

SEPTEMBER 17, 2017
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday (September 17) Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 Albert "Pete" DeCrenza
Requested by: Loretta and Ralph Pelaia
- 10:00 For all the Catechists of our Parish
Requested by: The Priests of Assumption
- 12:00 Pro-populo
- 7:00 Spanish Mass

Monday (September 18)

- 7:00 Piedade D'Cunha
Requested by: Laurencio and Maria Rodrigues
- 9:00 Msgr. Francis J. Ansbro
Requested by: The Legion of Mary

Tuesday (September 19)

- 7:00 Happy Birthday Father John Higgins
Requested by: The Legion of Mary
- 9:00 Lorraine Bobolia
Requested by: Mel and Mary Lou Henning

Wednesday (September 20) Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-Sang, and Companions, Martyrs

- 7:00 Joseph C. Marallo
Requested by: Linda Greene
- 9:00 Rosa Brucellaria
Requested by: Family Friends

Thursday (September 21) Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

- 7:00 Priscilla and Anthony Picarello
Requested by: Linda Greene
- 9:00 Ida DeLuca
Requested by: The Boryk Family

Friday (September 22)

- 7:00 Eduardo Alagia
Requested by: Judith Furnari
- 9:00 James Losasso
Requested by: Judy and Frank Losasso

Saturday (September 23) Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

- 9:00 Diogo L. Fernandes
Requested by: Natalia Fernandes
- 5:00 Gabriel Braganza
Requested by: Lawrence and Maggie Braganza and Family
- 7:00 Spanish Mass

Sunday (September 24) Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8:00 Pro-populo
- 10:00 Francesco D'Ottavio
Requested by: Family
- 12:00 John Frost
Requested by: Mary Ellen Frost
- 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 and Eible Families
Requested by: Family

Tony Catalano
Requested by: Felicia, Veli, Vin, and Jojo

NOTES FROM THE LOFT

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 24, 2017

Matthew's Gospel selections for the next three Sundays, present us with three different 'vineyard parables', each one teaching a different lesson about the Kingdom of Heaven.

Next Sunday Jesus tells the disciples about a landowner who hired laborers to work in his vineyard. The last to be hired are given the same wages as the first who become angry that they were all paid equally. It is a lesson about God's generosity. He is free to lavish His currency of grace on ANYONE who serves Him – for a lifetime or less!

In two weeks, Jesus proposes a parable to the chief priests and elders, asking their opinion about a father who directs his sons to go out and work in the vineyard. The first will refuse, but later complies. The second will agree, but then shirks his responsibility. Jesus ends with a scorching rebuke to his listeners, putting tax collectors and prostitutes ahead of them in the Kingdom!

The third is the most dire. To the same self-righteous audience Jesus says, "Hear another parable." He proceeds to describe the horrific treatment the vineyard owner's servants receive from his treacherous tenants, who ultimately murder his son and heir! Jesus warns the Temple leadership: "(T)he Kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit."

The fifth chapter of Isaiah tells us the VINEYARD of the Lord is the "house of Israel". Written centuries before the Son of God would pay the ultimate ransom on the Cross, this passage is the lament of the broken Heart of God, justifiably angered over His People's infidelity. Centuries before Isaiah, King David would compose Psalm 80 recalling God's glorious transplanted of His "Vine" from Egypt to the Promised Land, only to be thanked by unfaithfulness. God's mercy, however, makes it clear that His ways and thoughts are high above our ways and thoughts.

Kevin Keil renders a poignant musical rendition of Psalm 80. Choir also enjoys singing his SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW #89, SIGNED BY ASHES #115, and most recently WHO IS THE CRUCIFIED?# 154. Keil frequently composes in minor keys which tends to touch the human heart even before the lyric is heard. Choir will sing his THE VINEYARD OF THE LORD # 773 next Sunday.

TITHING REPORT

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 2017.....\$10,511.50
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$632.50)
 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time 2016.....\$12,029.25
 (includes Parish Pay amount of \$796.25)
 Hurricane Harvey Flood Victims.....\$4,300.00

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

RESPECT LIFE



From Saint Teresa of Calcutta

"But I feel a great destroyer of peace today is abortion, because it is a direct war, a direct killing, direct murder by the mother herself. And we read in the scripture, for God says very clearly. "Even if a mother could forget her child, I will not forget you. I have carved you in the palm of My Hand." We are carved in the palm of His Hand; so close to Him, that unborn child has been carved in the Hand of God. And that is what strikes me most, the beginning of that sentence, that even a mother could forget something impossible—but even if she could forget -- "I will not forget you." And today the greatest destroyer of peace is abortion. And we who are standing here—our parents wanted us. We would not be here if our parents would do that to us." – Lecture upon receiving the Nobel Peace Prize, Oslo, Norway, Dec. 11, 1979. **The next Respect Life Holy Hour: Thursday, September 21 at 7:00pm.**

BLESSING OUR CATECHISTS

This **Sunday, September 17** is Catechetical Sunday and our catechists will receive a special blessing at the 10:00am Mass. Please note Religious Education registration is currently taking place, and students must be registered each year.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION HAS BEGUN

Although religious education has begun, it's not too late to register! Parents of new students must bring a copy of the child's baptismal certificate when registering. Tuition for the 2017-2018 school year is \$125 for a single student, and \$175 in total for two or more children from the same family. Registration is taking place in the CCD office during regular office hours. For more information, call the office at (914) 737-2231. [Please note all back tuition must be paid before a child can be registered for this upcoming year.]

