

APRIL 16, 2017
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MASS INTENTIONS

- Sunday (April 16) Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**
8:00 Catarina Clemente
Requested by: The Fonseca Family
10:00 Pro Populo
12:00 Johnny Baldini
Requested by: His Family
7:00 Spanish Mass
- Monday (April 17) Monday within the Octave of Easter**
7:00 Raul Pereira and Santana Alfonso
Requested by: Carmo and Mary Pereira
9:00 Antonio M. Clemente and Luiza D'Costa
Requested by: Ramiro and Family
- Tuesday (April 18) Tuesday within the Octave of Easter**
7:00 Matthew Ribeiro
Requested by: Carmo and Mary Pereira
9:00 Giuseppe and Italina Salvate
Requested by: Elsa Salvate and Family
- Wednesday (April 19) Wednesday within the Octave of Easter**
7:00 Victorina Juarez
Requested by: Juliet Juarez
9:00 John Burns and Owen Burns
Requested by: Madeline Burns Stinson
- Thursday (April 20) Thursday within the Octave of Easter**
7:00 Lawrence Ribeiro
Requested by: Carmo and Mary Pereira
9:00 Maria Alfonso-Rodrigues and José Manuel Rodrigues
Requested by: Carmo and Mary Pereira
- Friday (April 21) Friday within the Octave of Easter**
7:00 Mariano Ribeiro and Rosaria Lopes
Requested by: Carmo and Mary Pereira
9:00 Giovanna Caparrotti
Requested by: Mr. and Mrs. Carmine DeLuca
- Saturday (April 22) Saturday within the Octave of Easter**
9:00 Joaõ Xavier Rodrigues
Requested by: Filomena Rodrigues
5:00 Margaret Gayle
Requested by: Priests of the Parish
7:00 Spanish Mass
- Sunday (April 23) Second Sunday of Easter – Divine Mercy Sunday**
8:00 Personal Intentions
Requested by: A Parishioner
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Requested by: A Parishioner
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

ALTAR CANDLES

- Frank DiGregorio
Requested by: Lina DiGregorio (wife)
- Anthony Iezvie
Requested by: Elsa Salvate
- Josephine and Elio Federico
Requested by: Anita Salvate

SANCTUARY LAMPS

- In Memory of the Carey & Eible Families
Requested by: Family
- Margaret "Peggy" Pataki
Requested by: Hank and Nancy Hrdlicka

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE

- Joan Sewalk
Requested by: Assumption Events Committee

An Easter Message from our Pastor

Dear Parishioners,

Christ is risen, indeed He is risen, Alleluia!

The feast of the Resurrection is the pinnacle of our faith. Easter is the celebration of the Paschal Mystery – the central focus of our faith as Catholics. Jesus died and rose from the dead so that we might have life forever!

A priest friend of mine always says, "Christ is real!" If this is true, it changes EVERYTHING. It means we can know Christ and experience His love in every aspect of our lives.

As a parish, we have seen so many signs of His love: We see it in the many adults who receive the Sacraments of Easter, we see it in the hundreds of faithful who were reconciled with God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Lent, and we see it in the loving care our ministers and many parishioners show year-round to each other and to the most needy among us. In all these things, Christ's Resurrection can be seen.

Having journeyed from Ash Wednesday through these forty-plus Lenten days of prayer, almsgiving and fasting, we are now ready to allow the joy of the Lord's Resurrection to spill out euphorically for the next fifty days.

I wish joy and peace to you and your families as we celebrate this great mystery of our faith: Christ's Resurrection.

With prayers for a blessed Easter,
Con oraciones por una Buena Pascua,



Father John J. Higgins

TITHING REPORT

Palm Sunday 2017.....\$15,031.75
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$653.75)
 Easter Flowers Collection 2017.....\$5,022.00

Palm Sunday 2016.....\$14,786.75
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$868.75)
 Easter Flowers Collection 2016.....\$5,057.00

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

RESPECT LIFE



Our Easter Mission. Excerpts of an address by Pope John Paul II to a gathering of youth in Denver on August 15, 1993: "Have no fear. The outcome of the battle for life is already decided, even though the struggle goes on against great odds and with much suffering... *'Christ is now raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep... so in Christ all will come to life again'* (1 Corinthians 15:20,22). The paradox of the Christian message is this: Christ – the head – has already conquered sin and death. Christ in his body – the pilgrim people of God – continually suffers the onslaught of the Evil One and all the evil which sinful humanity is capable of. The liberating message of the Gospel of Life has been put into your hands. And the mission of proclaiming it to the ends of the earth is now passing to your generation. Like the great apostle Paul, you too must feel the full urgency of the task: *'Woe to me if I do not evangelize'* (1 Corinthians 9:16). Woe to you if you do not succeed in defending life. The Church needs your energies, your enthusiasm, your youthful ideals, in order to make the Gospel of Life penetrate the fabric of society, transforming people's hearts and the structures of society in order to create a civilization of true justice and love."

