

**MARCH 12, 2017**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday (March 12) Second Sunday of Lent**

- 8:00 Pro Populo  
10:00 Lucia and Pasquale DeRico  
*Requested by:* Family  
12:00 Loretta Donohue  
*Requested by:* Husband and Children  
7:00 Spanish Mass

**Monday (March 13)**

- 7:00 Teresita de la Cruz  
*Requested by:* Salve Delacruz  
9:00 Tina Kessinger  
*Requested by:* Claire Mathey

**Tuesday (March 14)**

- 7:00 Domenico Federico  
*Requested by:* Family  
9:00 Ida DeLuca  
*Requested by:* Ena DiFabio and Family

**Wednesday (March 15)**

- 7:00 Marion Ceraso  
*Requested by:* Dianne and Ken Auser  
9:00 Domenico Federico  
*Requested by:* Filomena and Joseph Garzione

**Thursday (March 16)**

- 7:00 Beatrice Colombos  
*Requested by:* Joseph and Helen Pisano  
9:00 Linda Diodati  
*Requested by:* Family

**Friday (March 17) Saint Patrick, Bishop**

- 7:00 Ralph DiLillo  
*Requested by:* Donna Sticco  
9:00 Frank Cassidy  
*Requested by:* Donna O'Gorman

**Saturday (March 18) Saint Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor**

- 9:00 Anna, John Jr., John III, Peter and Richard Meagher  
*Requested by:* Joan Lobello  
5:00 Frank Garzione  
*Requested by:* Toni McElroy  
7:00 Spanish Mass

**Sunday (March 19) Third Sunday of Lent**

- 8:00 Peter Anthony and Maria Augusta Lopes  
*Requested by:* Carlos and Dorina Lopes  
10:00 Pro Populo  
12:00 José Zaldivar  
*Requested by:* June Ramos 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.*

**MEMORIALIZATIONS**

**ALTAR CANDLES**

In Memory of the Carey & Eible Families  
*Requested by:* Family

**SANCTUARY LAMPS**

Matilda Nekvapil  
*Requested by:* Priests of the Parish

**NOTES FROM THE LOFT**

The Place of Silence in Worship

It has been more than half a century since changes were made by Vatican II in the celebration of the Sacred Liturgy.

Perhaps the most dramatic was the shift to the use of the vernacular in place of Latin, but this was never intended to replace the Church's ancient heritage of Gregorian chant or the musical form called "sacred polyphony," which emerged during the late Middle Ages and, especially, the Renaissance.

The second greatest emphasis was on the active participation of the Faithful, equally external and internal. Striking the balance between sound and silence, movement and rest, has not been easy, but the directives were simple.

"To promote active participation, the people should be encouraged to take part by means of acclamations, responses, psalmody, antiphons and songs, as well as by actions, gestures and bodily attitudes. And at the proper times, all should observe a reverent silence." (The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy 1963, #30)

More specific directives were issued in 1967 in a brief 'Instruction' entitled "Sacred Music." It explained the function of liturgical silence: "At the proper times, all should observe a reverent silence. Through it, the faithful are not only NOT considered as extraneous or dumb spectators at the liturgical service but are associated more intimately in the mystery that is being celebrated, thanks to that interior disposition which derives from the word of God that they have heard, from the songs and prayers that have been uttered, and from spiritual union with the priest in the parts that he says or sings himself." (#27)

Simply stated, silent moments make room for mystery – to reflect upon the spoken and sung word, to listen with the ears of the soul to the voice of the Bridegroom. Silence is very real participation.

Next Sunday (March 19), silence will allow us to hear over two dozen references to water, cleansing and thirst in the Readings and antiphons and enable us to reflect on the Holy Spirit's gifts of faith, hope and love received through the waters of Baptism.

SACRED SILENCE (#541) articulates these themes beautifully. It is the work of singer-songwriter Jenny Pixler and her mentor, Tom Booth, who both hail from Arizona. Their music has been sung before Saint John Paul II and Saint Teresa of Calcutta.

Our Choir will include this new piece in its repertoire next Sunday.

