

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2016  
TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**MEMORIALIZATIONS**

**Sunday (September 25) Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 Anna and Steven Sidorik  
*Requested by: Fran and Ray Levesque*  
 10:00 Margaret Sticco  
*Requested by: Juliet Juarez*  
 12:00 Pro Populo  
 7:00 Spanish Mass

**Monday (September 26) Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs**  
 7:00 Sebastiao and Felicidade Raposo  
*Requested by: Dominick and Family*  
 9:00 Lillian Macken  
*Requested by: Judy and Frank LoSasso*

**Tuesday (September 27) Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest**  
 7:00 Dominic Valente, Jr.  
*Requested by: Santina Valente*  
 9:00 Michael Malaspina  
*Requested by: Susan McDonald and John McGuirk*

**Wednesday (September 28) Saint Wenceslaus, Martyr; Saint Lawrence Ruiz and Companions, Martyrs**  
 7:00 Attilio Morizio  
*Requested by: Domenico Federico*  
 9:00 Ed and Catherine Pisani  
*Requested by: Ed, Cathy and Tom*

**Thursday (September 29) Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels**  
 7:00 John DeRico  
*Requested by: Regina DeRico*  
 9:00 Alton Clemente  
*Requested by: Family*

**Friday (September 30) Saint Jerome, Priest and Doctor**  
 7:00 Ed Pisani  
*Requested by: Ed, Cathy and Tom*  
 9:00 Maria V. DeLuca  
*Requested by: Family*

**Saturday (October 1) Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor**  
 9:00 Giuseppe, Concetta, Luciano, Emidio and Valentino Federico  
*Requested by: Domenico Federico*  
 5:00 Pro Populo

**Sunday (October 2) Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 8:00 Constancio M. Clemente  
*Requested by: Family*  
 10:00 Janet Stewart  
*Requested by: Juliet Juarez*  
 12:00 Jennifer M. O’Gorman Ruland  
*Requested by: Ronnie McNally*  
 7:00 Spanish Mass

**ALTAR CANDLES**  
 In Memory of the Carey & Eible Families  
*Requested by: Family*  
 Gilda Pertelesi  
*Requested by: Elena and Ray Matheson*

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**  
 Edward Schuka  
*Requested by: Cathy DeCrenza*

**ALTAR BREAD AND WINE**  
 Edward Schuka  
*Requested by: Joan and Joseph P. Pero*

**NOTES FROM THE LOFT**  
 Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 October 2, 2016

In the First Reading for the 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, the prophet Habakkuk continues with warnings of “doom and gloom,” picking up the theme set earlier by the Eighth Century BC prophet Amos.

Called from his own flocks to shepherd and tend to God’s People, Amos warned of the impending invasion and destruction of the Northern Kingdom (Israel) by the brutal Assyrians if Israel continued its sinful ways.

Habakkuk was a Seventh Century BC prophet and seer. Through a series of visions, he prophesied that unless Judah (the Southern Kingdom) underwent a radical conversion, it, too, would suffer a similar fate of plunder and exile, this time at the hands of the Babylonians. It seems the divided Kingdom of David was united only in its shared idolatry and the oppression and exploitation of the poor! Repentance and fidelity to the Covenant, however, offered a way out of impending disaster: *“The just one, because of his faith, shall live.”*

*“Blessed is he who keeps faith forever [and] secures justice for the oppressed,”* sang the Responsorial Psalm for September 25; the Responsorial Psalm for today (October 2) is *“If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.”*

St. Paul urges Timothy’s congregation, *“Take as your norm the... faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust...”* That is, guard the faith which you have received!

The selection from Luke’s Gospel relates, *“The apostles said to the Lord, ‘Increase our faith’.*” Jesus responds with hyperbole to make His point: Faith *“the size of a mustard seed”* could work wonders!

The Communion Antiphon agrees: *“The Lord is good to those who hope in Him...”*

Choir will sing FATHER, WE THANK THEE WHO HAST PLANTED, which owes its modern text to the Reverend Bland Tucker, an Episcopalian. Inspired by a Second Century Greek manuscript – the *“Didache”* (The Teaching of the Apostles) – his poetic lyric was set to the moving melody *“Geneva”* (or *“Rendez à Dieu”*), the work of Renaissance composer Loy Bourgeois. The hymn expresses gratitude for the gift of faith, the power of the Holy Name and the knowledge that leads to salvation through Jesus, the “Bread Eternal.” Expressing a longing for mercy, protection and Christian unity, it’s a synthesis of early Christian (i.e., Catholic), Calvinist and American Episcopal contributions.

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



**Wedding Banns**

Second Time: Christopher Boryk & Theresa D’Angelo  
 Second Time: Carlos Iván Gallegos Lojano & Jessica Priscilla Coronel  
 First Time: Angel Amadeo Boni & Olga Maria Tigre  
 First Time: Delwin Guiao & Tabita Rodrigues



**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE**  
 September 25 3 pm Assumption Church  
 October 2 – No Holy Hour –  
 October 9 3 pm Mt. St. Francis

### TITHING REPORT

September 18, 2016.....	\$11,592.43
(includes Parish Pay amount of \$796.25)	
September 20, 2015.....	\$9,888.39
(includes Parish Pay amount of \$649.39)	



### 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.

### PRAY ALSO FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED

Patrick Kelly  
Kermit Taylor  
Ralph Cooper  
George Robert Meyer  
Joseph J. Marafioti, Jr.

