas invitadas:

Sábado 6	Virgen de la Nube
Sábado 13	Virgen de Guadalupe
Sábado 20	Virgen de las Mercedes/Altigracia
Sábado 27	Virgen Purísima de Macas

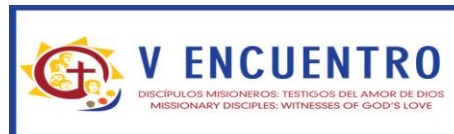


**SABADO 6 DE MAYO 7:00 AM**

**MISA MENSUAL**

**EN HONOR AL DIVINO NIÑO**

Bendición de vientres de madres embarazadas, chocolate después de la Misa en el Anexo de la Escuela



**En Camino  
HACIA EL V ENCUENTRO**



*"No estaba ardiendo nuestro corazón dentro de nosotros cuando nos hablaba en el camino y nos explicaba las Escrituras?" (Lucas 24,32)*

**RESERVE ESTAS FECHAS POR FAVOR!**

**Para nuestro Encuentro Parroquial 2017**

**PRIMERA SEMANA**

Lunes 22 de Mayo 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - F.W.H.  
**TEMA: LLAMADOS A UN ENCUENTRO CON JESUS**

**SEGUNDA SEMANA**

Lunes 29 de Mayo 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - F.W.H.  
**TEMA: CON OBRAS Y CON GESTOS: ATRÉVETE**

**TERCERA SEMANA**

Lunes 5 de Junio 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - F.W.H.  
**TEMA: CAMINANDO JUNTOS CON JESUS**

**CUARTA SEMANA**

Lunes 12 de Junio 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - F.W.H.  
**TEMA: DANDO FRUTOS DE VIDA NUEVA**

**QUINTA SEMANA**

Lunes 19 de Junio 7:00 pm-9:00 pm - F.W.H.  
**TEMA: FESTEJANDO LA ALEGRÍA DE SER DISCIPULOS Y MISIONEROS**

**PROCESIÓN - SANTA EUCARISTÍA - CLAUSURA DEL ENCUENTRO PARROQUIAL - Viernes 23 de Junio - 7:00 pm - SOLEMNIDAD DEL SAGRADO CORAZÓN DE JESÚS**

Eventos gratuitos, servicio de cafetería. **Auspiciado por:** Los Grupos Apostólicos y Devociones de nuestra Parroquia, todos son bienvenidos.

### POR EL DIA DE LAS MADRES

CON OCACION DE CELEBRAR EL DIA UNIVERSAL DE LAS MADRES Y POR ESTA NOBLE CELEBRACION OFRECEREMOS DOS MISAS DE RECORDACION A NUESTRAS QUERIDAS MADRECITAS YA SEA QUE GOZEN EN EL CIELO O TAMBIEN QUE ESTEN GOZANDO DE VIDA Y SALUD JUNTO CON NOSOTROS, LAS MISAS SERAN EL DIA SABADO 13 Y DOMINGO 14 DE MAYO A LAS 7:00 PM.



POR ESTE MOTIVO ESTAMOS OFRECIENDO UN SERVICIO CON SOBRES CON TARJETAS CONMEMORATIVAS PARA QUE ANOTEN EL NOMBRE DE SUS MADRECITAS Y PODAMOS RECORDARLES. TARJETAS Y SOBRES LOS

PUEDA RECIBIR EN LA MESA DE INFORMACION O EN LA SACRISTIA.