

**APRIL 12, 2015
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

MASS INTENTIONS

MEMORIALIZATIONS

Sunday (April 12) Second Sunday of Easter - Divine Mercy
 8:00 Vincent Coppeto
Requested By: Family
 10:00 Pro-Populo
 12:00 Gemma Romano
Requested By: Pietro & Concetta, DiPaterio & Family
 7:00 Spanish Mass

Monday (April 13)
 7:00 Tyler Seger
Requested By: Christina Cothren
 9:00 Joao Xavier Rodriguez
Requested By: Filomena Rodrigues

Tuesday (April 14)
 7:00 John Joseph Cerrone, Sr.
Requested By: Capt. Mrs. Brian Green
 9:00 Viola Goffredo
Requested By: Antoinette Malaspina

Wednesday (April 15)
 7:00 Rita Salvatore
Requested By: Family
 9:00 Theresa Marino
Requested By: Joe & Selina Medoro

Thursday (April 16)
 7:00 Bridget & Stephen Austin
Requested By: Family
 9:00 Rosaria Federico
Requested By: Mr. & Mrs. Chuck Marchewka

Friday (April 17)
 7:00 Peter Burza
Requested By: Daughter, Santina
 9:00 James J. Kiley
Requested By: Margaret A. Kiley

Saturday (April 18)
 9:00 Diego L. Fernandes
Requested By: Natalia Fernandes
 5:00 Hrdlicka & Wassily Families
Requested By: Henry & Nancy Hrdlicka

Sunday (April 19) Third Sunday of Easter
 8:00 Steven Fuchek
Requested By: LaBouve Family
 10:00 Giuseppe & Italina Salvate
Requested By: Elsa Salvate & Family
 12:00 Pro-Populo
 7:00 Spanish Mass

ALTAR CANDLES

Margaret Burgess
Requested By: The Elms Family
 Delfina & George Mascarenhas
Requested By: Rosita D'Costa & Family

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

The Music of MERCY!

HIS MERCY IS FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION reads the inscription above Assumption's altar. In his encyclical, "Dives in Misericordia" (Rich in Mercy 1980) the Pope of Mercy, St. John Paul II, called mercy "Love's second name," because mercy flows from love, is an extension of love, reaching out to one who is in misery and need. He echoes the teachings of Sts. Augustine and Thomas Aquinas that mercy is the "greatest attribute" of God because it is the motive behind what He does in His infinite wisdom, goodness and power. St. Faustina simply writes, "Love is the flower; mercy the fruit." (948)

The Scriptures use three words which are rendered in English as 'mercy'. The Old Testament uses the Hebrew word 'HESED', which translates as "covenant love", i.e. steadfast, reliable love which never disappoints. 'Hesed-yesua' is 'saving love'. In it we see the roots of the name of Jesus, Yeshuah – Savior. The second Hebrew word is 'RACHAMIM', which derives from, 'rechim', i.e. womb. This is the tender, responsive love that springs from compassion. St. John Paul II perceived 'hesed' as the masculine love characteristic of a father and 'rachamim' as the feminine love of a mother.

The New Testament gives the third expression for mercy – 'ELEOS' – from the Greek word for an 'oil' which is poured out. Blood and water poured out from the pierced Heart of Christ – so vividly depicted in the image of the Divine Mercy, blood symbolizing the Eucharist and water, Baptism. The early Church quickly incorporated the term into the Liturgy: 'Kyrie, ELEison!' Lord, have MERCY! Translated from the Greek into Latin, we know it as 'misericordia', heartfelt pain for the misery of another, and we find it in Christian prayer and worship as 'miserere nobis', 'have mercy on us'.

The Responsorial Psalm for Mercy Sunday proclaims, "His mercy endures forever." The Gospel gives the account of the institution of the great sacrament of healing, mercy, and even restoration to the life of grace – Penance- "Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them."

Choir music will include THE DAY OF RESURRECTION # 170 which sings, "His love is everlasting, His mercy endures forever," lyrics based on an 8th century text by St. John Damascene.

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

WHEN WILL OUR MASS BOOK OPEN?

