

SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

MEMORIALIZATIONS

- Sunday (September 11) Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:00 Pro Populo
 10:00 Tina Kessinger
Requested by: Assumption Church Saturday Fellowship Group
 12:00 Mario and Carmelina Capone
Requested by: The Capone Family
 7:00 Spanish Mass
- Monday (September 12) The Most Holy Name of Mary**
 7:00 Arthur O'Connell
Requested by: Winnie and Ron Byer
 9:00 Diogo L. Fernandes
Requested by: Natalia Fernandes and Family
- Tuesday (September 13) Saint John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor**
 7:00 Jane Morris
Requested by: Jenny Morris
 9:00 Francesco Bizzarro
Requested by: The Capone Family
- Wednesday (September 14) The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**
 7:00 Patricia Cox
Requested by: Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Brady and Family
 9:00 Brian I. Stewart
Requested by: Cathy and Lisa
- Thursday (September 15) Our Lady of Sorrows**
 7:00 John Shanley
Requested by: Michael Fortini
 9:00 Dave Jones
Requested by: The Jones Family
- Friday (September 16) Saints Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs**
 7:00 Andrew and Annamaria Guiao
Requested by: Dominick and Family
 9:00 Sam Mascalino
Requested by: Wife
- Saturday (September 17) Saint Robert Bellarmine, Bishop and Doctor**
 9:00 Msgr. Francis J. Ansbro
Requested by: Legion of Mary
 5:00 Deceased Members of Cavallo and Acker Families
Requested by: Mel and Mary Lou Henning
- Sunday (September 18) Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:00 Pro Populo
 10:00 For all the Catechists of our Parish
Requested by: Priests of the Parish
 12:00 Joe Malzo (Anniversary of his marriage to Barbara Malzo)
Requested by: William and Marcela Bowler
 7:00 Spanish Mass

- ALTAR CANDLES**
 Patricia Weber
Requested by: The Coogan Family
 In Memory of the Carey & Eible Families
Requested by: Family
 Edward Schuka
Requested by: Assumption Finance Council
- SANCTUARY LAMPS**
 Edward Schuka
Requested by: Hank and Nancy Hrdlicka
- ALTAR BREAD AND WINE**
 Joseph Pascazi
Requested by: A Friend

NOTES FROM THE LOFT
 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 18, 2016

"I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord" in the Entrance Antiphon for the Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time. "Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them..."

The upcoming Readings present us with a theme not unrelated to this Year of Mercy – Justice. The Catechism defines justice as "the moral virtue that consists in the constant and firm will to give their due to God and neighbor. Justice toward God is called the 'virtue of religion.'" (#1807)

Amos, who delivers the admonition in the First Reading, was a mere shepherd before God called him to prophesy to the kingdom of Israel. Its leaders – civil and religious – were swollen with power and pride, while the people had fallen into idolatry, greed, self-indulgence, cruelty toward the poor and the pursuit of luxury at their expense. The performance of the duties of religion was reduced to lip service. Jesus, too, will warn us, "You cannot serve both God and mammon." (Luke 16:13)

Amos' prophecy contains an unusual phrase: "The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob." (Amos 8:7) What was the "pride of Jacob"? Nothing less than Israel's faith in the one, true God! God, therefore, swears by Himself that the gross sins of the people will be punished.

Just so, in 722 BC the northern kingdom of Israel was destroyed by the Assyrians.

St. Paul instructs Timothy, the bishop of Ephesus, "I ask that prayers... be offered for everyone, for kings and for all in authority, that we may lead a quiet and tranquil life... [for] God... wills everyone to be saved and to come to knowledge of the truth." (I Timothy 2:1-4) How relevant to our own times!

Father Frederick Faber, CO, wrote FAITH OF OUR FATHERS in 1848 in honor of the English martyrs. Unfortunately, his original text has been altered. The original reads, "Faith of our Fathers! Mary's prayers/ Shall win our country back to thee/ And through the truth that comes from God/ England shall then indeed be free."

Choir will sing this well-known hymn – with the Marian lyric – on September 18.

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



Third Time: Roberto Carlos Torres Flores & Jessica M. Jimenez
 Second Time: José M. Cortes & Carina Marie Martin
 Second Time: Jonathan DiRocco & Danielle McDermott



DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

September 11	3 pm	Assumption Church
September 18	3 pm	Assumption Church
September 25	3 pm	Assumption Church

TITHING REPORT

The Tithing Report for September 4 was not available at the time of this bulletin's printing. Please look for a double report in next week's bulletin.



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Gladys Latimer, Catherine Chesser, Janet Fortier, Linda McGarr, Andrew Muller, George Strumke, George Smith, Cecilia Murphy, Mario Garziona, Catherine Gleba, James Brian Dolman, Suzi Jo Bondra, Martin Carlucci, and Sheila Fleitz.