**TITHING REPORT**

March 5, 2017.....\$11,851.00  
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$752.00)  
 Holy Father - Peter's Pence 2017..... \$3,123.00

March 6, 2016.....\$12,852.24  
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$766.24)  
 Holy Father - Peter's Pence 2016..... \$3,097.00

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

Elizabeth Anne Birmingham

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

**RESPECT LIFE**



**Men Suffer Too.** A man who lost his child to abortion wrote the following letter to him: *"Dear John Peter: In the fall, John, when the leaves fall from the trees, I shall think of you, for you, too, fell from life. In the cold of winter, John, the snow shall remind me of you for, like the snow, you were and are white and pure. In the spring, John, I shall think of you, for the birth of spring shall remind me that you, too, should have been born into this world. In the summer, John, I shall think of you and imagine your laughter; I shall see you as you might have been – a little boy running and playing, scraping your knees from a fall. I shall miss you, John, and all that I might have gained from your life. May you rest in the arms of God, Dad."*

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

**GET YOUR DAILY DOSE OF LENT**

Have you 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](http://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](http://www.assumptionpeekskill.org)), on our Catholic Peekskill YouTube Channel, and on our Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/CatholicPeekskill](http://www.facebook.com/CatholicPeekskill)). To catch up on any you may have missed, binge-watching is encouraged!



**DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE**

March 12 – No Holy Hour –  
 March 19 3 pm Assumption Church  
 March 26 – No Holy Hour –

**Wedding Banns**

Second Time: Darren R. Duffy & Ana Y. Duffy (née Lopez)  
 First Time: Santiago Hernandez & Maira Mendez

**A VERY SPECIAL HEALING MASS ON APRIL 1**

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 on **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. Thousands upon thousands have gathered to pray with Father Ubald, a survivor of the 1994 Rwandan genocide. [SEE article below.] We are truly honored to have him bring his ministry of healing, forgiveness and reconciliation to our Parish. 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](mailto: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, a fellow genocide survivor (who also spoke at Assumption in October 2013.) 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](http://www.frubald.com).)

**A LENTEN DAY OF RETREAT**



An inspirational way to begin the Lenten season is by attending the annual Lenten retreat at Mt. St. Francis this **Monday, March 13**. Sister Danielle Marie Baran, C.R., will help retreat-goers enter into the spirit of Lent, beginning with a morning session at 10:00 am, followed by Mass at 11:15 am, a luncheon, an afternoon session and prayer. The suggested donation is \$15 per person. For reservations, call Sister Sheila or Sister Laura at (914) 737-3373. Please bring your own lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided. (Mt. St. Francis is located at 250 South Street in Peekskill.)

## 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 Kathy Daley, “Matthew 25” Coordinator at Assumption.



*“My wonderful volunteer work at the Assumption Rectory began with a phone call from my friend Regina Clarkin. Regina and I ran the Peekskill Herald newspaper from 1986 – 1999, and we remain close friends, with our Catholic faith as one of our greatest links.*

*I grew up in Valley Stream, Long Island; upon arriving in Peekskill in 1982 to work for the old Peekskill Evening Star, I started going to Mass at Assumption. When Regina, myself and another colleague began the Herald, Regina and I prayed fervently every morning for blessings on our newspaper, our staff and our ability to make payroll!*

*Ten years ago, I moved back upstate to Sullivan County – “temporarily” – to take care of my aging parents. But when Regina called in 2015, things changed. ‘Father Higgins is looking for people to help out with a program to serve the needy,’ Regina said.*

*I felt a physical leap in my heart. ‘Uh-oh! Is God calling me?’ You bet He was.*

*I drive down to Peekskill from Jeffersonville, NY (population 480, and that includes me!) each week, volunteering for the “Matthew 25” program, named after the New Testament passage where Jesus says, ‘When I was hungry, you gave me to eat...’ I stay two days in Peekskill – this beloved town of mine – and do what I can to make people’s difficult lives a little easier. Sometimes we drive someone to ShopRite. Sometimes we try to help find housing. Many times, people in distress just need a shoulder to cry on or hands pointed skyward in prayer.*

*It’s a cliché that when you help the poor, you are the one who is being blessed. I can vouch for that. I am served by the people I serve. We love each other. We laugh and pray together. We hug a lot.*

*Thanks, God.”*

## YES, YOU CAN HAVE YOUR CORNED BEEF...



... and eat it, too! St. Patrick’s Day always falls during Lent; however, the occasional years it falls on a Lenten Friday could pose quite a dilemma to those who cannot fathom the wearing o’ the green or waving a shillelagh without being able to also partake of the traditional corned beef & cabbage repast.

