

JANUARY 18, 2015
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday (January 18) Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 Palmina & Paul Asenso
Requested By: Yolanda DeRico & Family
 10:00 Pro-populo
 12:00 Adriana Meregalli
Requested By: The Pisani Family
 7:00 Spanish Mass

Monday (January 19)
 7:00 George Vaz
Requested By: Mabel DeSouza & Family
 9:00 Rosaria Federico
Requested By: John & Linda O'Connor & Family

Tuesday (January 20)
 7:00 Jerry Traver
Requested By: Family
 9:00 Mario & Carmelina Capone
Requested By: The Capone Family

Wednesday (January 21)
 7:00 Kate Curran
Requested By: Alicia Boland
 9:00 Eliza Menezes
Requested By: Mr. & Mrs. G. Vaz

Thursday (January 22)
 7:00 Simeon Diesta
Requested By: Salvación Delacruz
 9:00 Laura Piamonte
Requested By: Loving Children

Friday (January 23)
 7:00 Emilio Juarez
Requested By: Juliet Juarez
 9:00 Nicholas Salvatore
Requested By: Family

Saturday (January 24)
 9:00 Margaret McAree
Requested By: Joe & Selina Medoro
 5:00 Allan Herling
Requested By: MaryLou & Sam Mascalino

Sunday (January 25) Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 Adriana D'Ottavio
Requested By: Domenico Federico
 10:00 Thaddeus Jescavage
Requested By: Del Rosario Family
 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.*

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR SCHEDULE

January 18	3PM	Mt. St. Francis Convent
January 25	-----	No Holy Hour
February 1	3PM	Mt. St. Francis Convent
February 8	3PM	Assumption Church

MOSES APRIL 14-15, 2015

Join us as we depart from Hudson Valley, on a fully escorted Leprechaun motorcoach, to experience the breathtaking presentation of Moses. He had an action-packed life, from being sent down the Nile in a basket, to the Ten Commandments. All of these events will be portrayed at Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA. For a complete two day itinerary, please call Judy LoSasso at Treasure Time Tours 914-739-8111. Limited availability.

MEMORIALIZATIONS

Altar Candles

Robert & Josephine Bennett
Requested By: Ellen Bennett

Sanctuary Lamps

Claire Finnigan
Requested By: Assumption Choir

NOTES FROM THE LOFT 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time

What could a Hobbit and the prophet, Jonah, possibly have in common? Well, for starters, J.R.R. Tolkien wrote on each. In 2009, he and a team of writers translated the "Book of Jonah" in a project which eventually produced "The New Jerusalem Bible." The recent release of Peter Jackson's "The Hobbit: The Battle of the Five Armies", continues the movie version of the story of Bilbo Baggins, reluctant hero on a reluctant mission. Why should Bilbo care about the fates of greedy Dwarves or distant Elves? Why should Jonah care about the Ninevites? Jonah and thousands of Israelites had been deported to the capital city, Nineveh, when the Assyrians ruthlessly destroyed the Northern Kingdom in the 8th cen. BC. The "Book of Jonah" (written 5th cen. BC) portrays him with a narrow-minded mentality and intolerant nationalism that had subsequently developed within Judaism. Why should God extend salvation to the Gentiles? Jonah had no more desire to preach to pagans than did Bilbo desire fellowship with Dwarves and Elves or to part with 'his' ring! However, Prophet and Hobbit learn a few lessons, and souls are saved as a result of their sacrifices. When certain Jews asked for a sign if He be the Messiah, Jesus retorted: no 'sign' would be given them other than the "sign of Jonah the Prophet. For as Jonah was in the whale's belly three days and three nights: so shall the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation and shall condemn it: because they did penance at the preaching of Jonah. And behold a greater than Jonah here."

Jesus came for Gentile and Jew. Repent and believe!

The 'Ordinary' Sunday Readings invite: "ALL you who are thirsty, COME to the water... COME without paying... COME, listen... COME and see..." They are full of 'callings': Samuel, Jonah, Peter, Andrew, James and John, who respond, "Here, I am." "Speak, Lord..." "We have found the Messiah!" They send: "Nations that knew you not shall run to you." "I will make you fishers of men." Choir music will reflect these themes with "Speak, Lord" # 603, "Seek the Lord" # 669 "Lord, You Have Come # 513. "The Summons" # 387 and "Sent Forth by God's Blessing" # 385.

FEEDING OUR NEIGHBORS CAMPAIGN

Cardinal Dolan has asked the whole Archdiocese to respond once again to the needs of the hungry in our area with a special food drive from January 25 - February 1, 2015. Assumption Church (in conjunction with Fred's Food Pantry) is already doing a great deal to meet the needs of Peekskill's neighbors. We still wish to join in this Archdiocesan wide effort. So, on the weekends of January 26 or February 2, if your means allow you to do so, please consider bringing a bag of food to Mass. Our volunteer crew will be ready to 1) replenish our own Food Pantry and 2) Bring the extra food to Fred's Food Pantry after the Masses.