RCIA & RCIT(teens) CLASSES BEGINNING SOON

Classes will begin this **Monday, September 18** for high-schooled students who have not completed the Sacrament of Initiation-Baptism, First Holy Communion, and/or Confirmation; classes are held every Monday evening from 5:00pm-6:30pm. RCIA classes will also be held from 7:30pm-9:00pm. For additional information, please contact the Rectory at (914) 737-2071 or send an e-mail to RCIA Teens.Assumption@gmail.com.

DIVINE MERCY



September 17	3pm Assumption Church
September 24	3pm Assumption Church
October 1	No Holy Hour
October 8	No Holy Hour

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, Carli Hermina, and Leslie Hernandez.

PRAY ALSO FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED

Michael P. Galarza
 Richie Curinga
 Nicholas A. Gaetano
 Hector G. Murillo
 Flora Velez Urbina
 Barbara Pilla
 Mary Jane Weitsma
 Evelyn Ford

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

COFFEE HOUR THIS WEEKEND: SEPTEMBER 17TH



The coffee hour scheduled for this **Sunday, September 17** in Father Wilson Hall following the 12pm(noon) Mass will be held to welcome Father Esteban Sanchez to Assumption Parish. It will give parishioners the opportunity to meet him and speak to him. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

SHARING CHRIST

The Sharing Christ series for those who completed Discovering Christ and Following Christ begins this **Monday, September 18** at the Father Higgins Hall from 7PM to 9PM. For questions, please e-mail discoveringchrist.assumption@gmail.com or call Regina Dimayac at [914-402-4439](tel:914-402-4439).

OUR LADY OF THE SWAN

Many of our Spanish-speaking parishioners have a devotion to Mary under the title of our Lady of the Swan (*La Virgen del Cisne*). We have been blessed once again this year to have Assumption church be the "home base" for the statue of Our Lady of the Swan during her northernly sojourn. Two priests from Ecuador, escorting the statue, will arrive this Thursday evening, **September 14**. Over the next few weeks, the statue will make "day trips" throughout the metropolitan area to other parishes, returning to Assumption each evening. Our celebration will culminate on **Sunday, October 1** at Peekskill's Riverfront Green Park with a day-long festivity in honor of Our Lady of the Swan, including an outdoor Mass and, at day's end, a procession up to the church. All are welcome to join in and experience a taste of Spanish religious devotion to Our Lady. For more information, contact the Rectory at (914) 737-2071.



Wedding Banns

Second Time: Allwyn G. Clemente & Roshni Kurian
 First Time: Julio A. Aracena & Darly G. Bravo

A NEW YEAR FOR OUR YOUTH GROUPS

Assumption's two youth groups - LifeTeen and Edge – got off to a great start two years ago, and it was once again a success last year. As with school, a new year is beginning for our youth groups, too, and eligible teens and pre-teens are encouraged to come back or join for the first time. LifeTeen – for high school students – meets on Thursday evenings at 7:00pm and will kick off **September 28**; the Edge group – for middle-schoolers – meets on Saturday evenings at 6:30pm, starting **September 23**. Come participate in the fellowship and the fun!

SWAP BINGO WITH THE COLUMBIETTES

The Columbiettes are hosting a swap-bingo on **Friday, September 29** at 7:00pm in the Father Wilson Hall. Admission is a \$15.00 gift card and \$5.00 for each bingo card. All are encouraged and welcome to attend and join in on the evening fun.

BLESSING OF THE CRITTERS



Our annual Blessing of the Animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, will take place on **Tuesday, October 3**. Families are encouraged to bring their pets – of all breeds and species – to Assumption's Parking Lot so these beloved family members can receive a special blessing. The "service" will begin promptly at 6:30pm. In the event of rain, the blessing will be postponed. (Though the feast day of St. Francis is officially observed by the Church on October 4, his actual death and "transitus" – i.e. "the time of passage through death to life" – was October 3 (in 1226), which is the day Franciscans observe with special prayers and services. Our Blessing of the Animals on October 3, thus, is truly in keeping with Franciscan tradition.)