In the process of *Making All Things New*, the Archdiocese of NY has asked parishes to not accept Mass intentions for the second half of 2015. We are currently awaiting word from the Archdiocese as to when we will be able to open our Mass book for July - December 2015. We will allow plenty of time for notification so that families will be able to reserve their Masses.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE



April 12	3PM	Assumption Church*
April 19	3PM	Assumption Church
April 26	3PM	Assumption Church
May 3	3PM	Assumption Church

***April 12 will be a special multilingual Divine Mercy Holy Hour**

TRANSPORTATION FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

A Town Hall meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, April 14th**, in the **Library of Peekskill High School** to discuss Peekskill's busing program for students in grades K-12. The possibility to provide students transportation to schools within a 15 mile radius from the center of Peekskill will be discussed. To learn more about this event, contact Peekskill City School District at 914-737-3300. <http://www.peekskillcsd.org/Page/1>

TITHING REPORT

Holy Thursday 2015.....	\$ 1,620.00*
Holy Thursday 2014.....	\$ 1,924.00
Good Friday 2015.....	\$ 1,907.00*
Good Friday 2014.....	\$ 2,826.00
Easter Sunday 2015.....	\$18,148.01
Easter Sunday 2014.....	\$16,123.00
Includes Parish Pay.....	\$ 774.01

*These totals do not include ParishPay

RESPECT LIFE



The Chaplet Today's observance of Divine Mercy Sunday is a good time to renew our devotion to the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. There is a close link between this devotion and the pro-life movement. Fr. Seraphim Michalenko, MIC, who was a principal translator of St. Faustina's diary, and the postulator of her cause of canonization, writes the following: In 2003, Pope John Paul II issued an Apostolic Blessing to all who pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet "for mothers, that they not abort their offspring; for infants in danger of being put to death in the womb; for a change of heart of providers of abortions and of their collaborators; for human victims of stem cell research, genetic manipulation, cloning and euthanasia; and for all entrusted with the government of peoples, that they may promote the Culture of Life, so as to put an end to the culture of death." **The next Respect Life Holy Hour will be on Tuesday, April 21, 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	\$27,751.00	\$19,421.00	90	\$308.34

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

On **Friday, May 1st at 7:00pm**, please join us for Mass as we celebrate St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work. Mass will be celebrated by Monsignor Hilary Franco in Italian and English. Following the Mass will be a procession as well as an "Evening in the Piazza" in Father Wilson Hall. Sample many homemade Italian "dolci" with an espresso while enjoying authentic Italian music and entertainment! Don't forget to join in a Tarantella or two! You won't want to miss this evening!

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.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL



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

WE'D LIKE TO CONNECT WITH YOU!



Get important updates from the parish in a timely and convenient way. This new tool we're using lets you choose what info you'd like to receive - via email or text message - from the various ministries and groups in the parish. You can unsubscribe any time. There are 2 easy ways to connect (pick one): Visit our Parish at: www.flocknote.com/assumptionpeek OR Text [Assumptionpeek](http://www.flocknote.com/assumptionpeek) to 84576 from your phone to subscribe to updates. Text STOP to 84576 to stop txt notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View full terms & conditions at www.flocknote.com/txt

THEOLOGY ON TAP



We bring yet again another session of Theology on Tap, an evening full of joviality and fellowship in Christ. Assumption Church will be hosting Theology on Tap on Monday, May 4th at 7:30PM, at the Peekskill Brewery 47-53 S. Water Street (2nd Floor), Peekskill. Discussion to be led by Father Richard Gil (Administrator at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church in Brewster and he's also a known speaker for the Theology on Tap NYC), his topic will be: Islam: A Religion of Peace? Thoughts on a Clash of Civilizations? Please join us for a night of fellowship, food, and drinks. Hope to see you there!

GOLDEN WEDDING JUBILEE MASS WITH CARDINAL DOLAN

Couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary anytime during 2015 are invited to attend the Annual Golden Wedding Jubilee Mass with Cardinal Dolan at the Cathedral of St. Patrick, Saturday, June 20th or Sunday, June 21st at 2:00pm. Pre-registration is required. Please contact your parish for registration. **The closing date to register for the Mass is Tuesday, May 19th, 2015.** This event is sponsored by the Family Life & Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York.

RCIA

We welcome and congratulate our candidates who received their Sacraments at the Easter Vigil: We rejoice with the seven adults who were baptized and two who were received into full Communion with the Catholic Church. A total of twenty-seven adults received Sacraments this year! Gratitude goes to our RCIA team members and sponsors for their prayer and dedication to journey with the Catechumens and Candidates this year, as they prepared for the Easter Sacraments. May the Risen Christ reward their generosity and continue to guide their ministry in our parish.

A FOND FAREWELL

Over the past three years, parishioners who called or rang the doorbell came to know and appreciate Mrs. Rose DiGilio who for these years has served Assumption parish as our Receptionist. Whether to ask for a Mass time or to get a Mass card, or for any other reason, Rose was sure to help with gentle cheer. Though Rose and her family will continue as Assumption parishioners, we will miss her daily presence in the Rectory Office as she takes leave to take advantage of an opportunity more in line with her education. Thank you, Rose, Godspeed!