RESPECT LIFE



Bishop Robert Vasa on abortion (March 1, 2007): *"There are just choices, and there are unjust choices. Choices would be the preference for chocolate ice cream over vanilla ice cream or sherbet instead of ice cream. That is just a choice. A just choice would be to choose to pay a fair and living wage to employees as opposed to simply meeting the mandatory standard of minimum wage laws. An unjust choice would be to choose to terminate the life of another human being. This is not just a choice, and it is not a just choice – it is an unjust choice. Furthermore, it is an unjust choice which is diametrically opposed to the clear and consistent teaching of the Catholic Church as well as to the clear and consistent teaching of God Himself in the Ten Commandments. The direct, intentional taking of the life of an innocent human being is inhumane and unjust. It is not just a choice!"*

The next Respect Life Holy Hour is Monday, September 26 at 7:00 pm.

AN INVITATION FROM THE CARDINAL

Cardinal Dolan invites parishioners from all local parishes to attend "Mercy Saturday" this coming **Saturday, September 17** at St. Patrick's Church in Yorktown Heights (137 Moseman Road):

Dear Friends in the Lord,

I'm sure you have heard that during this Jubilee Year of Mercy we are holding a number of "Mercy Saturdays" throughout the Archdiocese of New York. I want to invite you to attend the upcoming Mercy Saturday on September 17 at St. Patrick's Church in Yorktown Heights.

We will begin at 2:30 pm with a talk on mercy, have an opportunity to experience God's mercy in the Sacrament of Confession, and will discuss how to get more involved in the Works of Mercy. We will conclude with Mass at 5:15 pm. Our aim is to focus on the call of Pope Francis that we reflect in a special way on God's mercy toward us and our need to be merciful toward each other.

I hope to see you there!

Faithfully in Christ,
Timothy Michael Cardinal Dolan
Archbishop of New York

BLESSING OUR CATECHISTS

Next **Sunday, September 18** is Catechetical Sunday and, at the 10 am Mass that day, our catechists will receive a special blessing. Please note CCD registration is currently taking place, and students must be registered each year. (SEE article below)

CCD REGISTRATION FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Don't forget to register your child for CCD classes, which begin this **Wednesday, September 14**. Parents of new students must bring a copy of the child's baptismal AND birth certificates when registering. Tuition is \$125 for a single student, and \$175 in total for two or more children from the same family. Register in the CCD Office during regular office hours; for more detail, send an e-mail to ccd@assumptionpeekskill.org or call (914) 737-2231. [All back tuition must be paid before a child can be registered.]

PRAY ALSO FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED

Edward Schuka

"Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace."

RCIA FOR TEENS CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 19

High-school students who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Holy Communion and/or Confirmation – can register for classes which will be held on Monday evenings from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm. Registration continues this **Wednesday, September 14**, from 5:00 – 8:00 pm, with classes beginning on **Monday, September 19**. Additional information can be had by contacting the Rectory at (914) 737-2071 or by sending an e-mail to RCIA Teens.Assumption@gmail.com.

... AND RCIA FOR ADULTS, TOO

It's never too late to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. If someone you know would like to become Catholic or, if already baptized Catholic, would like to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, Assumption is offering classes for adults seeking to find out more about our faith and preparing for the sacraments. Designed to answer questions through open discussion while deepening one's knowledge of the faith, the first phase of classes will meet in the Rectory right after the 12 pm (noon) Sunday Mass, beginning **Sunday, September 25**.

A NEW YEAR FOR OUR YOUTH GROUPS

Assumption's two youth groups – LifeTeen and Edge – got off to a great start last year! As with school, a new year is beginning for our youth groups, too, and eligible teens and pre-teens are encouraged to come back, or join for the first time. LifeTeen – for high-school students – meets on Thursday evenings at 7:30 pm and will kick off **September 29**; the Edge group – for middle-schoolers – meets on Saturday evenings at 6:30 pm, starting **September 17**. Come participate in the fellowship and the fun!

BETTER THAN 100%

We more than made the mark! A very heartfelt thank you to all Assumption's generous parishioners who contributed to the 2016 Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal, putting our parish over the top in the goal set for us by the Archdiocese.

Goal	Pledge	Percent of Goal	Number of Gifts	Average Gift
\$68,000	\$70,344	103%	334	\$210.61

PRAYER FOR EMERGENCY RESPONDERS

This **Sunday, September 11** – the anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11 – and every day let us pray for all first responders:

Blessed are you, Lord, God of mercy, who through your Son gave us a marvelous example of charity and the great commandment of love for one another. Send down your blessings on your servants, who so generously devote themselves to helping others. Grant them courage when they are afraid, wisdom when they must make quick decisions, strength when they are weary, and compassion in all their work. When the alarm sounds and they are called to aid both friend and stranger, let them faithfully serve you in their neighbor. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.