COLUMBUS DAY MASS

Cardinal Timothy Dolan invites all to attend the 40th annual Columbus Day Mass and parade on **Monday, October 9** at 9:30am at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The event will be sponsored by the Italian Apostolate of the Archdiocese of New York. To reserve free tickets please e-mail columbusday@archny.org or call 646-794-2000 to sign up. Do not miss this wonderful opportunity to meet new members of our Church in the Archdiocese of New York.

ADORATION THURSDAY



Starting on Thursday, October 5, every Thursday, we will be Exposing the Blessed Sacrament for silent adoration from 7:30am until Benediction at 7PM, only interrupting for the 9AM Mass, and if there is a funeral (there will be some occasions when a group will be continuing with Adoration until 8PM; and there will be some other occasions when there will be abbreviated or interrupted Adoration). We are asking that at least 2 people be present at all times in the church to adore Jesus. Next weekend, we will put out a schedule with the hours listed for sign-ups. Of course, anyone is welcome to come at any time, and to stay for as little or as long as you want, but we will need to have commitments from at least 2 people for each hourly time slot. Can you please consider signing up to adore Jesus for an Hour? We are doing this also as a way of preparing for our Chapel of Perpetual Adoration, which will require that 2 parishioners are present to adore Jesus every hour of every day. Jesus will bless you abundantly for your love for Him!

EVERY MEMBER IS A MINISTER: THE GROUPS OF ASSUMPTION SERIES

*Assumption is blessed by many groups, devotions and ministries. This week we focus on the **Choir**:*

I recently finished reading Mike Aquilina's fascinating book bearing the provocative title "HOW THE CHOIR CONVERTED THE WORLD: Through Hymns, With Hymns and In Hymns." He makes the sweeping claim, "Music saved the world." His research reveals that the Fathers and ancient hymnologists of the Church (including Sts. John Chrysostom, Basil the Great, Jerome, Ambrose and Augustine) understood the power of the sung word to convey emotion - love, joy, sadness and glory. The pagans of Greece and Rome knew this, too, and while their music ranged from wild to seductive to martial entertaining, it was always caught up with the actions of the gods, so it, too, was 'religious'. Even pagan parents understood that 'bad' music leads to disorder and dissipation; while 'good' music leads the listener to civility and to 'god'!

Music, says Aquilina, is used properly in worship when it elevates our minds in prayer. CHOIRS serve to present, promote and preserve sacred music. The Jewish Temple had choirs – and orchestras. The repertoire was taken from the Psalms and the Canticles of Scripture. St. Ignatius of Antioch reportedly had a vision of heaven where choirs of angels sang alternately, giving rise to the practice of 'antiphonal singing' such as we employ when we sing the Responsorial Psalm.

With the loss of the ancient Greek method of musical notation, music of the first Christian millennia was learned by listening. The role of the CANTOR, therefore, was given the status of an 'office' in the Church. By the 9th century AD, monks began to develop a form of notation. CHOIRS 'converted and saved' the world by singing what was good, true and beautiful. Illiterate congregations, having heard the doctrines of the Faith articulated in hymns and other forms of sacred song, returned home with music still ringing in their ears and singing in their hearts!

The Second Vatican Council in its major liturgical document, THE CONSTITUTION ON THE SACRED LITURGY (1963), devoted Chapter VI to the nature of Sacred Music and the importance of CHOIRS. Subsequent documents addressed the need not only for musical training of choirs but also their spiritual and liturgical formation. The 2010 revision of the Roman Missal invited musicians to develop new settings for English (vs. the Latin Gregorian) chant. Assumption Choir met the challenge by adding four new English chant Mass settings to its repertoire, two of them tri-lingual!

ASSUMPTION CHOIR enjoys a long history of which its current, eldest members are justly proud. In days of larger congregations, the Choir had a full complement of Sopranos, Altos, Tenors and Basses. However, the vicissitudes of life necessitate adaptation, although the purpose remains the same: to glorify God and to lead the Faithful in prayer – whether the song is in unison or harmony, simple or complex. The Choir's seasonal and Ordinary repertoires are constantly growing, encompassing traditional hymns, Chant, and contemporary compositions including the music of Taize and "Praise and Worship". Unlike many choirs, we sing through the summer. Rehearsals are held for thirty minutes prior to 10:00 Mass. (We would love to have a volunteer rehearsal pianist for additional, weekday rehearsals!)

The CHOIR DIRECTOR makes musical decisions drawing from both the Sunday and weekly Lectionary Readings as well as the Divine Office., for the entire week is a liturgical whole. The CHOIR, in turn, receives weekly liturgical formation consisting of a synopsis of the theme for the upcoming Sunday's Readings and their correlation with the Director's music selections. This is vital to good Liturgy since the music choices must reflect the Scriptural texts, their mood (solemn, joyful, penitential) and the actions of the Mass (Entrance, Offertory, Communion, Recessional). The Choir thus learns the reason for a selection's placement in the Liturgy and can sing it with prayerful understanding.