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

### RESPECT LIFE



**Clear Teaching.** From *"Catholics in Political Life,"* a statement of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (June 2004): *"We need to continue to teach clearly and help other Catholic leaders to teach clearly on our unequivocal commitment to the legal protection of human life from the moment of conception until natural death. Our teaching on human life and dignity should be reflected in our parishes and our educational, health-care and human-service ministries. We need to do more to persuade all people that human life is precious and human dignity must be defended. This requires more effective dialogue and engagement with all public officials, especially Catholic public officials. We welcome conversation initiated by political leaders themselves."*

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

### OUR LADY OF THE SWAN

Many of our Spanish-speaking parishioners have a devotion to Mary under the title of Our Lady of the Swan (*La Virgen de El Cisne*). Assumption has been blessed once again to be the "home base" for the statue of Our Lady of the Swan during her northerly sojourn. Our celebration will culminate next **Sunday, October 2** at Peekskill's Riverfront Green with a daylong festivity, including an outdoor Mass and, at day's end, a procession up to the Church. All are welcome to join in and experience a taste of Spanish religious devotion to Our Lady.

### EXPERIENCE GOD'S HEALING MERCY

Assumption invites all in need of healing to a "Jubilee of Mercy" Healing Mass on **Tuesday, October 11**. Father Claudio Barbut, from Romania, will offer the Mass and will pray over each person individually. The evening begins at 6:30 pm with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Prayer and the Rosary, followed at 7:00 pm by the Healing Mass and Laying on of Hands. Confession will also be available. More details to come in next week's bulletin.

### "YEAR OF MERCY" PILGRIMAGE TO NATIONAL SHRINE

On **Saturday, October 15** Cardinal Timothy Dolan will lead a special "Year of Mercy" pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington DC. Participants will tour this magnificent basilica, pass through the Holy Door, have the opportunity to go to confession and attend Mass. Assumption will arrange for bus transportation to the Shrine. The cost is \$40 per person; seating is limited, so please reserve your place soon. For additional information, call Lisa Smith at (914) 486-8674. Checks (or cash) can be dropped off at the Rectory as well, to the attention of Claire Mathey.

### LET THERE BE LIGHT!

As you enter Church this weekend, you may notice two new votive candle racks near the altar – one in front of the statue of St. Anthony (temporarily occupied by the statue of Our Lady of the Swan) and the other in front of the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. These new candles utilize a design technology called the St. Killians Candle Burning System – which has also been installed at St. Patrick's Cathedral – allowing for the safe use of real flame. The cost is \$2 per candle. If you may be interested in memorializing one (or both) of the new votive candle racks, please contact Nataly at the Rectory by calling (914) 737-2071.

### BLESSING OF THE CRITTERS

Our annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, will take place on **Monday, October 3**. Families are encouraged to bring their pets – of all breeds and species – to Assumption's Parking Lot so these beloved family members can receive a special blessing. The "service" will begin promptly at 6:30 pm. In the event of rain, the blessing will be postponed. (Though the feast day of St. Francis is officially observed by the Church on October 4, his actual death and *"transitus"* – i.e., "the time of passage through death to life" – was October 3 (in 1226), which is the day Franciscans observe with special prayers and services. Our Blessing of the Animals on October 3, thus, is truly in keeping with Franciscan tradition.)

### "HELLO..."

In a few weeks, Assumption will be initiating a new ministry at the 10 am and 12 pm Sunday Masses. A wonderful group of parish ladies, identified by the special sashes they'll be wearing – not to mention by their warm and welcoming smiles – will greet all entering Church for Mass. Our "greeters" will complement – but not replace – our equally wonderful ushers.

### "... AND FAREWELL"

The autumnal equinox just occurred, bringing summer to its official end, which also means Father Dereje ("Tito") Hambamo Titos, who has been at Assumption since July 1 providing much-needed summertime assistance to Fr. Higgins and Fr. Vincent, must be leaving to return to Rome. We are grateful for his service and his smiling presence, and all our prayers and good wishes go with him as he continues his advanced theological studies.

### 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 this **Thursday, September 29**; the Edge group – for middle-schoolers – meets on Saturday evenings at 6:30 pm. Come participate in the fellowship and the fun!

### PAINTING WITH THE COLUMBIETTES

The Columbiettes are hosting a painting-party fundraiser this **Tuesday, September 27** at 6:30 pm in the Music Room (located on the second floor of the Annex Hall). Come join in the fun, as instructor Richard Zorn (a former PHS art teacher) offers tips and techniques to help you create your masterpiece. The cost is \$35 per person; all are welcome to attend. And there will be no starving artists, as refreshments will be served. Please call Dot Bertram at (914) 323-8092 to register.