## MASS INTENTIONS

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

## MEMORIALIZATIONS

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### ALTAR CANDLES

- In memory of the Carey and Eible Families
  - Requested by: Family

### NOTES FROM THE LOFT

**The Music of Advent**

Taken from Isaiah, the First Readings for today and next Sunday are a tender father/child dialogue which can best be appreciated by reading them back to back- rather than a week apart. Isaiah laments, “You, Lord are our Father… why did you let us wander from Your ways and harden our hearts? Return…come down…meet us…our guilt carries us away like the wind…You are our Father, the work of Your Hands!” God responds next Sunday, telling Isaiah: “Comfort My People! Speak tenderly to Jerusalem! Her guilt is expiated!”

This Reading is immortalized in the first half of Handel’s English ‘oratorio’, the MESSIAH (1741). While in England, Handel collaborated with two men who influenced him profoundly: Charles Jennens, a composer/ librettist and Richard Bentley, a classical scholar and writer. While most operas drew on secular – even sordid – themes, Jennens and Bentley explored the Bible as a source for inspiring drama! The performance of ‘oratorios’ would eventually replace operas during Lent.

The term ‘oratorio’ originated in the 16th century in the informal meetings, the ‘spiritual exercises’, of the Congregation of the Oratory established in Rome by St. Philip Neri. The name derives from the prayer hall (the oratory) in which the meetings were held. St. Philip’s love of music attracted and fostered great talents, including the Italian layman, Palestrina and the Spaniard, Fr. Tomas Luis de Victoria.

Unlike opera, the oratorio tells a sacred and noble story. It uses no scenery, costumes or action. The main characters sing the dialogue; the ‘aria’ and ‘recitative’ forms reveal their thoughts and move the action along. Following the Greek model, the chorus reflects on the unfolding plot and speaks for the audience.

This Sunday the words SILENCE, WATCH, WAIT and YOUR FACE catch our attention. Choir will enter with WAITING IN SILENCE #41 expressing the longing of the First Reading. The Responsorial Psalm’s plaintive plea, “Shepherd of Israel…Show us YOUR FACE!” will encore in a different setting (#778) during Communion. Advent’s childlike anticipation manifests itself in the French carol, O COME, DIVINE MESSIAH (#50): “The world in SILENCE WAITS the day (when You) show YOUR FACE!” Mass will conclude with #54: WAKE, O WAKE, AND SLEEP NO LONGER.”

Suggestion: spend some time this Advent prayerfully listening to Handel’s MESSIAH; you’ll better appreciate the “Hallelujah” Chorus!
RESPECT LIFE
Active Waiting…
The spirit of Advent should naturally bolster our pro-life efforts, and the progress we make in promoting human dignity becomes the “building blocks” for the eternal kingdom. The next Respect Life Holy Hour: Friday, December 22 at 7:00pm.

NATIONAL NIGHT OF PRAYER FOR LIFE:
December 8 – 9, from 9PM-12AM
Assumption Church will participate in the National Night of Prayer for Life from Saturday, December 8 beginning at 9:00PM until 12:00AM on Sunday, December 9. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for the duration. The purpose of the evening is to unite our prayers with Catholics throughout the country in an effort to turn hearts towards Christ. Praying for an end to abortion and the conversion and healing for all who have been involved in abortion; and to restore the respect for the sanctity of all human life from natural conception to natural death. The chosen hours coincide with Our Lady of Guadalupe’s appearance to St. Juan Diego, whose feast day is December 9. Please come and join this night of prayer! Adore Jesus, receive his mercy in Confession, and pray the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet.

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!
Thank you to all our parishioners who are participating in the “AmazonSmile” program – by which Amazon donates one-half of one percent (0.5%) of the price of eligible purchases to your charity of choice. By choosing “Church of the Assumption” when shopping on Amazon.com, you enabled Amazon to deposit a total of $59.27 (for the three-month period ending September 30, 2017) into our account. If you would like to participate – after all, one’s shopping never seems to end – go to smile.amazon.com and choose “Church of the Assumption, Peekskill, NY” when prompted. It couldn’t be easier!
THE FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
The Feast of the Immaculate Conception celebrates our belief in the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Celebrated worldwide on December 8 and always observed as a Holy Day of Obligation. The United States bishops unanimously chose the Virgin Mary, conceived without sin, as patroness of the country, a decision approved by Pope Pius IX. Assumption will celebrate this Solemnity as follows:

Thursday, December 7, 2017 (Vigil Mass)
5:30pm (English Mass)
7:30pm (Spanish Mass)

Friday, December 8, 2017
6:45am (English Mass)
10:00am (English Mass)
7:30pm (Spanish Mass)

ITALIAN MASS
Assumption is pleased to invite all to attend a special Italian Mass on Thursday, December 28 at 7:00pm. There will be coffee and baked goods served after the Mass in the Father Wilson Hall, hosted by the Italian Group. We hope you'll be able to join us for an evening of prayer and unity. Ci vediamo!

BEST ADVENT EVER
We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. Join our parish for Best Advent Ever, a free e-mail program that will help you prepare for Christmas in a unique way. Each day you'll receive an e-mail with short inspirational videos from Matthew Kelly and Dr. Allen Hunt, practical tips for your everyday life and real-life stories of hope. To sign up visit BestAdventEver.com/BeautifulHope.