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

PARISH MID-YEAR FINANCIAL REPORT

Assumption Church's Finance Council reports our overall financial situation for the first six months of our fiscal year (August 2016 – February 2017) is positive, thanks to a number of factors: (1) The continuing generous response of our parishioners to the "Increased Giving Campaign" announced more than a year ago; (2) the amazing support rendered to the recent "Renew + Rebuild Campaign" strategic restoration effort; and (3) a bequest received from the Estate of Monsignor Ansbro. Our operating budget shows a surplus of \$39,029, with revenues to date of \$580,719 – an increase of 14% compared to the same period a year ago. Expenses of \$541,690 (up 20% compared to the same period a year ago) are being closely managed. Thank you, Assumption parishioners! Your generosity in keeping our parish vibrant and able to fulfill its mission – today and into the future – is most appreciated. (The Finance Council welcomes any questions and/or comments you may have; feel free to reach out to Finance Chair Steve Jones at smjones1515@gmail.com OR leave a message for him at the Rectory by calling 914-737-2071.)



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

George McKeage
 Luis Quiñones

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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY AND HOLY HOUR

During the course of Jesus' revelations to Saint Faustina, He asked that a feast day be dedicated to the Divine Mercy and that this feast be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter (i.e., the Octave Day of Easter). Pope John Paul II made clear that the image of the Divine Mercy seen by Saint Faustina – representing the Risen Christ bringing mercy to the world – should be venerated on Divine Mercy Sunday. In his homily at her canonization Mass, the Pope described the now iconic image as "two rays of light shining from that Heart and illuminating the world: *'The two rays,'* Jesus Himself explained to [Saint Faustina] one day, *'represent blood and water.'*"

Most every Sunday afternoon of the year, our parish has a Divine Mercy Holy Hour. As next **Sunday (April 23)** is the actual Divine Mercy Sunday, Assumption will host a special bilingual celebration in the Church at 3:00 pm, with an opportunity for Confession and the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet. As an added enticement, refreshments will follow.



DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

April 16 – No Holy Hour –
 April 23* 3 pm Assumption Church
 April 30 – No Holy Hour –
 *(A special bilingual Divine Mercy Holy Hour)

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 next Sunday – **Divine Mercy Sunday (April 23)**. The cost of the trip is \$30 per person; tickets can be purchased by contacting Conon Zuzarte at (914) 610-0019 OR Annie Zuzarte at (914) 610-5035. 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.



Wedding Banns

Third Time: Brian Snee & Janell Borrison-Snee
 Third Time: Michael P. Carpenter & Maria N. Santos
 Second Time: Henry Gustavo Alvarracin & Martha Lucia Gutama
 Second Time: Cristopher Garcia & Natalia Gonzalez
 First Time: Gonzalo Merchan Damián & Norma Obdulia Guarango

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

The Language of Easter

April 16, 2017

Catholic liturgy often uses language from antiquity. Repeated usage has made it familiar, but do we really appreciate what these words mean?

KYRIE ELEISON is Greek for “Lord, have mercy.” The Hebrew AMEN conveys a sense of certitude – that what is said is truthful or is an expression of belief. At Mass, when the priest intones, “Through Him and with Him and in Him, O God, almighty Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, for ever and ever,” we answer with the great “Amen.” With certainty, we profess our faith in this truth: All glory is given to the Father through the Son in union with the Holy Spirit because of the perfect sacrifice of Jesus’ Body and Blood for us.

HOSANNA is one of those words we say every Sunday. Matthew 21, Mark 11 and John 12 all record the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Waving palms, the Hebrews greeted Him with these words which have been incorporated into the Mass: “*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest.*”

Used 353 times in the Old Testament, “hosanna” is both a noun and verb. In the Hebrew alphabet, “hosa” would look more like “yasha” – a verb meaning to deliver, to liberate, to loosen, to bring about salvation. The Hebrew noun “na” is a plea or cry for salvation.

