

**FEBRUARY 19, 2017
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday (February 19) Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 John DeRico
Requested by: Family

10:00 Pro Populo

12:00 Lillian Macken
Requested by: Judy and Frank LoSasso

7:00 Spanish Mass

Monday (February 20)

7:00 Concetta Vasile
Requested by: Juliet Juarez

9:00 In Thanksgiving to Our Lady of the Assumption
Requested by: Celina & Wilfred Rodrigues and Family

Tuesday (February 21) Saint Peter Damian, Bishop and Doctor

7:00 Sheila Fleitz
Requested by: The Warn Family

9:00 Carmine DeLuca, Sr.
Requested by: Family

Wednesday (February 22) The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

7:00 Baldomero de la Cruz
Requested by: Salve Delacruz

9:00 Serafina and Antonio Vecchio
Requested by: Santina Valente (sister)

Thursday (February 23) Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

7:00 Neil E. Hart
Requested by: Lourenco & Lina Dos Remedios

9:00 Bruno Valente
Requested by: Santina Valente (wife)

Friday (February 24)

7:00 Portia Eclarinal
Requested by: Juliet Juarez

9:00 Francesca and Dominic Valente
Requested by: Santina Valente (daughter-in-law)

Saturday (February 25)

9:00 For Those Enrolled in the Purgatorial Society

5:00 Mark Fytros
Requested by: Kathleen Fytros

7:00 Spanish Mass

Sunday (February 26) Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 Charles Miller, Jr.
Requested by: Mary Ellen Frost

10:00 Diogo L. Fernandes
Requested by: Natalia Fernandes

12:00 Pro Populo

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

NEWLY-ENROLLED IN PURGATORIAL MASS SOCIETY

(Enrolled for one year for monthly Masses normally celebrated on the last Saturday of the month)

John Paonessa

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 26, 2017

February 26th is the last Sunday in Ordinary Time prior to the holy season of Lent. We will not re-enter Ordinary Time until the summer!

In the interim the Liturgy will recall the fall of the human race from grace and hear again the promise of redemption through Jesus, the new Adam. We will follow Him into the desert and fortify ourselves against temptation with prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We will relive the Passion, rejoice in the Resurrection and await the coming of the Holy Spirit.

If there is one word that sets the tone for the Readings of the 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time it is TRUST – trust in God's tender, undying love and in His power to save. *"The Lord became my protector... brought me out to a place of freedom... saved me because He delighted in me,"* sings the Entrance Antiphon.

To a wavering Israel which laments, *"The Lord has forsaken me... forgotten me,"* Psalm 62 responds, *"Only in God is my soul at rest... He is my rock and my salvation... my hope... my refuge... Trust in Him at all times."*

Trust is a two-way street. The Lord expects fidelity from us. St. Paul instructs us that *true* servants and stewards of "God's mysteries" are "trustworthy" – i.e., unwavering in our confidence in Him.

Jesus will say three times, *"Do not worry... Why are you anxious... O you of little faith... Do not worry... Your heavenly Father knows [what] you need... Seek first the Kingdom of God... Do not worry about tomorrow."*

These sentiments are prayerfully expressed in song. ALL IS WELL WITH MY SOUL (#469), written by Horatio Gates Spafford, who tragically lost all his children at sea, takes its lyric (verses 2 – 4) directly from Psalm 62.

BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD (#468), a contemporary piece by Christopher Walker and his collaborator Sister Paule Freeburg, DC (also known for her collections of children's music), reassures us that we are "chosen" and set free.

IN EVERY AGE (#465), by Janet Sullivan Whitaker, will be introduced on February 26. *"In every age, O God, you have been our refuge... our hope."* Whitaker is a pianist/composer, recording artist, cantor and workshop presenter from California.

Tom Kendzia's ENDLESS IS YOUR LOVE (#471) and SEEK YE FIRST (#434) will round out the Choir's repertoire.

TITHING REPORT

February 12, 2017.....\$8,252.00
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$800.00)
 Utility & Energy Costs Collection 2017.....\$2,815.00

February 14, 2016.....\$10,355.23
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$674.23)
 Utility & Energy Costs Collection 2016.....\$3,350.00

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

Anavela Perez Gomez
 William Damone
 Filomena McLaughlin

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

RESPECT LIFE



Self-Sacrificing Love. In his encyclical *Deus Caritas Est* (“God is Love”), Pope Benedict XVI teaches that “*agape, which [is]... the typical expression for the biblical notion of love... expresses the experience of a love which involves a real discovery of the other, moving beyond the selfish character that prevailed earlier. Love now becomes concern and care for the other. No longer is it self-seeking, a sinking in the intoxication of happiness; instead it seeks the good of the beloved: it becomes renunciation and it is ready, and even willing, for sacrifice.*” (n.6) This kind of love is seen in a particular way when we care for the weak and defenseless, both born and unborn. May the Pope’s encyclical encourage us to build a culture of life!

