



ASSUMPTION

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



August 8, 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 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

Monday, August 9th

- 9:00 a.m. — Thomas Donnelly, Jr. (Family)
 Nicholas J. Campanelli (Family)

Tuesday, August 10th

- 9:00 a.m. — Christie Aridas
 Anna Joseph Alenchery

Wednesday, August 11th

- 9:00 a.m. — Sue Mahoney (Fran Zarcone)
 Intentions of Christina & Family (Elizabeth Taranowicz)

Thursday, August 12th

- 9:00 a.m. — Maria & Inacio DeSousa (Family)
 Joe Molick (Peter Witkowsky)

Friday, August 13th

- 9:00 a.m. — Sue McKenna (Pat McKenna)
 Intentions of Anna, Kris and Families (E. Taranowicz)

Saturday, August 14th

- 5:30 p.m. — Mary & Dante Modafferi (M/M G. Eby)
 Salvatore Orlando (Anna Orlando)

Sunday, August 15th

- 7:30 a.m. — Jim Reilly (Lori & Rich Marando)
 9:30 a.m. — Joseph Nugent (Ed & Diane Pozzi & Family)
 Thanksgiving (Marcelle)
 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 \$9,211
(includes Faith Direct)**

**Last Year's Collection \$10,697
Thank You!**

Rest
in
Peace



Anna Trombino

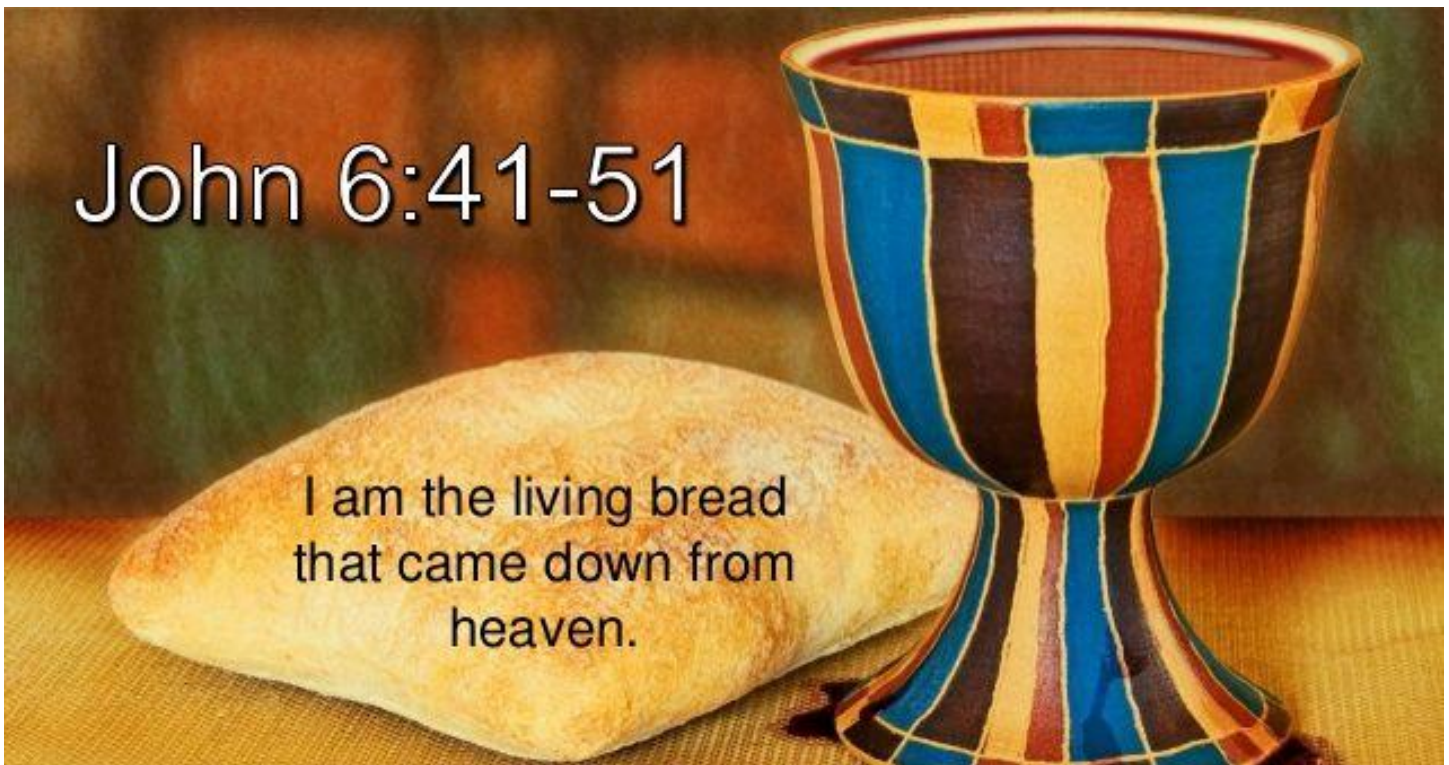
Good News Reflection**Feasting on the source of eternal life**