We see the roots of Jesus’ name in the word “hosanna.” With the Hebrew letters “y” and “j” being interchangeable, Yeshua, Jeshua, Joshua and Jesus all mean “savior,” the name given Him by the angel Gabriel in St. Joseph’s dream: “*...and you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.*” (Matthew 1:21)

HALLELUJAH (ALLELUJIA) comes from the Jewish root “hallel” (praise) and “yahu” (Lord). “Praise the Lord!” The form “halel” also means “shining one” – for believers, full of praise, “shine like the stars” in their exuberance.

In the Book of Revelation (19:1-6), we read, “*Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God. Amen. Hallelujah!*”

Join with the Choir in singing the music of Easter with joyful faith and increased understanding!

CENTENARY OF OUR LADY OF FÁTIMA



One hundred years ago – on May 13, 1917 – our Lady made her first appearance to three shepherd children in Fátima, Portugal. Over the next six months, she appeared five more times to Lúcia Santos and her cousins Jacinta and Francisco Marto. To mark the centenary of the First Apparition of Our Lady of Fátima, Assumption is planning a bus trip to the National Blue Army Shrine of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in Washington, New Jersey on **Saturday, May 13**. The cost per person is \$30. If interested, please contact Lisa Smith at (914) 257-7008 for more information.

BE IN-FORMED

Tired of the “same old, same old” secular entertainment options? Searching for quality Catholic feature films, audio programs or e-books? Simply go to www.FORMED.org – which gives users free access to hundreds of hours of online content – and enter **GNBWCR** (our parish’s access code) to complete your registration, then – presto! – a world of Catholic entertainment is at your fingertips. Watch a movie about Padre Pio, or Joan of Arc, or Joseph of Nazareth. Read about St. Augustine in *The Restless Flame*. Listen to St. Teresa of Calcutta share her insights into the Blessed Mother. The possibilities are endless!

YOUTH OF THE ARCHDIOCESE, ASSEMBLE!

Join hundreds of fellow high-school youth for the annual 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 takes place at 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 beatboxer Paul J. Kim. Emcees Brad Farmer and Gene Monterastelli of APeX Ministries have crisscrossed America sharing the Gospel through “Christian Vaudeville” (a blend of comedy, juggling and street performer skills). The event is open to high school students, ages 13 – 17; the cost of \$30 includes bus transportation, lunch, a T-shirt and a bag. Please register by contacting Pedro Apolinar, Assumption’s Youth Minister, at (914) 637-0080.

A SILENCE AFTER COMMUNION



During Masses at Assumption since the beginning of Lent, we have observed extra time for silent meditation after Holy Communion. According to the Church’s wishes, as expressed in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal, this practice should be the norm, rather than the exception. In adherence to the Missal, we will continue to observe a period of silence after the reception of Holy Communion and before the final prayer and blessing.

“PATER NOSTER, QUI ES IN CAELIS...”

Now then, congregation, repeat: *Pater noster, qui es in caelis... Pater noster, qui es in caelis...* Experts say the best time to become fluent in a new language is when you’re learning your first one. Alas, none of us can go back to being toddlers, when our brains were working fast and furiously. Though the adult brain has lost some ability for learning a new tongue, it is not impossible. Therefore, a grateful “*Gratias tibi*” is due our parishioners for praying the *Our Father* in Latin during this past Lenten season. Though neither our English nor our Spanish communities seem to have mastered the *Pater Noster* as yet, both groups have made notable progress! We will continue singing the *Our Father* in Latin from time to time – especially during bilingual Masses and Masses of extreme solemnity – as we continue to hone our linguistic skills.

ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL

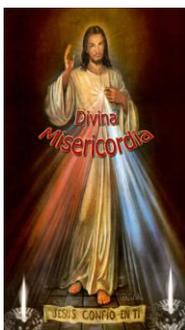


SANTA EUCARISTÍA MENSUAL EN HONOR A LA SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN Y REINA DE EL CISNE

Invitamos para el próximo día **Martes 18 de Abril** a partir de las 7:30 pm. Celebraremos La Santa Eucaristía mensual en honor a la Virgen y Reina de El Cisne. El ofertorio y el café serán donados por la Comunidad de Sinincay, miembros activos de la devoción, todos son bienvenidos, les esperamos.

