



ASSUMPTION

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A welcoming community sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through faith, prayer and the sacraments.



August 1, 2021

We celebrate EUCHARIST

Saturdays: 5:30 PM

Sundays: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM

Weekdays: 9:00 AM

We celebrate PENANCE

Saturdays: 4:00 – 5:00 PM and by appointment.

We celebrate BAPTISM

Usually the first and third Sundays each month. Meeting with Deacon Mike and attendance at class is required. Please contact the rectory during regular office hours to register.

We celebrate MARRIAGE

Make arrangements with the priest at least six months prior to the wedding. All are required by our Bishop to attend the Pre-Cana Conferences as part of the preparation.

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the month: 1:00-2:00 PM - Nocturnal

Third Friday of the month: 7:30-8:30 PM - ADOREMUS

Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesdays following the 9:00 AM Mass.

Communion for the Sick or Shut-ins

Contact the rectory during regular office hours.

Parish Social Ministry (Outreach)

Office hours, Monday to Friday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Food pantry available. Will also try to help with referrals and advocacy. Call for appointment, 631-585-8760 x101.

RCIA

Provides for those who have never been baptized or those who have been baptized but have not celebrated Eucharist and/or Confirmation to experience the joy of our Catholic community, within an adult context. Anyone 18 and over is welcome. Contact the rectory office at 631-585-8760.

Faith Formation

Works with parents to share faith with our youngest members, grades 1-8. Contact the office for details at 631-588-6408.

Youth Ministry

- High School Ministry (AYM), Wednesdays: 7:30 - 9:00 PM
- Middle School Ministry (MSM), Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:45 PM

For further information, contact Renata 631-585-8760

Music Ministry

Our parish's Music Ministry seeks to lead and support our parish family in full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy. For further information call Rob at 516-523-1668.

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Rev. Joseph Alenchery, Pastor
Rev. Chris Aridas, Retired Pastor
Deacon Michael Montelione

Rectory Office: M - F 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Phone: 631-585-8760; Fax: 1-866-214-3365
Faith Formation: 631-588-6408



Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, August 1st

- 7:30 a.m. — Otto Wolz
 9:30 a.m. — Joseph Donoghue (Family)
 Joan Prout (Maureen Reilly)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, August 2nd

- 9:00 a.m. — Jim Reilly (Joan Tait)
 Emilka & Elodie Sejour (Children)

Tuesday, August 3rd

- 9:00 a.m. — Sue Mahoney (Angela Nugent)
 Patrick T. Kearney (Family)

Wednesday, August 4th

- 9:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of the
 Rosary Altar Society
 Intentions of Christina & Family (Elizabeth Taranowicz)

Thursday, August 5th

- 9:00 a.m. — Sue Mahoney (Pat Rivers)
 Good Health Annette & Family (Elizabeth Taranowicz)

Friday, August 6th

- 9:00 a.m. — David & Kathleen Worrell (Family)
 Rodirque Morency (Children)

Saturday, August 7th

- 5:30 p.m. — Manuel Echalar (Ed & Tita Uy)
 Eileen Pacula (Daughter)

Sunday, August 8th

- 7:30 a.m. — Annamma & Thomas John (Molly)
 9:30 a.m. — Intention of Mary Burns (Family)
 Theodore Gutmann (Michele Galletta)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Summer Office Hours

Regular Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m and 4 p.m. to 7:30 pm; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Middle School Ministry (MSM)

Middle School Ministry is on Thursday nights from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM. All Middle Schoolers (6th thru 8th) are welcome.



Assumption Youth Ministry (AYM)

Assumption Youth Ministry welcomes all high Schoolers (9th thru 12th) on Wednesday nights from 7:30-9:00 PM. We gather in the Parish Center Hall. Bring your friends with you.



Catholic Daughters of the America's (Court St. Gerard)

First Thursday of the month: Sept - June at 7:30 PM in the Parish Library. Contact Alexandria McMahon at tacjs43@aol.com.

Catholic War Veterans

Second Saturday of the month: Sept - June at 10 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Vincent Zecca, papazecca@aol.com, or phone 631 588 3423.

Holy Name Society

Usually the second Monday of the month: Sept - May at 7:30 PM in the parish center. Contact Sal Stingo at rtbhuntington@yahoo.com or Anita Wolf at hwolf96@aol.com.

Rosary Altar Society

A service-based women's organization that cares for the Church and promotes the spiritual life of its members. Contact the rectory for meeting dates and times.

Scouting (Cub Scout, Boy Scouts)

Contact Chantal Mears at Chantalmears@yahoo.com or 631-438-2468 or visit www.bsa356.com for more details..



Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship
as a Way of Life

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
(Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$8,675
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,085
Thank You!

Rest
in
Peace

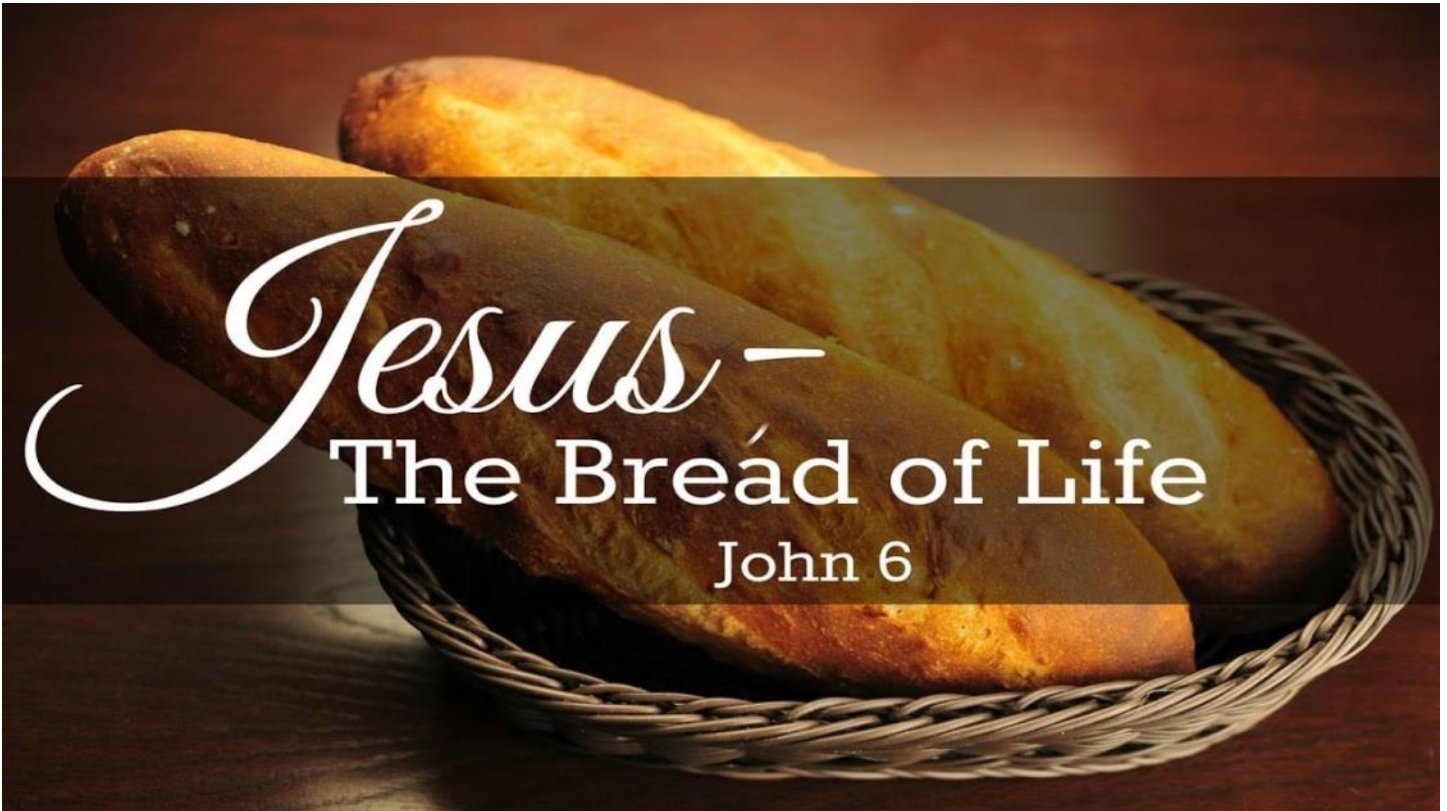


Joseph Molick

Good News Reflection**Working hard for what matters most**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus says: "Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life." In other words: In your daily life, work hard to obtain whatever will nourish your soul and sustain you past death into eternity.

Jesus says: "The work God wants you to do is to believe in the one he sent." Why does he call this "work"?



To fully believe, we must work at getting rid of every doubt and distrust that interferes with our belief in Christ, our trust in his words (including what he inspired in the official teachings of the Church), and our willingness to conform to his way of life.

This work requires (1) identifying our vulnerabilities that make us doubt and distrust, (2) uncovering what we're afraid will happen if we do trust, and (3) overcoming that fear by gaining a better understanding of the truth. Any fear that interferes with our holiness is always based on something untrue.

