

THANKSGIVING TABLE PRAYER

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us.

Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for the feast today.

> Thank you for our home, our family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here.

Thank you for our health, our work and our play.

Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and those suffering war and violence.

Open our hearts to your love.

We ask your blessing through Christ, Your Son.

Amen



Dear Parishioners,

This coming Thursday, our nation celebrates Thanksgiving - a day of giving thanks with family and friends around a table of food and blessings. Since 1868, this day has been set aside as a national day of "Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens."

There is much tradition associated with Thanksgiving. Many of the celebrations include traveling, football games, and of course, the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Seeing the parade on TV puts me in the spirit of the season to remember how blessed we are as a nation.

This day is also a moment of prayer as we gather around the table. There is a prayer included in the bulletin to help you pray before your meal.

This Thanksgiving will be difficult for so many people because of the events of the past few weeks. Many people are without a home, electricity and lacking major needs. Our prayers go out to them.

If you would like to help:

- Bring canned foods to the church or rectory
- If you would like to donate a monetary sum for those in need, please drop your donation off at the rectory.

Wishing you and your family a Blessed Thanksgiving!

Father Jim

We Prepare For...

Next Sunday: Readings: Theme: Feast of Christ the King Daniel 7:13-14 Revelation 1:5-8 John 18:33-37 *Kingship of a Different Kind*



The Son of Man figure in Daniel, whose dominion is perpetual and whose leadership is indestructible, came to life anew in the New Testament presentation of Christ. The Johannine Jesus is questioned about his royal claims. While not denying his kingship, he indicates that it cannot be defined in Pilate's terms. In Revelation, Christ returns as sovereign at the end of history, a king who brings salvation to his people.

(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?)

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS



This Thursday is Thanksgiving Day. To set this day apart and make it a special day of celebration and thanksgiving, *Mass will be offered at 9:00am (note:* there will not be an 8:00am Mass). May this Thanksgiving be for our parishioners, neighbors and friends an opportunity to celebrate, rejoice and show our gratitude to our Creator and Redeemer. Please join with us on this day of giving thanks.

CHRISTMAS GALA UPDATE

"Assumption's Spirit of Christmas" Gala, December 8th, is quickly approaching. Our faithful ticket agents are once again at the doors of the church after each Mass with tickets for the Gala and chance books. Thanksgiving Day offers us an opportunity to invite family and friends to come to the Gala or take a chance or two for our amazing raffle.

If you are unable to be with us that evening, please consider making a donation to this important fundraiser for our parish.

If anyone wishes to help defray the cost of any aspect of the Gala, please leave your name and phone number with the Parish Office. A committee member will contact you.

Reminder: If you have solicited donations, please bring the items into the Rectory a/s/a/p. Thank you.

ADVENT FAMILY DAY

This year is a *Year of Faith* for the Church celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Second Vatican Council. The Diocese invites all parishes to offer programs that celebrate the faith life of their parishioners. Please mark your calendar :

Family Afternoon Sunday, December 2nd 2:00 - 4:00 pm Activities, Entertainment, Pizza and much, much more!

There will be *no* Religious Ed on this day in order for as many families to join us!

Our Christmas Pageant

Starring: *The Children of Assumption Parish* is Sunday, December 16th - 6:00 pm

Rehearsals: Fridays - 5:30 –7:30 Sundays 12:00 - 2:00 Hope To See You There

Join us this Advent for an

ADVENT REFLECTION SERIES "Mary of Nazareth, Who is She Really?"

Guided by Sister Bernadette Sullivan, Franciscan Sisters of the Poor

We will use the groundbreaking book entitled: *Truly Our Sister, A Theology of Mary in the Communion of Saints* by Sister Elizabeth Johnson, CSJ,

Theologian & Professor at Fordham University

Fridays: November 30, December 7, 14 & 21 Following the 8:00am Mass Location: Assumption Parish Auditorium

RSVP: Sister Bernadette Sullivan, 718-935-9611, sullivan.b29@gmail.com



How to Celebrate This Year of Faith

Take time for daily prayer: The Year of Faith presents us with an opportunity to

YEAR OF FAITH2013 renew or commitment to daily prayer. Opening our heart to God in prayer paves the way for deeper faith and conversion and a more compassionate heart.

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Last Sunday's Collection:	\$ 3,411.00
Weekly Amount Needed:	5,000.00
Hurricane Sandy Collection	1,255.00
Fuel Collection	727.00
Envelopes mailed out:	294
Envelopes received	83

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

Goal (Phases I & II) - \$ 250,000.00 Pledged - \$ 176,060.00 Received -\$ 128,805.00 Parish Participation - 62 Donors

We ask *every parish household* to make a pledge payable throughout 2013. Capital Campaign Pledge forms can be found on the table in Church or on our website.



The Altar Bread and Wine used at the Masses this week are donated by Annette Anglisano *For The Recovery of Health of Dominic Beltran*

Church Office



The Parish Office will be closed for Thanksgiving, Thursday, November 22nd & Friday, November 23rd. Wishing everyone a Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving.



Mass & Intentions

SUN	33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
10:00	Carrie Walden
By:	Notre & Anna
12:15	Vita Alaimo
By:	Matt & Serafina Messina
Mon	NOVEMBER 19, 2012
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Rv 1:1-4, 2:1-5 Luke 18:35-43</i>
8:00:	Charles Ling Chu
By:	Fay Chu & Family
TUES	NOVEMBER 20, 2012
<i>Readings</i>	Rev 3:1-6, 14-22 Luke 19:1-10
8:00:	Personal Intentions
By:	Gil & Lut Vasquez
WED	NOVEMBER 21 - PRESENTATION OF BVM
Readings	<i>Rev. 4:1-11 Luke 19:11-28</i>
8:00	Personal Intentions
By:	Gil & Lut Vasquez
THURS <i>Readings</i> 9:00 By:	NOVEMBER 22 - THANKSGIVING Personal Intentions Gil & Lut Vasquez
FRI	NOVEMBER 23 - ST. CLEMENT
<i>Readings</i>	<i>Rev 10:8-11 Luke 19:45-48</i>
8:00	Anne Fitzpatrick +
By:	William Fitzpatrick
SAT	NOVEMBER 24 - ST. ANDREW
Readings	Rev 11:4-12 Luke 20:27-40
8:00	Lee Walden, Jr.
By:	Notre & Anna
5:00pm	Personal Intentions
By:	Gil & Lut Vasquez

We Remember and Pray For...

- Those who are sick, injured, homebound, in care centers, undergoing treatments, tests, or recovering from surgery especially: *Dominic Beltran*
- 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.