

FEBRUARY 5, 2017
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday (February 5) Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 Pauline Pullano
Requested by: The Ciciretto Family
- 10:00 Robert DiStefano
Requested by: Ida Perez-Owens and Family
- 12:00 Alice Sorano
Requested by: John Donohue
- 7:00 Spanish Mass

Monday (February 6) St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

- 7:00 Kathleen Barber
Requested by: Joe and Helen Pisano
- 9:00 Margaret Kiley
Requested by: Lucy Aguiar

Tuesday (February 7)

- 7:00 Personal Intentions
Requested by: A Parishioner
- 9:00 Julie Ramos
Requested by: June Ramos and Family

Wednesday (February 8) St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin

- 7:00 Thanksgiving
Requested by: Carlos & Cassandra Fernandes
- 9:00 Thomas Fitzgerald
Requested by: Robert Kelleher

Thursday (February 9)

- 7:00 Sheila M. Fleitz
Requested by: Jean Murphy
- 9:00 Sheila M. Fleitz
Requested by: Steven and Teresa Jones

Friday (February 10) St. Scholastica, Virgin

- 7:00 Timothy Maloy
Requested by: Mr. and Mrs. Carmine DeLuca
- 9:00 Angelo Bautista Rivera
Requested by: The Rivera Family

Saturday (February 11) Our Lady of Lourdes

- 9:00 Rose Franceschini
Requested by: Fran and Ray Levesque
- 5:00 Constance and Richard Simpson
Requested by: Stacey Simpson Offenbacher
- 7:00 Spanish Mass

Sunday (February 12) Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 Pro Populo
- 10:00 Jerri Laura Strang
Requested by: Her Loving Family
- 12:00 Anna Pappas
Requested by: 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

Ursula Reimann
Requested by: Priests of the Parish

SANCTUARY LAMPS

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

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 12, 2017

The eyes have it! At least that's the way it looks (pun intended) when we survey the Readings for the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time.

"The eyes of God are on those who fear Him... He is...all-seeing," says the First Reading from the Book of Sirach. The Responsorial Psalm speaks for one who desires to see, *"Open my eyes, that I may consider the wonders of your law."*

The Second Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians instructs that God has revealed to us through His Spirit *"what eye has not seen"* – i.e., God's eternal plan for our redemption and what awaits those who are faithful.

Matthew's Gospel continues the Sermon on the Mount and compels us to sit up and listen! This unknown new Rabbi speaks with unprecedented authority and commanding technique! Jesus proceeds with a series of repetitions, *"You have heard that it was said... But I say..."* This is followed by a strong hyperbole: *"If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away."*

One sees not only with the eyes but, more so, with the mind. The Readings contain repeated references to wisdom. Sirach says, *"Immense is the wisdom of the Lord."* Paul preaches confidently about a *"wisdom [not] of this age"* – i.e., not mere human philosophy – but *"God's wisdom, mysterious [and] hidden,"* revealed to us by the God-Man, Jesus Christ.

These texts give the Choir Director abundant material to construct a well-integrated liturgy. A suitable Entrance Song would be IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE (#557), which also mentions eyes! The tune, St. Denio, comes from a 19th Century Welsh hymnal, the *Canaidau y Cyssegr* (Hymns of the Sanctuary), compiled by "Wild" John Roberts, who began conducting choirs at the tender age of fourteen!

OPEN MY EYES (#390), by contemporary singer/songwriter/catechist Jesse Manibusan, connects us with the Responsorial Psalm and makes for a beautiful prayer of petition for the Presentation of Gifts at the Offertory.

The theme of Rev. Louis Lambillotte's traditional PANIS ANGELICUS (#369) is revisited in Curtis Stephan's modern and moving BREAD OF ANGELS (#367).

EYE HAS NOT SEEN (#460) by Marty Haugen draws from the Second Reading from Paul and will conclude Choir Mass on February 12 on a bright, hopeful note!

TITHING REPORT

January 29, 2017.....\$12,583.60
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$608.60)
 Catholic Education Collection 2017.....\$2,930.00

January 31, 2016.....\$12,498.42
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$668.42)
 Catholic Education Collection 2016.....\$2,588.00

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



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Gladys Latimer, 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

Ursula Reimann
 Lisa Ellen Merritt
 Michael A. Boscia
 Florence M. Williams

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

RESPECT LIFE



Abortion Survivors. In his book “Abortion Survivors,” child psychiatrist Dr. Philip Ney relates: “A woman reported telling her nine-year-old son about her abortion, which had taken place years before he was born. He said ‘I knew, Mom, that there was something wrong. I always have nightmares about knives and my mother killing me. I have an imaginary brother who wants to kill me. If you had not aborted the other, would you have aborted me?’” (p. 36) This is a story repeated more times than most people realize and represents a societal and pastoral problem whose proportions are greater today than at any previous time in history: the phenomenon of tens of millions of abortion survivors. It is clear abortion’s primary victim is the child who is killed. It has also become increasingly clear that to kill the child is to harm the mother and father as well. What is not always so well known, however, is that abortion makes its impact felt on those who have had a sibling aborted and that this impact is felt in surprising and astonishing ways, which also have wider implications for the whole of society.