Jesus says: "The bread of God, which nourishes your soul, is that which comes down from heaven and gives life." He's referring to his presence in the Eucharist, the bread that he provides in every Mass. What do you need to do so that you can be nourished more fully by the Eucharist? Is there something that's stopping you from receiving the Eucharist? Work hard to remedy that obstacle! It will make a difference to your eternal soul. If you're sincere about uniting yourself to Christ, he will make possible whatever is needed to clear the way.

Because the Eucharist is Jesus, it can heal us, purify us, and help us become more like Christ himself. However, it takes conscious effort to fully embrace this opportunity. Why would we want to be lazy about that? The benefits of hard work in our faith life will endure for eternity.

NOTE: Pope John Paul II wrote an entire encyclical about this, entitled *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* ("The Church of the Eucharist"). In it, he tells us that we're on a journey to heaven and that the presence of Christ in the Eucharist helps us stay on course.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Do you believe you're going to go to heaven after you die? (If you're thinking "no, I'm going to purgatory" then the answer is really yes, because purgatory is not a stopping place, it's a purging place before entering into the fullness of heaven.) What raises doubts in your mind? What in your relationship with Jesus needs more work so that your belief in him will give you confident hope that he is guiding you to heaven?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

How has the Eucharist helped you stay on course on your journey to heaven? How has it changed you, purified you? Is it possible that Christ's true presence in the Eucharist can also help those who are unable to receive communion? How so?



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

August 9-13 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Please consider helping by donating the following items.

***School Supplies and Backpacks**

***Birthday party items:** cake plates, cups, napkins, streamers, cake mix, frosting, forks, candles, wrapping paper and cards.

***Wash kits - travel size -** toothpaste, toothbrush, soap, shampoo, razors, sanitizer, etc.

Fuzzy Socks from Dollar Store, Poly Fill, bottled Water 8oz. Store bought Pre-packaged pretzels, goldfish, animal crackers, apple slices, teddy grahams

Thank you for your generosity.



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit faithdirect.net/NY563 or download the **Faith Direct app** and search for the parish with the parish code (NY563). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Assumption



Faith Formation

Registration 2021-22

Begins on July 1st & ends on September 3rd

All registrations are done online at www.abvmcentereach.com

Parish Social Ministry (Outreach)

The Outreach Food Pantry is available for individuals and families that are struggling to stretch their food budget. We can also refer those needing assistance to any program appropriate to their needs. If you or someone you know can use our services, please call us at 631 585-8760 x2 or by email to outreach@abvmcentereach.com. We are happy to assist people of all faiths. The Outreach Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM. **Household Cleaner, Kleenex, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Muffin Mix, Jello/Pudding Mix, Egg Noodles, Frosting**



Assumption Youth Ministries invite everyone to "Coffee in the Courtyard", on every **Sunday after the 9:30 AM Mass**. Hang out with our fellow worshippers, spend a few minutes, make new friends, and build a stronger community, in which we then become a stronger parish family. **All are welcome!** Join us after Mass for fellowship, wonderful conversations and of course coffee.



The L.I. Women's Retreat Ministry is hosting this year's re-

treat at St. Joseph's Villa in Hampton Bays, September 10, 11 & 12, 2021. Our Guest Speaker, Patti Gordon, is an anointed speaker and her passion to bring God's Word to life is captivating and inspirational. Come and spend a weekend by **Looking Through Eyes of Love**

For more info: email: l.i.womensministry@gmail.com or call Yvonne Bracone at (631)-398-4086 or Nina McGee at (516)449-6197.

2021
CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL
DIOCESE OF
ROCKVILLE CENTRE



One Family in Mission
Creating Pathways to Faith

This year our parish goal is \$54,400. Your generosity provides us with an excellent opportunity to reach out to those in need by supporting the many programs run by our diocese, in particular, to support the work of Catholic Charities, our Catholic Regional Schools, formation and training of lay leaders, our deacons as well as our seminary which trains men for the priesthood. In addition, parishes who make their goal receive a rebate from the diocese, amounting to 20% of the actual goal. Please ask the Lord how you might participate. Your pledge is payable over a seven-month period of time.



Sint John the Baptist DHS is offering a Prep Course to prepare students for THE TEST FOR ADMISSION INTO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS (TACHS EXAM). St John the Baptist will run five 2 1/2 hour sessions beginning in September. They are

also offering a Test Taking Strategies Class Friday evening before the exam. For additional information please visit www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net or call 631-587-8000 ext 117

Did you know a 401k can help our Parish do God's work?