ADVENT WREATH PRAYER – THE FIRST WEEK
“All-powerful God, increase our strength of will for doing good that Christ may find an eager welcome at his coming and call us to his side in the kingdom of heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, forever and ever.”

(-William G. Storey)

AN ADVENT RETREAT DAY
In this season of way too much to do, what better “gift” to give yourself – and your soul – than a day of retreat and reflection?

“O Come Divine Messiah”
Saturday, December 16

Mt. St. Francis Convent – 250 South St., Peekskill, NY
9:00am Rosary
9:30am Mass
3:00pm Holy Hour with Confessions available
Led by Fr. Luke Mary Fletcher, CFR
of the Franciscan Friars of the Renewal

Fee: $15
A light breakfast and lunch will be provided
Sign-ups will be available after Mass
or you may call Juliet Juarez at 845-682-4697 for reservations.

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 ASSUMPTION GREETERS.

The blue sashed ladies of the Assumption Greeters are one of the youngest groups at Assumption. Last year we started at the 10AM and 12N Sunday masses. Our mission is simple and straight-forward: Welcome people as they walk through the doors of our beloved church. By smiling, talking, and holding doors, we hope that people feel connected and part of our Assumption family.

Greeters have been a part of some Protestant churches for some time and are a newer addition to Catholic churches. When we first started, we gathered information from those churches that had already started a greeting ministry to see what they do. Basically, it comes down to SMILE and be friendly.

Each of your greeters wants to make people feel welcome and part of the family. But as the saying goes “Give a little, Get a lot”, that absolutely describes how we feel each Sunday. Seeing familiar faces week after week, little young ones and big old ones, is an absolute delight. And as we get to know the families walking through the doors, it has broadened our own Assumption family. And we miss you when you are not there!

So next time you see a blue sashed lady, please introduce yourself so we get to know you as a fellow brother or sister of the wonderful family of Jesus Christ! AMEN.
SANTA EUCARISTÍA EN HONOR A LA “VIRGEN DESATANUDOS”
JUEVES 7 DE DICIEMBRE DEL 2017 - 7:30 PM
Invitación especial para todas las familias quienes en años anteriores realizaron las novenas y también para todas las familias quienes quisieran llevar los cuadros a rezar en sus casas.
"Auspicio: Grupo Matrimonial Jesús María y José"

SANTA EUCARISTÍA EN HONOR A LA INMACULADA CONCEPCIÓN
VIERNES 8 DE DICIEMBRE DEL 2017 - 7:30 PM
¡Recuerde es día de precepto!

NOCHE NACIONAL DE ORACIÓN POR LA VIDA
El Viernes 8 de Diciembre desde las 9:00 pm a las 12:00 am nuestra parroquia participará en la Noche Nacional de Oración por la Vida. El propósito es unir nuestras oraciones con los Católicos de todo el país en un esfuerzo por ayudar a traer el mundo a Cristo y poner fin al aborto. Las horas se eligen para coincidir con la aparición de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe a Juan Diego. Habrá Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento, recitación de las tres décadas del rosario, la coronilla de la Divina Misericordia y confesión. Las oraciones serán en Inglés y en Español.

CELEBRACIÓN ANUAL EN HONOR A LA VIRGEN DE GUADALUPE
“PATRONA Y REINA DE LAS AMERICAS”
XVIII ANIVERSARIO
MARTES 12 DE DICIEMBRE DEL 2017
3:00 AM HORA SANTA - EXPOSICIÓN DEL SANTÍSIMO REZO DEL ROSARIO GUADALUPANO Diácono Carlos Campoverde
4:00 AM CANTO DE LAS MANÁNITAS CON MARIACHI VIVA MEXICO
5:00AM MISA MATUTINA CON MARIACHI VIVA MEXICO Celebrante: P. Esteban Sánchez
6:30 AM SERVICIO DE CHOCOLATE
9:00 AM VENERACIÓN A LA VIRGEN EN EL TEMPLO OFRECIMIENTO DE PROMESAS MISAS EN INGLES: 7:00 Y 9:00 AM
7:00 PM MISA VESPERTINA Celebrante: P. Esteban Sánchez PROCESIÓN HACIA EL AUDITORIO F.W.H.
8:30 PM Cena-Concierto-Danzas

SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO
(Niños menores de 6 años)
Se celebran regularmente todos los días sábados a partir de la 1:00 PM. Se requiere llenar el formulario; asistir padres y padrinos a la catequesis pre-bautismal. Nota: deben traer al momento de la inscripción el certificado de nacimiento del niño (a). Los padres deben estar participando en nuestras Misas regulares. A partir del mes de enero del año 2018, celebraremos los Bautismos en español con el siguiente itinerario:
Primer y tercer sábado del mes 12:30pm; y, Segundo y cuarto domingo del mes 1:30pm.

ARQUIDIOCESES DE NUEVA YORK
INSTITUTO DE FORMACION PASTORAL
“PADRE FELIX VARELA”
Anuncia las registraciones para el trimestre de invierno de diciembre del 2017 a marzo del 2018, Para alumnos nuevos, registraciones en la Casa Parroquial o en la mesa de información a la salida del templo. Diácono Carlos Campoverde.