

**APRIL 2, 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday (April 2) Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8:00 William and Lillian O'Loughlin
Requested by: The Fonseca Family
- 10:00 Diogo L. Fernandes
Requested by: Natalia and Family
- 12:00 Tony Catalano
Requested by: Aunt Lee and Family
- 7:00 Spanish Mass

Monday (April 3)

- 7:00 All Living and Deceased Members of the Lemak and Gyetko Families
Requested by: Donald Lemak
- 9:00 Lorraine Modena
Requested by: Lucy Aguiar

Tuesday (April 4) Saint Isidore, Bishop and Doctor

- 7:00 Billy Kalata
Requested by: Barbara and Bobby Savage
- 9:00 Leonardo Delacruz
Requested by: Salve Delacruz

Wednesday (April 5) Saint Vincent Ferrer, Priest

- 7:00 Joaõ Xavier Rodrigues
Requested by: Carmo and Mary Pereira
- 9:00 Vicenta Quizon
Requested by: The Quizon Family

Thursday (April 6)

- 7:00 Ema Fonseca
Requested by: The Fonseca Family
- 9:00 Pietro and Francesca Burza
Requested by: Santina Valente (daughter)

Friday (April 7) First Friday; Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest

- 7:00 Clorinda Hurtado
Requested by: Deacon Carlos Campoverde
- 9:00 Deceased Members of the Lopes and Correia Families
Requested by: Carlos and Dorina Lopes

Saturday (April 8)

- 9:00 Joaõ Xavier Rodrigues
Requested by: Filomena Rodrigues
- 5:00 Maria and Rocco Peco
Requested by: Mary Lou Mascalino
- 7:00 Spanish Mass

Sunday (April 9) Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 8:00 Pro Populo
- 10:00 Victor Coppeto
Requested by: Family
- 12:00 Macario Ortega
Requested by: Juliet Juarez
- 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

SANCTUARY LAMPS

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

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

The Husovsky Family
Requested by: Adriana Sarova

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

The Customs and Chants of Passiontide
April 2017

The Fifth Sunday of Lent ushers in the most solemn period in the Liturgical Year – Passiontide, which comes to a climax on Good Friday.

In good liturgy, this solemnity is perceived immediately by the senses: Music is muted and increasingly somber; purple proliferates in the sanctuary; palms replace the rose petals which made a cameo appearance last week on Laetare Sunday.

For the next two weeks, Holy Mother Church will employ her best pedagogy in training souls in the school of holiness: the ancient traditions of Sacred Liturgy.

Why do we cover statues and images in purple? This practice originated in Ninth Century Germany with the hanging of a large, symbolic purple veil – the “*Hungertuch*” (hunger cloth) – signaling the beginning of Lent to a largely illiterate congregation. This dramatic teaching device completely hid the altar from the sight of the people. It would be removed during the reading of the Passion during Holy Week, specifically at the words “*the veil of the Temple was rent in two.*”

In modern times, veiling is optional but, when practiced, the Crucifix veiled on the Fifth Sunday of Lent would be uncovered on Good Friday – a revelation, as it were, of the means of our salvation. Other sacred images hidden from sight so as to help us focus solely on the Death and Resurrection of Jesus would be unveiled during the singing of the “Gloria” during the Easter Vigil Mass.

The chants of Passiontide include VEXILLA REGIS PRODEUNT (“The Standards of the King”), composed for Evening Prayer for the Fifth Sunday of Lent by the Sixth Century Bishop Venantius Fortunatus, last of the Roman poets. It celebrates the dignity of the tree chosen to be the wood of the Cross, “*adorned with the purple of the King’s Blood... worthy to bear Limbs so sacred... on which hung the ransom of the world.*”

PUERI HEBRAEORUM (“The Children of the Hebrews”) opens the liturgy of Palm Sunday. The text is taken from the Gospel of John (12:1, 12-13). The chant dates back to a “canon” written by Saint John Damascene (b. 676 AD), Eastern Father of the Church and “prince of Greek hymnodists.”

Michael Ward’s contemporary version of the ancient chant CHRISTUS VINCIT! CHRISTUS REGNAT! CHRISTUS IMPERAT! (“Christ Conquers! Christ Reigns! Christ Commands!”) celebrates Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem. It will be sung at the Choir Mass on Palm Sunday.

