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Holy Childhood Association - Society of St. Peter, Apostle

DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

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November 22, 2013

Rev. James W. King
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
64 Middagh Street
Brooklyn, NY 11201-1342

Dear Father King:

Thank you for the generous 2013 World Mission Sunday contribution of \$538.00 from the people of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. Allow me to tell this Mission story: She comes to collect water at the well- just as half the population of Zambia who seek daily access to clean water. And she finds it here, so close also to the source of "living water," of all hope - Jesus Himself, present in the work and witness of priests and religious at St. Faustina Parish in Lusaka, Zambia.

As a parish, you too have been "family" to your sisters and brothers throughout the Missions; you have been a source of "living water." Your sacrifices will be joined to those from around our country to provide help for such life-giving, hope-filled service in more than 1,150 dioceses throughout the Missions.

Again, I send the gratitude of the mission office staff to you for encouraging the missionary spirit of prayer and sacrifice among your parishioners. As always, know that you and they remain in our prayers and in the prayers of the people of the Missions.

Sincerely in Christ,

Deacon Louis J. Panico
Associate Diocesan Director
For Rev. Msgr. Terrence J. Mulkerin
Diocesan Directory

We Prepare For...

Next Sunday: The Second Sunday of Advent
Readings: Isaiah 11:1-10 Romans 15:4-9 Matthew 3:1-12
Theme: *The Era of Justice and Peace*



The reading from Isaiah is drawn from that section of the book known as the book of Immanuel wherein the future messianic king is depicted as well as the era of peace which he inaugurates. As he concludes his letter to the Romans, Paul stresses the importance of hope, drawn from the teaching of the scriptures, to be lived in a community spirit of harmony and charity. In Matthew's gospel, the beginning of John the Baptist's ministry presents the prophet as an ascetical forerunner whose call for conversion of life sets the stage for the One who is to come.

(Reflecting on next Sunday's readings before you come to Mass can bring so much more meaning to your experience of liturgy. How do the Scriptures touch your life?)



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7TH - 6:00PM - \$60.00 PER PERSON

Last chance to purchase your tickets to the Christmas Gala. It is just days away. The raffle prizes are fabulous (4 Tickets to the Nutcracker Ballet at BAM + \$250, \$500 Cash, and Dinner for 2 at Scalini Fedeli Restaurant in NYC). We are overwhelmed at the beautiful items that have come in for the Silent Auction (psst - Tickets to the Nets, Ballet tickets, Teen Vogue accessories, Fabulous Vacation, jewelry, personal trainer, etc, etc)

Attention Parents: *Kidz Kare* is back. Enjoy the festivities of the Gala knowing your children are just upstairs with a certified babysitter and helpers enjoying their own Children's Christmas party. If you wish to take advantage of *Kidz Kare*, please let us know by emailing (fr.jamesking@gmail.com) or calling the Parish Office so we can plan a fun time for all.



Our Advent Wreath is donated by
Eileen Acheson-Bohn
**"In Memory of
The Acheson & Dooley Families"**

The Candle for The First Sunday of Advent
has been donated in
"Loving Memory of Ethel & Bob Little"

ASSUMPTION HOMELESS SHELTER 2014 January 5th - January 30th

Assumption is once again partnering with CAMBA to participate in the shelter program during the month of January. As in the past, our guests will be **12 MEN** and the shelter will operate **FIVE** nights a week (**Sunday-Thursday**). For the shelter to be a success volunteers are needed to cook, open up the shelter and stay overnight. If you have questions or wish to schedule a day to cook, open or overnight you can contact: Kathy Reynolds- kbridgeview@aol.com (subject: homeless shelter) or 718-694-9317 Please consider volunteering. The shelter is a very important and rewarding ministry.

