

**SEPTEMBER 18, 2016
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

MASS INTENTIONS

MEMORIALIZATIONS

Sunday (September 18) Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 Pro Populo
 10:00 For all the Catechists of our Parish
Requested by: Priests of the Parish
 12:00 Joe Malzo (Anniversary of his marriage to Barbara Malzo)
Requested by: William and Marcela Bowler
 7:00 Spanish Mass

Monday (September 19) Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr
 7:00 Maria and Guido Greco
Requested by: Mary Lou Mascalino
 9:00 Happy Birthday, Father John Higgins
Requested by: Legion of Mary

Tuesday (September 20) Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
 7:00 Katherine O'Connor
Requested by: John O'Connor
 9:00 Living and Deceased Members of The Cenacle Group
Requested by: The Cenacle Group

Wednesday (September 21) Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
 7:00 Rosaria and Miguel Guiao
Requested by: Dominick and Family
 9:00 Thomas and Mary Brogan
Requested by: James Brogan and Family

Thursday (September 22)
 7:00 Agostinho and Maria Lourdes Raposo
Requested by: Dominick and Family
 9:00 James LoSasso
Requested by: Judy and Frank LoSasso

Friday (September 23) Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
 7:00 Vincent and Natalina Raposo
Requested by: Dominick and Family
 9:00 Francesco D'Ottavio
Requested by: Family

Saturday (September 24)
 9:00 For Those Enrolled in the Purgatorial Society
 5:00 Gabriel Braganza
Requested by: Lawrence and Maggie Braganza

Sunday (September 25) Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 Anna and Steven Sidorik
Requested by: Fran and Ray Levesque
 10:00 Margaret Sticco
Requested by: Juliet Juarez
 12:00 Pro Populo
 7:00 Spanish Mass

ALTAR CANDLES
 In Memory of the Carey & Eible Families
Requested by: Family
 In Memory of Leonie Machado
Requested by: Viviano Machado
 For the Success of the "Sharing Christ" Series
Requested by: ChristLife of Assumption Parish

ALTAR BREAD AND WINE
 Edward Schuka
Requested by: A Friend

NEWLY-ENROLLED IN PURGATORIAL MASS SOCIETY
(Enrolled for one year for monthly Masses normally celebrated on the last Saturday of the month)
 Manuel Torres
Requested by: His daughter, Millie Torres
 Jane Morris
Requested by: Her grandson, Raymond Morris

NOTES FROM THE LOFT
 Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 September 25, 2016

"Woe to the complacent in Zion! Lying upon beds of ivory, stretched comfortably on their couches, they eat lamb... and calves... They drink wine... and anoint themselves with the best oils; yet they are not made ill by the collapse of Joseph [i.e., God's People]!" (Amos 6:1,4,6)

The First Reading for the 26th Sunday, a continuation of readings from the Book of Amos, is actually the third of "three woes." The first woe castigates those who have "cast justice to the ground." The second woe condemns those who claim to yearn for the "day of the Lord"; they offer all the ritual sacrifices, yet they repeat their injustices against the poor and downtrodden. They "turn judgment into gall and... justice into wormwood." (Amos 6:12) That is, they find righteousness a bitter drink.

The prophet Amos has given the Israelites fair warning, delivering "three words" from God:

1. Their adversary (Assyria) will surround, pillage and destroy them;
2. For their failure to heed God's warnings (drought, blight, heat, pestilence) and their blatant oppression of the weak and needy, they will be forcibly exiled;
3. The land will lie fallen and helpless, depleted and defenseless.

In contrast, Responsorial Psalm 146 praises those who "keep faith forever" and "secure justice for the oppressed."

In the Gospel, Jesus makes the point with the dramatic parable of Lazarus and Dives. He chooses their names deliberately: "Lazarus" is from the Hebrew "El-eazar," meaning "God is my helper." The Rich Man can be rendered as "Dives," Latin for "riches." The lesson? God does not look favorably on those who fail to address the needs of the poor. Wealth is a gift to be shared.

The chant "No justice, no peace" is more than a protest or political slogan. It is rooted in Scripture: "The way of peace they know not, and there is no justice in their paths." (Isaiah 59:8) The peace of Christ – our reconciliation with the Father – demands personal holiness.

Choir will introduce two simple selections with these themes: THE KINGDOM OF GOD, from the Taizé community of France, and LITANY OF PEACE (#528), a composition incorporating the simple, repetitive style of Taizé.

Please notify an usher if you would like to bring up the gifts during a Mass for your loved one.



