

**APRIL 26, 2015
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY**

MASS INTENTIONS

MEMORIALIZATIONS

- Sunday (April 26) Fourth Sunday of Easter**
 8:00 Giuseppe Pascetta
Requested By: Family
 10:00 Edward Choma
Requested By: Family
 12:00 Jerri Laura Strang
Requested By: Loving Family
 7:00 Spanish Mass
- Monday (April 27)**
 7:00 Catherine E. Delaney
Requested By: Family
 9:00 Deceased members of the Remedios & Rocha Families
Requested By: Carlos & Dorina Lopes
- Tuesday (April 28)**
 7:00 KC Scivoletto
Requested By: Christine Cothren
 9:00 Evelyn Miller
Requested By: Family
- Wednesday (April 29)**
 7:00 Bridget & Stephen Austin
Requested By: Family
 9:00 Catherine Pisani
Requested By: Ed, Cathy, & Tom
- Thursday (April 30)**
 7:00 Vincent Cosentino
Requested By: Al, Marietta Vasquez
 9:00 Maria V. DeLuca
Requested By: Family
- Friday (May 01)**
 7:00 Anna & Stephen Sidorik
Requested By: Fran & Ray Levesque
 9:00 Rosaria Federico
Requested By: Mr. & Mrs. Anthony DiGregorio
- Saturday (May 02)**
 9:00 Adolfo, Francisco, & Antonia Diesta
Requested By: Salvacion Delacruz
 5:00 Vincent Malaspina
Requested By: Antoinette Malaspina
- Sunday (May 03) Fifth Sunday of Easter**
 8:00 Pro-Populo
 10:00 Claude J. Martini
Requested By: Family
 12:00 Immacolata Vitale
Requested By: Pietro & Concetta Dipaterio & 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.*

ALTAR CANDLES

Giada Marie DiGilio
Requested By: Family

NOTES FROM THE LOFT Good Shepherd Sunday

During the Chrism Mass, Holy Week 2013, newly-elected Pope Francis captured the attention of priests – and Catholic Faithful - with this statement: “This I ask you: BE SHEPHERDS, WITH THE ‘ODOUR OF THE SHEEP’.” In 2014, he spoke of priestly joy, “which only springs up when the shepherd is in the midst of his flock...Even in the silence of his prayer, the shepherd who worships the Father is with his sheep. (And) it is a ‘guarded joy’, watched over by the flock itself...they are able to protect you, to embrace you and to help you open your heart to find renewed joy.”

At the 2015 Chrism Mass, Pope Francis addressed the subject of “the tiredness...the weariness of the shepherds”, which “like incense...silently rises up to heaven...straight to the heart of the Father” and which Mary, as Mother, “brings...straight to the Lord. Our weariness is precious in the eyes of Jesus who embraces us and lifts us up: Come to Me...” He empathized and instructed: “(L)earn how to rest...WE, TOO, ARE SHEEP.” Rest, Fathers, by “accepting the love, gratitude and affection...from God’s faithful People. Rest in the Holy Spirit. Spend time with Jesus, with the Father, with...Mary, Joseph...and (your) patron saints. Rest from your enemies under the Lord’s protection. Entrust yourself to the Holy Spirit.”

He reminded them they were ordained not merely to function and manage but to bring the Gospel - Good News - to the poor; to liberate; to heal; to console and comfort the broken and afflicted, called not to “mechanical jobs” but to tasks which demand heartfelt compassion; which exhaust and break “into a thousand pieces” their own hearts, hearts which are “even consumed by the People” they love and serve! “The People never leave us without something to do unless we hide in our offices or go out in our cars wearing sun glasses”. He chides, “We cannot be glum, plaintive, or even worse bored. Weary? Yes, but always with the “smell of the sheep and the smile of a father...”

This weekend let us celebrate our shepherds, Frs. Higgins and Vincent in song! Selections will include THE KING OF LOVE MY SHEPHERD IS # 472, lyrics by Anglican clergyman, Rev. William Henry Baker, set to the Irish melody, St. Columba.

SCHOOL BOARD PROPOSITION

There is a proposition in front of the School board to provide K-12 busing to local Catholic schools. But it must pass by a referendum scheduled for May 19th. This proposition will help many students in the city of Peekskill to have bussing their grade school and Kennedy Catholic High School. There will be an information session in the Annex on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 7:30p.m.

OPENING OF 2015 MASS BOOK



The second half of 2015 Mass Book will be opening on May 22nd 2015. (July 1st 2015 through December 31, 2015) In order to comfortably accommodate as many people as possible the Mass intentions will be received in the Library of the Rectory (basement), starting at 8:00 AM. Because we are only opening the second half of the Mass book, as many as three Masses can be requested on that day.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE



April 26	3PM	Assumption Church
May 3	3PM	Assumption Church
May 10	3PM	Assumption Church
May 17	3PM	Assumption Church

Wedding Banns

First Time: Andrew Marousek and Catherine Cronin

TITHING REPORT

Third Sunday of Easter 2015.....\$ 11,097.90
 Third Sunday of Easter 2014.....\$ 9,742.25
 *Includes Parish Pay.....\$ 743.90

RESPECT LIFE



The Good Shepherd lays down his life for his sheep. This theme is found also in the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) on the road from Jerusalem to Jericho, a man fell in with robbers. A priest and a Levite came by, but did not stop to help.