TITHING REPORT

Fourth Sunday of Lent 2017.....\$11,751.00
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$752.00)
 Catholic Education Collection 2017.....\$2,802.00

Fourth Sunday of Lent 2016.....\$12,852.24
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$766.24)

If you would like to enroll in Parish Pay, please go to www.parishpay.com OR call the Rectory

RESPECT LIFE



“Because I Must.” The message of Mary Therese, a mother who prays and protests at abortion clinics: *“Why do I go [to protest]? It is because I must. I am a mother, and I have the heart of a mother. I know what it is like to have a difficult pregnancy, to have everything far from perfect. I have been through labor – aptly named! – and delivery. I’ve held that new little baby, looked in his eyes and said ‘Hello, little one. Who are you? Let’s get to know each other. I am your mother, and you are my baby.’”*

The next Respect Life Holy Hour is Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 pm.

GET YOUR DAILY DOSE OF LENT

Nothing goes better with your morning coffee and bagel than opening up that day’s “Lenten Moment” – the series of short videos “starring” Father Higgins and Father Vincent. It’s not too late to sign up to get each day’s “Moment” sent directly to your inbox or mobile device. Simply go to www.flocknote.com/assumptionpeekskill or text PEEKSKILL to 84576. If you didn’t catch the first 30 or so videos, the full collection of “Lenten Moments” can be viewed on our website (www.assumptionpeekskill.org), on our Catholic Peekskill YouTube Channel, and on our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/CatholicPeekskill).

BLESS ME, FATHER, FOR I HAVE SINNED...



To prepare ourselves to fully celebrate the great feast of Easter, the sacrament of Confession will be available in our Church from 3:00 pm through 9:00 pm on **Monday, April 10** – Reconciliation Monday – with visiting priests available throughout this time.

This sacrament is Christ’s gift to us, the means by which we experience His loving mercy and forgiveness. Please take advantage of this opportunity!

COULD YOU NOT PRAY WITH ME...?



First Fridays of every month are special times to visit our Lord, who is truly present in the Eucharist and exposed in the Church. This **Friday, April 7**, our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Eucharist, will be on the altar for adoration from

12:15 pm – 7:00 pm. At 6:30 pm the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament take place. Come and spend time adoring the Lord Jesus! (Please note that, due to Lenten Friday Stations of the Cross on the same day this week (April 7), Sacred Heart Novena prayers will begin at **6:30 pm** (rather than the usual 7:00 pm) so that the Stations can begin at 7:00 pm.)



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

Richard J. Nazaruk
 Victor Santiago
 Stephen Novak
 Martin B. O’Brien
 Patricia M. Gerstner

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

RENEW + REBUILD UPDATE

Our original goal of \$1,115,500 in the Renew + Rebuild capital campaign was surpassed a few months ago but, thanks to the generosity of our wonderful parishioners, donations continue to be made. (If you have not made a pledge but wish to do so, forms are 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.) The updated numbers, according to the Archdiocese:

Initial Goal	Total Amount Pledged	% of Goal	# of Pledges	% of Families
\$1,115,500*	\$1,332,125	127%	383	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.)

ANNUAL TRIP TO THE DIVINE MERCY SHRINE

The Apostolate of the Divine Mercy invites parishioners to journey to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy in Stockbridge, Massachusetts on **Divine Mercy Sunday (April 23)**. The cost of the trip is \$30 per person; tickets will be sold in the vestibule of the Church after all Masses this weekend (**Saturday, April 1** and **Sunday, April 2**). On the day of the event, free parking will be available in the Water Street lot (across from Homestyle Desserts), with buses scheduled to depart at 6:00 am and return that evening around 6:00 pm. For more information, please contact Conon Zuzarte at (914) 610-0019 OR Annie Zuzarte at (914) 610-5035.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE



April 2 3 pm Assumption Church
 April 9 – No Holy Hour –
 April 16 – No Holy Hour –
 April 23* 3 pm Assumption Church
 *(A special bilingual Divine Mercy Holy Hour)



Wedding Banns

First Time: Brian Snee & Janell Borrison-Snee
 First Time: Michael P. Carpenter & Maria N. Santos

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 Dunbar John, the main Sacristant at Assumption.