Wedding Banns

Third Time: José M. Cortes & Carina Marie Martin
 Third Time: Jonathan DiRocco & Danielle McDermott
 First Time: Christopher Boryk & Theresa D'Angelo
 First Time: Carlos Iván Gallegos Lojano & Jessica Priscilla Coronez

TITHING REPORT

September 4, 2016.....	\$12,029.25
(includes Parish Pay amount of \$796.25)	
September 6, 2015.....	\$9,040.36
(includes Parish Pay amount of \$656.36)	
September 11, 2016.....	\$11,275.25
(includes Parish Pay amount of \$796.25)	
September 13, 2015.....	\$9,296.89
(includes Parish Pay amount of \$643.89)	



PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Gladys Latimer, Catherine Chesser, Janet Fortier, Linda McGarr, Andrew Muller, George Strumke, George Smith, Cecilia Murphy, Mario Garziona, Catherine Gleba, James Brian Dolman, Suzi Jo Bondra, Martin Carlucci, and Sheila Fleitz.

PRAY ALSO FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED

Selma J. Prokop
 Ida Petrillo
 Kathleen C. Marrone
 John Hermanowski

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

RESPECT LIFE



Cain vs. Abel. Saint John Paul II writes in THE GOSPEL OF LIFE (n.8): *"Brother kills brother. Like the first fratricide, every murder is a violation of the 'spiritual' kinship uniting mankind in one great family, in which all share the same fundamental good: equal personal dignity. Not infrequently the kinship of 'flesh and blood' is also violated; for example, when threats to life arise within the relationship between parents and children, such as happens in abortion or when, in the wider context of family or kinship, euthanasia is encouraged or practiced."*

The next Respect Life Holy Hour is Monday, September 26 at 7:00 pm.

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 de El 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 northerly sojourn. Two priests from Ecuador, escorting the statue, will arrive this Monday evening, **September 19**. 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 2** at Peekskill's Riverfront Green with a daylong 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.

BLESSING OUR CATECHISTS

This **Sunday, September 18** is Catechetical Sunday, and our catechists will receive a special blessing at the 10:00 am Mass. Please note CCD registration is currently taking place, and students must be registered each year. (*SEE article below*)

CCD REGISTRATION FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Although CCD classes have begun, it's not too late to register! Parents of new students must bring a copy of the child's baptismal AND birth certificates when registering. Tuition is \$125 for a single student, and \$175 in total for two or more children from the same family. Registration takes place in the CCD Office during regular office hours; for more detail, send an e-mail to ccd@assumptionpeekskill.org or call (914) 737-2231. [All back tuition must be paid before a child can be registered.]

SEPTEMBER COFFEE HOUR



Join fellow parishioners in the Annex Hall following the 12 pm (noon) Mass this **Sunday, September 18** for the latest Coffee Hour, hosted by the Goan Group. Always a welcome opportunity to socialize with parish friends and discuss themes brought up at Mass, this Coffee Hour will offer a special "treat" of hearing Father Vincent's reminiscences of his recent journey to India and its southern region of Goa.

RCIA FOR TEENS CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK

Classes will begin this **Monday, September 19** for high-school students who have not completed the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Holy Communion and/or Confirmation; classes are held every Monday evening from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm. For additional information, please contact the Rectory at (914) 737-2071 or send an e-mail to RCIA Teens.Assumption@gmail.com.

... AND RCIA FOR ADULTS, TOO

It's never too late to receive the Sacraments of Initiation. If someone you know would like to become Catholic or, if already baptized Catholic, would like to receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation, Assumption is offering classes for adults seeking to find out more about our faith and preparing for the sacraments. Designed to answer questions through open discussion while deepening one's knowledge of the faith, the first "inquiry" class will meet in the Rectory's Conference Room at 1:30 pm next **Sunday, September 25**.

A NEW YEAR FOR OUR YOUTH GROUPS

Assumption's two youth groups – LifeTeen and Edge – got off to a great start 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 7:30 pm and will kick off **September 29**; the Edge group – for middle-schoolers – meets on Saturday evenings at 6:30 pm. Come participate in the fellowship and the fun!

SEEKING A SECRETARY FOR CCD

Assumption's religious education (CCD) program is currently seeking a part-time secretary. This individual must be bilingual (English/Spanish), have great organizational skills and be available late afternoons and evenings during the week. Please e-mail your résumé to info@assumptionpeekskill.org if interested.

PAINTING WITH THE COLUMBIETTES

The Columbiettes are hosting a painting-party fundraiser on **Tuesday, September 27** at 6:30 pm in the Annex Hall. Come join in the fun, as instructor Richard Zorn (a former PHS art teacher) offers tips and techniques to help you create your masterpiece. The cost is \$35 per person; all are welcome to attend. And there will be no starving artists, as refreshments will be served. Please call Dot Bertram at (914) 323-8092 to register.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

September 18	3 pm	Assumption Church
September 25	3 pm	Assumption Church
October 2	– No Holy Hour –	
October 9	3pm	Mt. St. Francis