TITHING REPORT

1 st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2015.....	\$10,177.80
1 st Sunday in Ordinary Time 2014.....	\$ 8,986.97
2 nd Collection.....	\$ 2,260.00
Includes Parish Pay.....	\$1,471.80

PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL



Gladys Latimer, Catherine Chesser, Janet Fortier, Linda McGarr, Loretta Donohue, Andrew Muller, George Strumke, Daniel Cairl, George Smith, Fr. Steven Clark, Cecilia Murphy, Patricia Cothren, Guadalupe Arango, Mario Garziona, Catherine Gleba, and James Brian Dolman

RESPECT LIFE



Baptism and Life “Whoever is moved by love begins to perceive what “life” really is. He begins to perceive the meaning of the word of hope that we encountered in the Baptismal Rite: from faith I await “eternal life” - the true life which, whole and unthreatened, in all its fullness, is simply life. Jesus, who said that he had come so that we might have life and have it in its fullness, in abundance (cf. Jn 10:10), has also explained to us what “life” means: “this is eternal life, that they know you the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent” (Jn 17:3). Life in its true sense is not something we have exclusively in or from ourselves: it is a relationship. And life in its totality is a relationship with him who is the source of life. If we are in relation with him who does not die, who is Life itself and Love itself, then we are in life. Then we “live” – Pope Benedict XVI, Encyclical on Hope, November 30, 2007. **The next Respect Life Holy Hour will be on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 7:00 PM**

WHY A PREACHING SERIES?

- A preaching series gives the opportunity to develop a theme over the extended period of several weeks.
- In order for parishioners to invite family or friends, it's helpful to have something to invite them to.
- For someone coming back to the Church, a five week preaching series can help them to build up momentum in the Mass attendance.
- Currently, about 2,100 people attend 6 Sunday Masses at Assumption, if only half of our parishioners brought one person, our attendance would exceed 3,000.
- For this series, one priest will deliver the message at all of the messages that weekend -- so all parishioners will hear the same message.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

Assumption Church is proud to sponsor this year's Ecumenical prayer service for Christian Unity on January 25, 2015 at 3:00 PM. Christian congregations around the world will come together again the week of January 18-25, 2015, to pray for unity. The Franciscan Friars of the Atonement at Graymoor have planned a week-long schedule of interfaith events in Garrison and Peekskill this year to mark this ecumenical effort for healing of divisions, and they invite Hudson Valley residents to participate with them. Father James Loughran, SA, Franciscan Friar of the Atonement, will preside and speak. The theme for 2015, Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink.” (John 4:7), is based on the encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman.

From January 18-25, 1908, Fr. Paul Wattson, SA, and Mother Lurana White, SA, co-founders of the Society of the Atonement at Graymoor in Garrison, NY, celebrated the first Church Unity Octave, an eight-day period of prayers and seminars focusing on the cause of Christian unity. They wrote letters and articles encouraging others to pray with them “that all may be one ... that the world may believe” (John 17:21). In the late 1960s, the Octave was joined with other prayer movements to form what is now observed worldwide as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. On November 11, 2014, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops endorsed the cause for canonization of Father Paul Wattson, SA, Servant of God, and Apostle of Christian Unity and Charity. Refreshments to follow in Father Wilson Hall.

MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR BOOK BY JOHN J. ANSBRO



The brother of Monsignor Francis Ansbro, Pastor Emeritus of Assumption, wrote a book about Martin Luther King, Jr. We have several copies available. Since this weekend is a three day weekend that includes Dr. King's holiday, these books will be available at the entrance of the church for a donation of \$10. Price on Amazon.com is \$18.86.

THANK YOU FATHER GUILLERMO MARTINEZ

We want to thank Father Martinez who is staying here with us for several days providing pastoral support. He will be here at Assumption until January 23rd.

Pre Lenten Preaching Series at Assumption Church		
God's Purpose For You in the Church		
<i>In the Sunday's Leading up to Lent, a special message will be delivered at each Sunday Mass:</i>		
WEEKEND	THEME	GOSPEL
Sunday, January 18, 2015	Pillar #1 Prayer	“Come and See”
Sunday, January 25, 2015	Pillar #2 Confession	“Call to Repentance—Apostles”
Sunday, February 1, 2015	Pillar #3 Devotion to Mary	“Expulsion of Demon”
Sunday, February 8, 2015	Pillar #4 Loving our Neighbor	“Healing of Peter’s Mother in Law Night in Prayer
Sunday, February 15, 2015	Pillar #5 Eucharist	Cure of the Leper
Lent Begins February 18, 2015		
Ash Wednesday		