Thanks to the mercy of our Cardinal – that fine son of Ireland Timothy Michael Dolan – all in the Archdiocese of New York who would otherwise have to abstain from meat on a Lenten Friday (i.e., those age 14 and older) will be allowed to have their fill of corned beef this **Friday, March 17**, the patronal feast of our Archdiocese.

## A SIMPLE LENTEN MEAL



During Lent, we are obliged to fast and, on Fridays, to abstain from meat (except this Friday – SEE “Corned Beef” article). Each Friday of Lent, our CCD Confirmation students will be offering 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 17** for an evening of nourishment, both physical and spiritual.

## PAINTING, SIPPING, SOCIALIZING

Spend a Sunday afternoon at Mt. St. Francis, overlooking the beautiful Hudson Valley – scenery which inspired many a famous artist over the years – and create your own masterpiece! Join fellow *artistes* next **Sunday, March 19** at 2:00 pm at Mt. St. Francis (250 South Street, Peekskill), and let your creative juices flow. No need to fear if you’re new to painting – local artist Rich Zorn will help bring out your hidden artistic talent, and you’ll go home with your own original work of art. The cost is \$35 per person and includes all painting supplies as well as wine & cheese, crudités, soda and water. Attendance is limited to the first 30 reservations, so please call Grace at (914) 737-8442 or Marie at (914) 402-3451 without delay.

## RENEW + REBUILD: ONE LAST CHANCE

We’ve more than surpassed our original goal of \$1,115,500 in the Renew + Rebuild capital campaign, but we’re still at less than 20% participation in terms of the number of parish families who have joined in. How wonderful it would be if more of our families and individuals would contribute any amount to our renewing and rebuilding. If you have already made your pledge, thank you! If you are still pondering the matter, a “one last chance” mailing is being sent out to ask that you prayerfully consider making a contribution. Pledge forms are also available on the tables near the back of the Church as well as in the Rectory or by accessing our website at [www.assumptionpeekskill.org](http://www.assumptionpeekskill.org). Our current numbers (at the time of this bulletin’s printing):

Initial Goal	Total Amount Pledged	% of Goal	# of Pledges	% of Families
\$1,115,500*	\$1,332,615	127%	386	18.4%

\*(This “Initial Goal” figure of \$1,115,500 includes Assumption’s 2017 Cardinal’s Appeal goal of \$68,000; the “% of Goal” figure in the chart above is based on the Initial Goal figure less the Cardinal’s Appeal figure – i.e., \$1,047,500.)

## A GRAND IRISH EVENING



Start your corned-beef feasting a few days early this year! Though St. Patrick’s Day (March 17) is this Friday, the Columbiettes, along with the K of C Knights and Squires, are hosting a St. Patrick’s Day Dinner this **Tuesday, March 14**. Gather in the Assumption Gym at 7:00 pm for a grand evening of corned beef & cabbage and other delightful Irish fare; the price of \$15 per person also includes dessert and soft drinks. For reservations, please call Dorothy Bertram at (914) 323-8092.

# ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL

**REZO DEL VIA CRUCIS - EUCARISTICO**  
**8:15-9:30 PM - TEMPLO PARROQUIAL**  
Servicio de Confesiones



## MARZO

- Viernes 17** "Grupo de Oración N.S. Asunción"  
"Señor de Esquipulas"  
"Virgen de Guadalupe"
- Viernes 24** "Matrimonial Jesús, María y José"  
"Virgen de la Merced/Altagracia"  
"Niño Viajero"
- Viernes 31** "Legión de María"  
"Purísima de Macas"  
"Señor de los Milagros de Cumbe"  
"Divino Niño"

## ABRIL

- Viernes 7** Ministerio de la Sacristía  
Ministerio de Acogimiento  
Ministerio de Lectorado  
Ministerio de Visita a los enfermos  
Ministerio de Funerales



## **VIRGEN DE EL CISNE** **SANTA EUCARISTIA MENSUAL** **EN SU HONOR**

Invitamos para el próximo día **Martes 21 de Marzo** a partir de las 7:30 de la noche, celebraremos la Santa Eucaristía mensual en honor a la Virgen de El Cisne. El ofertorio y el café serán donados por la Comunidad de San Fernando miembros activos de la devoción de la Santísima Virgen de El Cisne.