PEREGRINACION

DOMINGO 23 DE ABRIL DEL 2017



El Apostolado de de la Divina Misericordia comunica a todas las personas que tienen comprado los boletos para viajar en los autobuses para la peregrinación al Santuario de la Divina Misericordia en Stockbridge, MA, les informamos que los buses partirán desde el área de la estación del tren a partir de las 6:00 am. rogamos llegar temprano. Informes: Hna. Anita Peña. 914-437-4292 y la Hna. María Ledesma. 914-629-6048

El Grupo Matrimonial "Jesús, María y José"

Invita a la noche de enriquecimiento de parejas con el tema:

EDUCAR PARA LA SEXUALIDAD

"Cómo hablar con su hijo sobre sexo"

MARTES 25 DE ABRIL - 7:30 - 9:00 PM. ANEXO
Dirigido para padres y madres de cómo y a qué edad podemos hablarles a ellos sobre este tema. ¿De dónde vienen los bebés? Cuando un niño formula esta pregunta, algunos padres se ponen nerviosos y recurren al cuento de la cigüeña. Error. Los pequeños curiosos no tardan en buscar otras respuestas que los confunden aún más. La sexualidad nunca debe ser un tema tabú en casa. PRESENTADO POR: **Denisse de Óleo**, Coordinadora de la Oficina de Vida Familiar y Respeto a la Vida de la Arquidiócesis de Nueva York. **ES GRATUITO - ES SOLO PARA ADULTOS - NO NIÑOS - MUCHAS GRACIAS.**

En Camino
HACIA EL V ENCUENTRO



«¿No estaba ardiendo nuestro corazón dentro de nosotros cuando nos hablaba en el camino y nos explicaba las Escrituras?» (Lc 24,32)

¿Qué es el Encuentro Parroquial?

El Encuentro Parroquial es una oportunidad para:
Reunir a los miembros de los distintos grupos apostólicos, ministerios y devociones y todo el pueblo en general, para compartir un proceso de discernimiento y evangelización • Reflexionar juntos sobre la Iglesia y las realidades sociales y culturales que la interpelan • Proponer respuestas prácticas a necesidades específicas como parte de un proceso de reflexión y discernimiento • Asumir compromisos concretos para avanzar la Nueva Evangelización como parroquia y como pequeñas comunidades y otros grupos • Celebrar por medio de nuestro compartir, de la oración y de la Eucaristía

RESERVE ESTAS FECHAS POR FAVOR!

Eventos gratuitos, servicio de cafetería.

Auspiciado por:

Los Grupos Apostólicos y Devociones de nuestra Parroquia, todos son bienvenidos

PRIMERA SEMANA

Lunes 22 de Mayo 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - F.W.H.
TEMA: LLAMADOS A UN ENCUENTRO CON JESUS

SEGUNDA SEMANA

Lunes 29 de Mayo 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - F.W.H.
TEMA: CON OBRAS Y CON GESTOS: ATRÉVETE

TERCERA SEMANA

Lunes 5 de Junio 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - F.W.H.
TEMA: CAMINANDO JUNTOS CON JESUS

CUARTA SEMANA

Lunes 12 de Junio 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - F.W.H.
TEMA: DANDO FRUTOS DE VIDA NUEVA

QUINTA SEMANA

Lunes 19 de Junio 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm - F.W.H.
TEMA: FESTEJANDO LA ALEGRÍA DE SER DISCIPULOS Y MISIONEROS

PROCESIÓN - SANTA EUCARISTÍA - CLAUSURA DEL ENCUENTRO PARROQUIAL
Viernes 23 de Junio - 7:00 pm
SOLEMNIDAD DEL SAGRADO CORAZÓN DE JESÚS



Mayo mes de María

Ave María Purísima! - Sin pecado concebida!

Estamos ya a las puertas del mes de Mayo mes dedicado a la Virgen María, y a todas nuestras Madrecitas por este motivo invitamos a compartir el Rosario de la Aurora todos los sábados de Mayo a partir de las 5:00 am. a cargo de la Legión de María y de las devociones Marianas:

Sábado 6 Virgen de la Nube
Sábado 13 Virgen de Guadalupe
Sábado 20 Virgen de las Mercedes/Altagracia
Sábado 20 Virgen Purísima de Macas