ASSUMPTION CHOIR – like most choirs- is a kind of family. Ours consists of sixteen singers of **varying abilities** ranging in age from their twenties to their eighties! Owing to his training as a jazz musician from the age of five, our talented organist is a master of improvisation, bringing a youthful energy to the basic score. We're very social, know how to throw a good party and host an outstanding parish Coffee Hour! ASSUMPTION CHOIR is always open to new members. Come up to the loft, grab a missalette and try it out! For further information, call me at (201)259-2049.

-Donna Marie Sticco, Choir Director Cantor

ANUNCIOS EN ESPAÑOL

VIRGEN DE LAS MERCEDES "Patrona de la República Dominicana"



Invitan al Triduo en su honor

- Septiembre, Jueves 21 8:00pm Hora Santa en el templo parroquial
- Septiembre, Viernes 22 7:30pm Asamblea de Oración con el Grupo Carismático, en el Auditorio P. John Higgins
- Septiembre, Sábado 23 7:00pm Santa Eucaristía.

SANTÍSIMA VIRGEN DE EL CISNE BIENVENIDA A LA CIUDAD DE NUEVA YORK



SEPTIEMBRE

- Sábado 30 7:00 pm Santa Eucaristía/Noche del peregrino, programa en el Auditorio Padre Wilson

OCTUBRE

- Domingo 1 9:30 am Procesión a orillas del Riverfront
11:am Programa Cultural-Religioso
3:00 pm Santa Eucaristía campal- Riverfront
Invitados:
Voces Misioneras de la Parroquia San José de Babylon, de Long Island.
- Domingo 8 Misa en la Catedral de San Patricio
Hora: 2:00pm
Celebrante: P. Armando Jiménez
Concelebrantes: P. Esteban Sánchez, P. Vicente Druding
Diacono: Carlos Campoverde

6 BUSES DISPONIBLES PARA IR DE PEREGRINACIÓN A LA CATEDRAL DE SAN PATRICIO SALIENDO DE PEEKSKILL
VEN, CON NOSOTROS A CAMINAR!

YA VIENE EL MES DE OCTUBRE LA LEGIÓN DE MARÍA



Invita al rezo del rosario de la aurora todos los días sábados del mes de Octubre a partir de las 5:00am con las imágenes del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús y la Virgen de Fátima en homenaje del centenario de las apariciones;

- Sábado 7 Grupo de Oración N. Señora de la Asunción
Sábado 14 Grupo Matrimonial Jesús, María y José
Sábado 21 Cursillistas de Cristiandad
Sábado 28 Devoción de la Virgen del Cisne

YA SE APROXIMA NUESTRO GRAN ENCUENTRO PARROQUIAL 2017...espérelolo!! DOMINGO 29 DE OCTUBRE DEL 2017

En Camino
HACIA EL V ENCUENTRO



¿Qué es el Encuentro Parroquial? "El Encuentro Parroquial es una oportunidad para: • Reunir a los miembros de los distintos grupos parroquiales. • Reflexionar juntos sobre las diferentes realidades sociales, culturales y pastorales experimentadas por los hispanos / latinos que viven en los Estados Unidos. • Proponer respuestas prácticas a las necesidades específicas y a las aspiraciones, en un proceso de reflexión y de discernimiento. • Hacer compromisos concretos para avanzar en la Nueva Evangelización como parroquia entera, pequeñas comunidades, movimientos eclesiales u otros grupos. • Celebrar en nuestro compartir, en la oración y en la Eucaristía.

¿Quién está invitado al Encuentro Parroquial? El Encuentro Parroquial es una oportunidad excelente para expresar la belleza de ser una comunidad de fe. Pueden asistir al encuentro **todos los feligreses** interesados en ser testigos de esta experiencia. No obstante, el grupo principal de feligreses que participan en el Encuentro Parroquial debe estar compuesto por aquéllos que participaron en las cinco sesiones del V Encuentro, aquéllos que participaron en las actividades misioneras. Se invita a todas las parroquias a que hagan una invitación especial a los jóvenes hispanos."

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

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-MATRIMONIAL (PRECANA) 2017

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| DIA 2 | Sábado: 23 de Sept. | 9:00 a 3:00 PM | Anexo |
| DIA 1 | Sábado 28 de Oct. | 9:00 a 3:00 PM | Anexo |

GRUPO DE ORACIÓN CARISMÁTICO "NUESTRA SEÑORA DE LA ASUNCIÓN

Invita a la Misa por los enfermos, **QUIERES VER MILAGROS, VEN Y VERASLA GLORIA DE DIOS!**

**Viernes 29 de Septiembre del 2017- 7:30pm
Templo Parroquial**