"My name is Dunbar John. I'm from the Caribbean island of Grenada and grew up with six sisters and five brothers. Everyone had to be in bed by 9 pm so as to rise early to start morning prayers in our living room – at 4 am. Then we went to morning Mass and, only after that, on to school.

After graduating from Catholic school and attending secretarial school, I was hired as secretary to the judges of the West Indies Associated States Supreme Court in the capital (St. George's), the highest appeals court in the West Indies, when I was just 15.

I was elated with joy and couldn't wait to get back home to tell my mom the good news but, after spending money on wardrobe items for my new position, I had nothing left to pay for the bus.

So I started walking the 75 miles, getting more and more worried; the only thing I could do was pray. Prayer was so engrained in us. Then a car pulled up, and a member from my village called out "Want a ride?" A miracle!

I moved to the city because the distance from my village was too far to travel every day. The city people, though, made fun of me, calling me "country bookie come to town." But I stayed serious and focused.

When I was 19, I emigrated to the United States. I studied accounting, but it was difficult finding work without much experience. So I joined the Army and became a male nurse. I served stateside and in Vietnam, where I fell from a helicopter, injuring two vertebrae in my neck. Upon discharge from the Army, I attended several more colleges, graduating as a registered nurse.

I worked at Westchester Medical Center for 22 years; I also studied labor relations and served as union president at the Medical Center for five years.

Along the way, I married and became the father of two girls – one now a lawyer, the other a social worker.

Through all my years of working, though, I felt something was missing. My religion. So I attended Mass daily at Assumption. Then, seven years ago, I was asked to be a sacristant.

That was the best day! I enjoy immensely every moment of what I can do for the Church."

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – PALM CROSS SALE

To help prepare our homes and the graves of our loved ones for the Easter season, the Knights of Columbus will once more be selling beautifully-decorated palm crosses at all Masses next weekend (**Saturday, April 8** and **Sunday, April 9**). The cost of each cross is \$10, with proceeds from the sale helping our Knights of Columbus Council in its charitable endeavors throughout the year.

PALM SUNDAY: STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The Knights of Columbus continue with Palm Sunday activities as they hold their annual Stations of the Cross service within the Columbarium Garden at the top of the hill in Assumption Cemetery (1055 Oregon Road, Cortlandt Manor). Please gather at 2:30 pm on

Palm Sunday, April 9 to experience a poignant way to reflect on the steps taken by Our Lord Jesus.

A SIMPLE LENTEN MEAL



During Lent, we are obliged to fast and, on Fridays, to abstain from meat. Each Friday of Lent, our CCD Confirmation students offer 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, April 7** for an evening of nourishment, both physical and spiritual.

PRO-LIFE GROUP TO LEAD STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The centuries-old practice of praying the Stations of the Cross is a way to show our union with Jesus Christ in His Passion and Death, which becomes ever more meaningful during the season of Lent. Please join us in the Church for Stations of the Cross each Lenten Friday at 7:00 pm. This Lenten season, the Stations of the Cross will be led each week by a different parish group. The upcoming schedule:

Friday, April 7 (First Friday) – Pro-Life

Friday, April 14 (Good Friday) – Legion of Mary

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...

... when hundreds of high-school youth from around the Archdiocese congregate for New York Catholic Youth Day, to be held on **Saturday, April 29**.



Sponsored by the Archdiocese of New York and the Office of Youth Ministry, the event will take place on the grounds of 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 international speaker and beatboxer Paul J. Kim. (Catch his Beatbox Loop video on YouTube.) The emcees are the duo from APeX Ministries – Brad Farmer and Gene Monterastelli – who have crisscrossed North America sharing the Gospel through "Christian Vaudeville" (a blend of sketch comedy, juggling and street performer skills). A day not to be missed! The event is open to high school students, ages 13 – 17, at a cost of \$30 per student (which includes bus transportation, lunch, a T-shirt and a bag). For more information and to register (preferably by **April 10**), please contact Pedro Apolinar, Assumption's Youth Minister, by calling (914) 637-0080 or by e-mail at YouthMinistry@assumptionpeekskill.org.