Despite their knowledge of the Law and Prophets, they walked right by. Why? Sometimes we ask the same question. If, for example, I speak up too loudly about the victims of abortion, what will happen to me? Then the Good Samaritan came along, and he reversed the question. He didn't ask, "If I help this man, what will happen to me?" The Good Samaritan asked, "If I do not help this man, what will happen to him?" And that's the question for us. If I do not address this evil, what will happen to the unborn? If I do not get involved, what will happen to those who are vulnerable, marginalized, those who have no one to speak for them? **The next Respect Life Holy Hour will be on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

CARDINAL'S APPEAL 2015



Cardinal Dolan said: "I pray that you will join me and consider renewing your commitment to the Church in New York with a gift to the Cardinal's Annual Appeal. I ask not for me, but on behalf of the thousands of men, women and children who are so grateful for your love and care. Please help me in making the Appeal a success".

Summary to Date

Goal	Pledge	Paid	Number of Gifts	Average Gift
\$72,000.00	\$31,961.00	\$24,171.00	102	\$313.34

MID YEAR FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Parish's overall financial situation remains 'guarded' at mid-year, Aug '14 – Feb '15, with the Parish operating at a deficit of \$33,289 (operating revenues of \$484,280 and expenses of \$517,569) largely due to the anticipated school building-related costs of about \$120,000 annually (for example, so far this year utilities alone are about \$32,000). Again, these surplus building costs were anticipated, and in coordination with the Archdiocese and the help of a robust Easter collection we will be able to meet our commitments. The level of collections is down slightly year-to-year (-2%), but most Parish revenue streams have increased, and expenses remain well-controlled. Collections represent the most vital revenue source (nearly 65%) for our Parish. So, please know that your generosity is most-needed and appreciated to keep our Parish vibrant and able to fulfill its mission! The Finance Council welcomes your questions and comments – feel free to reach-out to Steve Jones, Chair, at smjones1515@gmail.com or leave a message at the rectory.

COULD YOU NOT PRAY WITH ME...?



We will have our usual Adoration this first Friday, May 1st, in which our Lord Jesus Christ, in the Eucharist, will be on the altar for us to adore from 12:15 PM until 6:00PM. At 6:00 PM will be the Novena to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Please come and spend some time adoring the Lord Jesus with us. Please note Adoration will end one hour early. To allow for 7PM Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL



1. Gladys Latimer, Catherine Chesser, Janet Fortier, Linda McGarr, Loretta Donohue, Andrew Muller, George Strumke, Daniel Cairl, George Smith, Fr. Steven Clark, Cecilia Murphy, Mario Garziona, Guadalupe Arango, Catherine Gleba, James Brian Dolman, Ainhoa Vega Rodriguez, Jeffrey Deskovic, Gary Neidhardt, and Janet Fortier

LAUNCHING ASSUMPTION'S YOUTH GROUP

After a great turnout at Camp Veritas and New York Catholic Youth Day, Assumption Parish is happy to be launching a new, English speaking youth group following the Life Teen model with Father Vincent as moderator. Parish youth, sixth grade through high school are invited to join April 25, 2015 after the 5PM in the Annex and Saturdays thereafter. Dinner will be provided. For more information contact Blanca 914-774-4011 or Joe Schuka at 845-597-4685. This is going to be incredible.

ATTENTION ASSUMPTION VOLUNTEERS

On May 23rd, we will be doing a Spring Clean-up of our Assumption property. In addition to able-bodied people willing to help, we are looking for three to four people with pick-up trucks that will be able to make a trip to the Peekskill dump before Noon. We could also use a couple of powerful leaf blowers in order to clean up the parking lot and driveway. Anyone interested please feel free to just show up here, we will begin just after the 9:00AM Mass.

SIT-IN-A-DIFFERENT-SEAT SUNDAY



Next Sunday, the Fifth Sunday of the Easter, the readings speak to us of how the Lord shares with us his being the Vine which the Father, the Vinedresser, prunes so that we will bear more fruit.

In order to create new relationships in our parish community, next Sunday has been designated as Sit-In-A-Different-Seat Sunday in which we invite all our parishioners to sit in a different seat from their usual seat. Perhaps you'll meet people who have attended the same Mass as you for the past 25 years, but have never met before. Let's see what new fruit the Lord wants us to bear on Sit-In-A-Different-Seat Sunday.

HEALING SERVICE WITH ALAN AMES

Alan's life was changed from a violent, alcoholic, motorcycle gang member to a man of complete devotion to God. Alan is an internationally known evangelist who has been graced with the gift of healing, a close union with Jesus in His passion and a mystical prayer life that he has shared globally the past 18 years, in 50 countries and 6 continents. There have been 1000's of documented healings, by the grace of God. Alan travels world-wide sharing his inspiring story and testimony of God's merciful love. For more info: www.alanames.org. Please join us on **Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00pm in the Church** for a Mass, talk, adoration, and healing service. Confessions also available.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER



On Friday, May 1st at 7:00pm, please join us for Mass as we celebrate St. Joseph, the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work. Mass will be celebrated by Monsignor Hilary Franco in Italian and English. Following the Mass will be a procession as well as an "Evening in the Piazza" in Father Wilson Hall. Sample many homemade Italian "dolci" with an espresso while enjoying authentic Italian music and entertainment! Don't forget to join in a Tarantella or two! You won't want to miss this evening!