You worked hard for your 401k, IRA or other retirement plan. If you leave it to anyone besides a spouse, a good portion of that savings may go to taxes. But if you leave it to our Parish, the entire value will be put to good use because we are a tax-exempt organization. Simply fill out a *change of beneficiary form* and name our parish as a full or partial beneficiary. To learn more contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or bkilarjian@drvc.org.

Sunday, Aug 01, 2021

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In it to win it?

Quid pro quo sounds like a pretty good deal. "This for that": the time-honored barter in which we swap resources or labor for room and board, if not a bit more. Consumer culture initiates all of us into the pursuit of the best trade. No surprise that early followers of Jesus imagined they were swapping their attention to his teaching for free food and even better opportunities down the road. Jesus seeks friends who share his vision, not churchgoers hoping for a celestial deal. When it comes to the religion quest, what's in it for you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15; Ephesians 4:17, 20-24; John 6:24-35 (113). *"You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled."*

Monday, Aug 02, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST

The communion of saints awaits you

Saint Peter Julian Eymard was a 19th-century French priest with a devotion to the Eucharist. He founded two religious institutes with a focus on Eucharistic Adoration: the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament for men and the Servants of the Blessed Sacrament for women. The former prepared children for their First Communion and reached out to lapsed Catholics to bring them back to receiving Communion. He famously said, "You take Communion to become holy, not because you already are." Perhaps you spent some time away from the Eucharist because of the pandemic. No matter how long you are apart, Christ eagerly awaits your return.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21 (407). *"He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples."*

Tuesday, Aug 03, 2021**We're in the same boat**

The "Barque (boat) of Saint Peter" is one of the oldest symbols of the Catholic Church. Early church fathers, like Tertullian and Clement of Alexandria, compared the church to a sailing vessel. Saint Boniface wrote: "The church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course." As Peter learned, the trick is to place our trust in Jesus. Pray for Pope Francis—successor to Peter—that he can guide the church through today's troubled waters.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14 (408). *"Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus."*

Wednesday, Aug 04, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

Ministry for the ministers

The unique lives of Catholic priests and religious sometimes give rise to stressful times and difficult transitions that need the help of a healing hand. The Saint John Vianney Center in Downingtown, Pennsylvania serves Catholic clergy and religious struggling with behavioral and emotional issues, addictive and compulsive disorders, weight management, and other challenging issues that arise during their vocational journeys. The JVC employs modern therapeutic support along with traditional prayer, spiritual practices, and the intercession of today's saint to restore these

dedicated men and women to active and fruitful ministry. Pray for your religious sisters and brothers, priests, deacons, and bishops. They need your love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Matthew 15:21-28 (409). *"O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."*

Thursday, Aug 05, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF MARY MAJOR

Legend-worthy Madonna

Legend has it that a freak snowstorm in August was a sign that urged a Christian couple to build an enormous Roman church dedicated to the Virgin: the Basilica of Mary Major, founded in the 400s. Yet this story is like many others that church historians call "legends." Our legends are not to be disdained; they usually uphold truths as interesting as the facts. In this case, the larger truth is that Mary is a key member of the communion of saints who helps us on our path to God. During this month when Mary is particularly venerated, ask for her intercession.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23 (410). *"Then, raising his hand, Moses struck the rock twice with his staff, and water gushed out in abundance for the people and their livestock to drink."*

Friday, Aug 06, 2021

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

Shhh . . .

"Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply," says leadership guru Stephen Covey. When we fail to listen, we miss the messages necessary for growth in ourselves and others. Listening builds a well of wisdom that helps the listener and the speaker get to know themselves better. "Listening is a form of spiritual hospitality," says Henri Nouwen, and Pope Francis calls listening a form of "self-sacrifice" as we put another person above ourselves and "share questions and doubts." God commanded Jesus' disciples to listen to him. We are called to do the same.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Mark 9:2-10 (614). *"This is my beloved Son. Listen to him."*

Saturday, Aug 07, 2021

MEMORIAL OF SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

The courage to teach

Today's teachers have a tough job (which the pandemic only made more difficult). But imagine risking your life to teach about your faith. That's how it was "back in the day." In the year 258, Roman soldiers burst into the room where Sixtus was teaching, dragged him from the chair, and beheaded him in the street. Six deacons joined him in martyrdom that day. Many bishops, priests, and deacons were murdered during that persecution by the Roman Emperor Valerian. Next time you're in the pew, find Sixtus in Eucharistic Prayer I, the first one printed in your missalette. He's in the list that includes "Linus, Cletus, Clement," and other notables of the early church. When you get to the name Sixtus II, pause and remember his courageous sacrifice to pass on the faith.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20 (412). *"[I]f you have faith the size of a mustard seed . . . Nothing will be impossible for you."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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