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

THE GODPARENT “RULES” – PART II

Last week we set forth the details of what the Church requires of godparents. But why are such rules necessary? The answer, again drawn from the website of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Philadelphia:

“People sometimes object to the requirements for a godparent or sponsor (the terms are interchangeable). They argue that parents should have freedom to choose the sponsor of a child who is to be baptized. In order to understand the Church’s position, [it] must be kept in mind that baptism is not a private act. It is a public, official liturgy of the Church and welcomes someone into the Catholic Church. Therefore, the Church has the duty and obligation to require reasonable criteria for being a sponsor. The sponsor is to assist the parents and the child in living a Catholic life. In order to do so, the sponsor needs to provide a good example of living that life. A person who is not Catholic, or who is not living in a way consistent with the faith, obviously cannot provide the example that is part of the task of being a godparent. The role of godparent is a role of service done in the name of the Church, and the person who is a godparent should be capable of performing that service.”

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE



February 19	3 pm	Assumption Church
February 26	3 pm	Assumption Church
March 5	3 pm	Assumption Church
March 12	3 pm	Assumption Church

THE HOLIDAYS ARE OVER

Much as we long to hold onto the peace and goodwill engendered by Christmas, it’s time to take down the decorations (and make room for Easter on the horizon!) During the recent holiday season, many gravesites at Assumption Cemetery were beautifully decorated with wreaths and floral arrangements. Please note though, in order to prepare for springtime, our cemetery personnel will begin removing all remaining winter decorations on **Wednesday, March 1** (weather permitting).

A WEEKEND RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC MEN



An ACTS (Adoration, Community, Theology, and Service) Retreat for Men will be held from **Thursday, March 2 through Sunday, March 5**. Presented by men who have attended prior ACTS retreats and under the guidance of a Spiritual Director, the Retreat will begin at Church of the Holy Name of Mary in Croton-on-Hudson on Thursday evening; transportation will be provided to the Don Bosco Retreat Center in Stony Point for the remainder of the Retreat, returning to Holy Name of Mary on Sunday morning for 10:45 am Mass. The goals are spiritual renewal, the strengthening of one’s faith and its application to daily life, and the building of community through lasting friendships. The cost is \$299 per person; please make checks payable to “Church of the Holy Name of Mary – ACTS Retreat.” (A limited amount of “need-based” financial assistance is available.) For more details, please call David Ciasca at (201) 446-6509 or e-mail hnmaactsny@yahoo.com.

CALLED TO BE BLESSED... AND MORE!



We’re in the home stretch of Assumption’s five-week Pre-Lenten Preaching Series. Each Gospel reading during the weeks leading up to Ash Wednesday is from the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5 – 6). Exploring the unifying theme “Called to be...,” a special homily has been delivered at each Mass on a particular weekend. This weekend, Father Higgins will speak on “Called to be Love.” The remaining schedule:

WEEKEND	THEME: Called to ...	MESSAGE DELIVERED BY
February 18/19	...be Love	Father Higgins
February 25/26	Too Blessed to be Stressed	Father Juniper Adams, CFR

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 Alison Begany, Bulletin Editor at Assumption.



"My name is Alison Begany, and I've been the editor of this fine bulletin since October 2015.

My roots in this parish go way back. In fact, my maternal grandparents – Bill Rielley and Alice Storey – met at a dance on the Roof Garden (probably around 1916). Both sets of grandparents as well as my parents (Jim and Jean Begany), my brother Bill, aunts, uncles, a whole bunch of cousins and now their children have been communicants here. The setting of innumerable family baptisms, communions, marriages and funerals, Assumption has truly been our spiritual home, cradle to grave.

I worked in New York City for many years, primarily in publishing, with a smattering of Wall Street, advertising and retailing thrown into the mix. And I wrote on the side – for the Peekskill Herald newspaper and various freelance projects.

Most of my jobs in NYC were relatively close to St. Patrick's Cathedral, which was handy for being able to attend Mass on Holy Days or just to run in and say a quick prayer for forbearance in dealing with the denizens of Manhattan. Though I was in awe of the Cathedral – its architecture, its grandeur – I loved coming home to the comfort of my Assumption.

I'm told one of the first times my parents brought me to Church – when they thought I was old enough to sit quietly and act like a perfect little angel (there were no "Crying Rooms" in those days) – didn't turn out so well. Apparently, the only other time I had been around crowds of that size were when Mom would take me to Peekskill High School football games in Depew Park. Thinking this was that, I bounded into the aisle and shouted "Rah, rah, rah! Sis, boom, bah!"

I eventually learned proper Church etiquette and have been attending Mass at Assumption ever since. Much as I draw great spiritual sustenance from Sunday Mass – aided by the wonderful, relatable homilies of Fr. Higgins and Fr. Vincent – one of my favorite times to visit Church is in the middle of the day, on a weekday, when no one is around, to get away from the distractions of the outside world and sit and pray, "pour out my heart" and weep if I have to. I always leave feeling refreshed and unburdened. The Lord God – the ultimate therapist."

LOOKING FOR A NICE SUNDAY MATINEE?