COFFEE HOUR THIS SUNDAY!

Hosted by the Cenacle Group in the Annex Hall following the 12:00 pm Mass on **Sunday, April 2**.

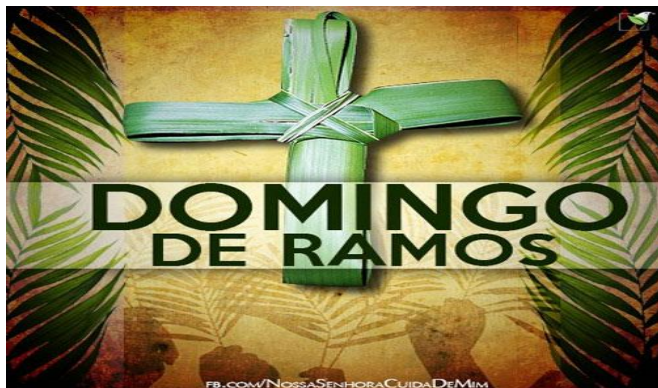
ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL



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

ABRIL

Viernes 7 Ministerios de la Sacristía - Acogimiento
Lectorado-MVE-MEC - Funerales



HORARIOS DE LAS MISAS

Sábado 8 de Abril Santa Misa 7:00 pm
Domingo 9 de Abril Santa Misa 2:30 pm
(Con procesión)
Domingo 9 de Abril Santa Misa 7:00 pm
En las tres celebraciones obsequiaremos los ramos para que sean bendecidos.

LA SEMANA SANTA EN NUESTRA PARROQUIA TRIDUO PASCUAL



JUEVES 13 DE ABRIL - JUEVES SANTO

**HORA: 7:30 PM MISA BILINGUE VESPERTINA DE LA
CENA DEL SEÑOR, LAVATORIO DE PIES - ADORACIÓN
AL SANTÍSIMO**



La adoración
eucarística,
puerta al
cielo



VIERNES 14 DE ABRIL - VIERNES SANTO

HORA: 12:00 MD

REZO DEL VIA CRUCIS EN EL DEPEW PARK EN VIVO!
Participación de los Grupos Apostólicos, Ministerios y
las Devociones de nuestra Parroquia



VIERNES 14 DE ABRIL - VIERNES SANTO

HORA: 7:00 PM - EN EL TEMPLO PARROQUIAL

LECTURA DE LA PASION - VENERACION DE LA SANTA
CRUZ (BESAR LA CRUZ) - Y RECIBIR LA SANTA
COMUNIÓN.

NOVENA DE LA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

INICIO DIA VIERNES 14 DE ABRIL - 6:00 PM - AREA
DEL GYM.

Peregrinación al Santuario Nacional de la Divina
Misericordia en Stockbridge, MA

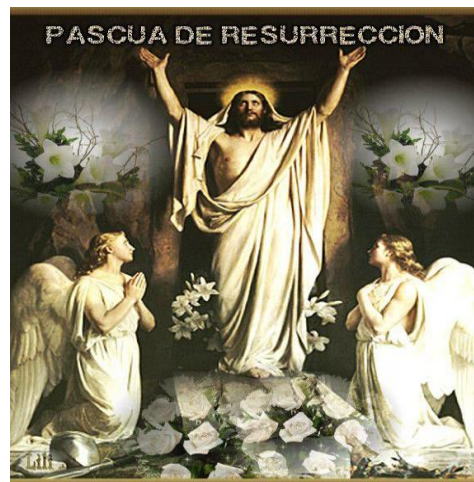
Salida: Domingo 23 de Abril desde la estación del tren.
Costo del ticket para el bus \$30

Informes: Ana Peña. 914-437-4292

María Ledesma. 914-629-6048

SÁBADO 15 DE ABRIL - SABADO SANTO

**HORA: 8:00 PM - VIGILIA DE PASCUA -
SANTA EUCHARISTIA BILINGUE - CELEBRACION
DE LOS SACRAMENTOS-ALUMNOS DE R.I.C.A.**



PROXIMA SEMANA TODO SOBRE EL V ENCUENTRO