Our Christmas Pageant
starring *The Children of Assumption Parish*
is Friday, December 13th - 7:00 pm
Hope To See You There

NEW HYMNALS/MISSALETTES

We are offering you an opportunity to memorialize or simply help defray the cost of the new hymnals. The cost is \$5 per book. A dedication label will be placed in each book. Please print all information. If considering more than one, please list your requests on a separate sheet of paper.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

"In Memory of: _____"

or

"A Gift From: _____"

"Bethlehem Lights"

ADVENT MINI-BRUNCH RETREAT

Sister Ave Clark, O.P, will be with on Saturday Morning, December 14th - 9:30am - 11:45am to lead us in an Advent Mini Retreat - "Bethlehem Lights." A light brunch will be served. Please join us as we prepare our minds and hearts for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

CHRISTMAS FLORAL DECORATIONS

For Christmas we will be decorating our Church with poinsettias, trees and wreaths. If you would like to memorialize a plant in the name of a loved one or give a donation to help defray the cost of the flowers and evergreens, you may do so by completing the information below. The suggested donation is \$20 per plant. A listing of the memorials and donations will be printed shortly after Christmas. (Please print all information) Envelopes for Christmas Flowers are also included in your envelope packet. Thank you.



Name: of Donor: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

In Memory of _____

Tithes & Offerings

Sunday, November 24, 2013

Last Sunday's Collection: \$ 3,006.00
Weekly Amount Needed: 5,000.00



CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Goal (Phases I & II) - \$ 250,000.00
Pledged - \$ 206,185.00
Received - \$ 189,505.00
Amount Outstanding - \$16,780.00

Reminder:

If you made a pledge to the Capital Campaign Phase I or II, we ask that you complete your payments before the end of the year. A reminder letter was sent out this week to those who still have outstanding balances. Anyone wishes to make a new donation or pledge may still do so.

ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Diocesan Goal set for Assumption Parish
\$20,305.00

Amount Pledged to Date - \$ 43,863.00

Amount Received to Date - \$ 43,329.00

Number of Active Members at Assumption - 304

Number of Donors to this year's Appeal - 70

Parish Participation - 26.52%

It is not too late to make a donation. Since we are over goal, all monies received will be returned to the Parish to help meet our current obligations.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SUN **FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**
10:00 Ken Gussman
By: Frances Gussman
12:15 The People of the Parish

MON **DECEMBER 2, 2013**
Readings Is 4:2-6 Mt 8:5-11
8:00: Mae & Salim Karam
By: JoAnn Pascal

TUES **DECEMBER 3 - ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**
Readings Is 11:1-10 Luke 10:21-24
8:00: Alan Abad
By: Gil & Lut Vasquez

WED **DECEMBER 4 - ST JOHN DAMASCENE**
Readings Is 25:6-10a Mt 15:29-37
8:00 Elaine Vekassy
By: Her Children

THURS **DECEMBER 5, 2013**
Readings Is 26:1-6 Mt 7:21, 24-27
8:00 Alfred Chiodo
By: Holly Fuchs-Ferguson

FRI **DECEMBER 6 - ST. NICHOLAS**
Readings Is 29:17-24 Mt 9:27-32
8:00 Personal Intentions
By: Gil & Lut Vasquez

SAT **DECEMBER 7 - ST. AMBROSE**
Readings Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
8:00 Deceased Members of Del Genio Family
By: Nancy Del Genio
5:00pm Personal Intentions
By: Gil & Lut Vasquez

A Little Church Humor~



"When we say grace, do we look up at Heaven, or down at the food?"

We Remember and Pray For...

- Those who are sick, injured, homebound, in care centers, undergoing treatments, tests, or recovering from surgery:
Elisa Bond, Jose Gonzalez, Sr., Tina Boardman, Dorothy Flocco, Margaret Strakosch
- Those who have died.
- The brave men and women who fight for our freedom all over the world.
- We pray for all of the priests of Assumption Parish - past, present and future; and for an increase in vocations to the priesthood.
- And, for those who have no one to pray for them.

O God our loving Father, look with kindness on our brothers and sisters who seek your care. In your mercy grant health to the sick; comfort to the sorrowful, peace to the troubled, joy to the weary and eternal rest to those whose work on earth is done, and all for Jesus' sake. Amen.