The next Respect Life Holy Hour is Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00 pm.

HIGHER AND HIGHER!



Assumption is now officially “over the top” in the Renew + Rebuild capital campaign. With \$1,319,490 in pledges (at the time of this bulletin’s printing), we’ve handily surpassed 120% of our initial-goal mark, meaning 100% of the funds now received remain with our parish for our sole use. If you have already made your pledge, thank you! If you have not yet done so, please consider joining in, as everything received from this point onward, as they say, “is gravy!” Pledge forms to fill out 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. Our current numbers:

Initial Goal	Total Amount Pledged	% of Goal	# of Pledges	% of Families
\$1,115,500*	\$1,319,490	126%	378	18%

*(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.)

CALLED TO BE BLESSED... AND MORE!



This weekend (**Saturday, February 4 and Sunday, February 5**) is Week Two of Assumption’s five-week Pre-Lenten Preaching Series. Each Gospel reading during the weeks leading up to Ash Wednesday (on March 1) is from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew Chapters 5 – 7). Exploring the unifying theme “Called to be...,” a special homily will be delivered at each Mass on a particular weekend. This weekend, Father Higgins will speak on “Called to be Light.” The schedule for the remaining weeks of the series:

WEEKEND	THEME: Called to ...	MESSAGE DELIVERED BY
February 4/5	...be Light	Father Higgins
February 11/12	...be Peace	Father Vincent
February 18/19	...be Love	Father Higgins
February 25/26	Too Blessed to be Stressed	Father Juniper Adams, CFR

NOW LET’S PUT THAT MONEY TO GOOD USE!

Thanks to the incredible generosity of many of our parishioners, Assumption Church is able to get started on some of our much-anticipated Renew + Rebuild projects. We were recently told by the Archdiocese that the first infusion of funds would be in April; based on that good news, we were able to contract with engineers to begin initial work on creating the St. Francis Chapel in the basement of the Rectory (where our Parish Library is currently located). Once the engineers complete their study on how best to proceed in using the space and creating another egress, work on constructing the Chapel will be put out to bid among three contractors to determine the best price. By then, the funds should be flowing through to us, and major work can begin!

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE



February 5 3 pm Assumption Church
 February 12 – No Holy Hour –
 February 19 3 pm Assumption Church
 February 26 3 pm Assumption Church

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 Inés Campoverde, Secretary in the Religious Education program at Assumption.



"Hello, my name is Inés Campoverde. My family moved to New York from Ecuador almost 18 years ago.

Many of you know my husband, Carlos, who is the Deacon at Assumption Church. We have been married almost 37 years and have three wonderful sons, two nice daughters-in-law and four grandchildren. Of course, our grandchildren are very special, as all grandchildren are!

I was educated in Ecuador, where I attended Bilingual Interamerican High School and Catholic University (earning a Secretary Bilingual degree). I began working in Cuenca, Ecuador at a factory where I had administrative duties and responsibilities.

Upon moving to the USA, I did volunteer work for the Archdiocese of New York, which I found very rewarding.

Once my children were out of school, I resumed employment in the health-care field.

I recently began working as Secretary for Assumption's Religious Education program.

Carlos and I often run together – he runs faster than me, but he also practices more! I also enjoy knitting, and growing flowers is another favorite pastime of mine."

BRINGING IN THE PALMS

According to liturgical norms of the Catholic Church, ashes imposed on Ash Wednesday are to be made from the burning of the blessed palms from Palm Sunday of the previous year. In preparation for Ash Wednesday – which falls on March 1 this year – please gather your palm fronds from last year and bring them with you next weekend (**February 11 and 12**) or the weekend after (**February 18 and 19**) when you come to Mass, placing them in the receptacle provided in the rear of the Church.



OUR NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Last Sunday (January 29), Assumption installed several new Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC): Adriana Savo, Elliot Jorge, Valerie Short (*in absentia*), Gladys Matute and Jenny Morris. The EMHC are dedicated lay people who bring the Holy Eucharist to the homebound as well as assisting our priests and deacon in distributing Holy Communion at Mass. Thanks to our wonderful group of Eucharistic ministers, Holy Communion is brought every week to dozens and dozens of parishioners who, otherwise, would not be able to receive this incalculable grace. Congratulations to our five new members and blessings on the whole EMHC team!

SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS

St. Columbanus Church presents an Exposition of Sacred Relics of the Saints on **Monday, February 20** at 7:00 pm. Over 150 relics – including those of Saint Maria Goretti, Saint Thérèse of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Anthony of Padua, Saint Thomas Aquinas and Saint Faustina Kowalska – will be shown. Among the treasures presented will be a piece of a veil believed to have belonged to Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross. Father Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will teach about these holy objects. Those attending will be able to examine and venerate each relic and are encouraged to bring articles of devotion (rosaries, holy cards, etc.) and pictures of ill friends and family members to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. (St. Columbanus Church is located at 122 Oregon Road in Cortlandt Manor.)

FAMED PREACHER COMING TO ASSUMPTION



Assumption is pleased to announce that Saulo Hidalgo – renowned lay Catholic preacher and minister of healing – will be coming to our Church this coming weekend for a Healing Mass and a Pre-Lenten Retreat. Mr. Hidalgo, born in the Dominican Republic and residing in Texas, will preach at both the Healing Mass and during the day of retreat.

Friday, February 10: The evening of the Healing Mass begins at 6:30 pm with recitation of the Rosary. Father Vincent Druding will then celebrate Mass at 7:00 pm, followed by a Eucharistic Procession. Mr. Hidalgo will preach after the Procession and Benediction. A Laying-on-of-Hands service concludes the evening. (Music during the evening will be provided by the Kevin Donovan Band.)

Saturday, February 11: The Pre-Lenten Retreat will begin at 8:30 am with recitation of the Rosary and a Mass at 9:00 am; a light breakfast will be served, followed by a day of talks by Mr. Hidalgo. Agnus Dei Ministries will provide Praise and Worship music throughout the day, which will also include a Holy Hour, discussion and a break for lunch. The cost of the Retreat is \$10 per person and is open to all those age 15 and above. For tickets, call (914) 486-8674; tickets can also be purchased after all Masses this weekend (**February 4 and 5**).

IT'S NEVER TOO LATE...

...to discover Christ. The start of the seven-week "Discovering Christ" series was pushed back a couple of weeks in order to ensure Father Wilson Hall would be in tip-top shape and will now begin this **Monday, February 6** (continuing through Monday, March 20, with a day of retreat on Saturday, March 11). Come explore answers to questions about God and the meaning of life as you deepen your personal relationship with Jesus. Each Monday-evening session (from 6:30 – 9:00 pm) includes a free dinner, prayer time, an interactive video presentation on a core Gospel message and small group discussion in a non-judgmental atmosphere. Reservations are required, and you must be at least 18 years of age. Please register at www.dcassumption.eventbrite.com OR by e-mail at discoveringchrist.assumption@gmail.com.

ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL

INFORMACION DE ASUNTOS MIGRATORIOS



El grupo de ayuda comunitaria "manos abiertas", informa a toda la comunidad que este próximo **día lunes 6 de febrero** estará nuevamente con nosotros la Sra. Gloria Román, consultora certificada de asuntos migratorios de Caridades Católicas, la Sra. Román atenderá desde las 12 del medio día hasta las 4 de la tarde en la librería de la casa parroquial, las consultas son gratuitas.

PURISIMA DE MACAS



La devoción parroquial de la Virgen Purísima de Macas invitan a la novena a iniciarse el día **jueves 9 de febrero** y a la Santa Eucaristía en su honor el día **sábado 18 de febrero** a partir de las 7 de la noche.

VIRGEN DE EL CISNE



Invitamos para el próximo día **martes 21 de febrero** 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 Gualaceo miembros activos de la devoción de la Santísima Virgen De El Cisne.

CUERESMA 2017



Recordemos una vez estas palabras. "en polvo eres y en polvo te convertirás", es una invitación para que todos acudamos a recibir la ceniza. Nuestra parroquia tiene programado para el día miércoles **1ro. de marzo, que es Miércoles de Ceniza**, dos Misas en español, la primera será a partir de las 5:30 am, y la segunda Misa será a partir de las 7:30 pm.

REZO DEL VIA CRUCIS EUCARISTICO SEMANAL 8:15-9:30 PM - TEMPLO PARROQUIAL

MARZO

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| Viernes 3 | "Legión de María"
"Virgen de la Nube"
"Apostolado de la Divina Misericordia" |
| Viernes 10 | "Cursillistas de Cristiandad"
"Virgen de El Cisne"
"Señor de Misericordia- San Fernando" |
| 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

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| Viernes 7 | Ministerio de la Sacristía
Ministerio de Acogimiento
Ministerio de Lectorado
Ministerio de Visita a los enfermos
Ministerio de Funerales |
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IX EDICIÓN DE BAPTISMOS COMUNITARIOS SABADO 22 DE ABRIL DEL 2017 7:00 PM



Informes en la Casa Parroquial o en la Sacristía después de nuestras Misas en Español con el Dácono Carlos Campoverde.