Come to the Chapel at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church (1377 E. Main St., Shrub Oak) this **Sunday, February 19** at 4:00 pm for a screening of *The Jeweller's Shop*, the film based on the best-selling play by none other than Pope John Paul II. Burt Lancaster stars as a jeweler who acts as spiritual adviser to three married couples struggling to live lives filled with love, steering clear of avarice and infidelity.

A LENTEN DAY OF RETREAT



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

SACRED RELICS OF THE SAINTS

St. Columbanus Church presents an Exposition of Sacred Relics of the Saints this **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.)

THE EMMAUS MINISTRY FOR GRIEVING PARENTS



Of all the sorrows that can befall one in life, surely one of the most devastating is the death of a child. To meet the spiritual needs of Catholic parents whose children of any age have died from any cause – no matter how long ago – the Family Life † Respect Life Office of the Archdiocese of New York has established the Emmaus Ministry for Grieving Parents (so named for the solace the risen Jesus brought to his distraught disciples after his crucifixion, while walking the road to Emmaus). A faith-based program of spiritual retreats for grieving parents, offered by grieving parents, the Emmaus Ministry provides a unique environment where one can find comfort and hope for the difficult journey from grief to healing peace. If you feel this program could help you, please register for an upcoming one-day retreat: **Saturday, February 25** at St. Joseph's Seminary in Yonkers and/or **Saturday, April 1** at Church of the Magdalene in Pocantico Hills (Tarrytown). The cost is \$25 per person (or \$40 per couple). To register online, please go to www.emfgp.org/archny or contact Sue DiSisto, Coordinator of Parenting and Family Life Education, by calling (646) 794-3191 or by e-mailing her at susan.disisto@archny.org.

ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL



SANTA EUCARISTIA MENSUAL EN HONOR A

LA SANTISIMA 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. Todos son bienvenidos.

EL CIRCULO DE ORACIÓN CARISMÁTICO

"Nuestra Señora de la Asunción"



Invita para que participen de la Misa por los Enfermos el próximo día **Viernes 24 de Febrero a partir de las 7:30 de la noche**, además anuncia que las reuniones semanales de oración e intercesión por el tiempo de cuaresma serán los días martes, comenzando el día **martes 7 de marzo**, las reuniones serán en el Anexo de la Escuela desde las 7:30 pm.

INVITACION

El Ministerio Pastoral de Liturgia y Música invita a los Coordinadores de los Ministerios de Música de nuestra Parroquia a la reunión con nuestro Párroco el día **DOMINGO 26 DE FEBRERO** en la Librería de la Casa Parroquial desde las **3:00 hasta las 4:30 pm**.

Invitados: Coro Parroquial San Juan Bautista
Purísima de Macas
Apostolado de la Divina Misericordia
Coro del Divino Niño



**En Camino
HACIA EL V ENCUENTRO**



CONVOCATORIA

A todos los hermanos y hermanas que fueron convocados para la reunión en primera instancia para el día Lunes 20 de Febrero, les pedimos disculpas por haber tenido un inconveniente y hemos decidido cambiar de fecha y hora para esta convocatoria, quedando invitados muy cordialmente para el día **DOMINGO 26 DE FEBRERO EN EL ANEXO DE LA ESCUELA DESDE LAS 4:30 PM**.

IX EDICIÓN DE BAPTISMOS COMUNITARIOS

SABADO 22 DE ABRIL DEL 2017 7:00 PM

Invitamos a los padres y padrinos los niños que se han anotado para esta edición de bautismos comunitarios, que la reunión de programación será el 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.

LA CUARESMA SE INICIA CON EL MIÉRCOLES DE CENIZA

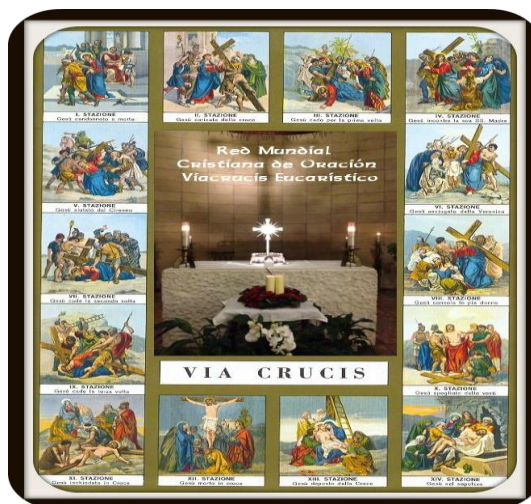


Recordemos una vez estas palabras. **"en polvo eres y en polvo te convertirás"**, es una invitación para que todos acudamos a recibir la ceniza.



Nuestra parroquia tiene programado para el día miércoles **1ro. De Marzo, que es Miércoles de ceniza**, dos Misas en Español, la primera Misa será a partir de las 5:30 de la mañana y la segunda Misa será a partir de las 7:30 de la noche. **Arrepiéntete y cree en el Evangelio!**

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



MARZO

- 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/Altigracia"
"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