## **CURIA "NUESTRA SEÑORA DEL VALLE"** **INVITA A LA FIESTA DEL ACIES** **DOMINGO 26 DE MARZO/2017** **2:30 - 5:30 PM** **TEMPLO PARROQUIAL** **IGLESIA DE LA ASUNCIÓN** **"ACIES"**



"Voz latina "que significa un ejército en orden de batalla" Designa a la ceremonia que se celebra generalmente el 25 de marzo (Fiesta de la Anunciación) en la que nos reunimos los Legionarios, activos y auxiliares, para renovar nuestro homenaje a la Reina de la Legión, y para recibir de Ella fuerza y bendición para otro año más de lucha contra las fuerzas del mal."

**"SOY TODO TUYO REINA MÍA, MADRE MÍA,  
Y CUANTO TENGO TUYO ES."**

## **IX EDICIÓN DE BAUTISMOS COMUNITARIOS** **SABADO 22 DE ABRIL DEL 2017 7:00 PM**

Invitamos a los padres y padrinos de los niños que se han anotado para la Novena Celebración de Bautismos Comunitarios, que la reunión ÚNICA de programación será el próximo día **JUEVES 2 DE MARZO desde las 7 de la noche en el Templo Parroquial**. Informes en la Casa Parroquial o en la Sacristía después de nuestras Misas en Español con el Diacono Carlos Campoverde.

## **SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO**

**(Niños menores de 6 años)**

Se celebran regularmente todos los días sábados a partir de la 1:00 PM. También ofrecemos el Sacramento del Bautismo el último sábado de cada mes dentro de nuestra Misa (7:00 PM). Se requiere llenar el formulario; asistir padres y padrinos a la catequesis pre-bautismal. Nota: deben traer al momento de la inscripción el certificado de nacimiento del niño (a). Los padres deben estar participando en nuestras Misas regulares.

## **SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACION**

Los días sábados desde las 4:00 PM hasta las 5:00PM. Los días domingos desde las 6:00 PM. en la Iglesia; y, todo el tiempo en la Casa Parroquial, previa cita.

## **MINISTERIO DE CUIDADO PASTORAL A LOS ENFERMOS-ANCIANOS Y PRISIONES**

Llame a la Casa Parroquial para los arreglos, nosotros le asignaremos a un Ministro de la Santa Eucaristía para que lo visite ya sea en el Hospital o en la casa. En casos particulares de ancianos, enfermedad o de condición seria, por favor ponerse en contacto con uno de los Sacerdotes para que reciba el Sacramento de la Unción.



## **SACRAMENTO DEL MATRIMONIO**

Hacer los arreglos para la planificación seis meses antes de fijar la fecha de la boda. Llame a la Rectoría y haga cita con los Sacerdotes: P. Higgins, P. Vincent, o el Diacono Carlos Campoverde

## CATEQUESIS PRE-MATRIMONIALES (PRECANA) 2017

DIA 1 Sábado: 22 de Abril 9:00 - 4:00 pm Anexo  
DIA 2 Sábado: 27 de Mayo 9:00 - 4:00 pm Anexo

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## CATEQUESIS PLANIFICACION NATURAL FAMILIAS

SESION 1 Domingo 4 de Junio 9:00 - 1:00 pm S/Música  
SESION 2 Viernes 7 de Julio 7:00 - 9:00 pm Librería



## **MINISTERIO DE FUNERALES**

"Dejarse ayudar en el duelo es algo muy sano". ¿Quiénes forman parte de este noble Ministerio o Pastoral de Duelo. Está formado por el Grupo Apostólico Legión de María, coordinado por nuestros clérigos. P. Higgins, P. Druding y el Diácono Carlos Campoverde quienes pasaron por similar experiencia elaborándola positivamente, conocedores de la dinámica de relación de ayuda y del mundo interior del sufriente. Además los miembros de la Legión de María, están debidamente capacitados para explorar los "recovecos del sufrimiento."

El grupo es la ocasión para ayudar y ser ayudados, expresar libremente el propio sufrimiento, compartir la esperanza y sanear las heridas reactivando el poder terapéutico de cada uno.

El grupo de ayuda no es una reunión social de amigos. No convoca el sufrimiento sino la necesidad de elaborar el duelo. No es para transferir el sufrimiento sino el método de sanación.