This Sunday's Gospel passage is Christ's explanation of the Eucharist. He says: "Whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life."

Why does he call the Eucharist "the bread of life"? How does it give us life?

He answers: "Whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world." In other words, he gave himself to us -- he gave his life for us -- on the cross. Our sins put us on the path of death, but he who was sinless and divine substituted himself for us, taking our deaths upon himself so that we could have the eternal life of God.

The resurrection of his body defeated this death. Therefore, his body, crucified and risen, is the source of our life. This is what we celebrate in Mass. We are not re-enacting his death during the sacrifice of the altar, as some mistakenly assume; we are uniting ourselves to his life.



The "sacrifice of the altar" is our participation in the entirety of Christ -- his life, his ministry, his crucifixion for our sins, his resurrection, and his ascension to heaven. We unite with him by offering our lives to him so that he ministers to the world through us, sacrificing our will where it interferes with his, which results in being raised up to new life as we follow Christ to heaven.

Every Catholic Mass accomplishes this by providing us with our Savior's body and blood, here and now, in the form of edible food: the bread of life. As Pope John Paul the Great pointed out in his encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia*, "The Second Vatican Council rightly proclaimed that the Eucharistic banquet of Mass is 'the source and summit of the Christian life'."

This holy communion comes to us from Christ's Last Supper, through generation after generation of the apostolic priesthood, which began with the very first Apostles. Everyone who attends the liturgy of this communion should truly celebrate the Eucharistic presence of Jesus, even those who still have work to do to remove the obstacles that keep them from receiving the Eucharist bodily.

Christ is as fully present and as truly real here as he was when he sat among the Apostles and said, "This is my Body, this is my Blood." Thus anyone who adores and honors Jesus in the Eucharist, believing that he is their Savior, is feasting on the source of their eternal life.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How do you know that the Eucharist is truly the high point and center of your life? What's missing from your current experience of meeting Jesus in person in the miracle that takes place on the altar?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

How has the Eucharist been life-giving for you? Share how Jesus has healed you or revealed himself to you or nurtured you through his presence in the consecrated bread, either in Holy Communion or during Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. How do you know it was really him? How did it change you?



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. **Kleenex, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Cake Mix, Frosting, Muffin Mix, Jello/Pudding Mix**



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 08, 2021

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Let living water flow

Jesus said, "Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink" will be rewarded (Matt. 10:42). How much more so if we champion clean water rights for all. Have you ever tried to run a bath, only to have sludge emerge from the pipes? Have you visited a familiar lake and found its normally clear water unfit for swimming? Have you gotten sick from drinking from a contaminated spring, or developed a rash from washing in your own sink? Folks around the world and in parts of our own country have had this experience often. Take time to learn what you can do locally and globally to ensure access to what Pope Francis calls a "basic and universal human right"—safe drinking water.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 19:4-8; Ephesians 4:30—5:2; John 6:41-51 (116). *"Elijah looked and there at his head was a hearth cake and a jug of water."*

Monday, Aug 09, 2021

MEMORIAL OF TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, VIRGIN, MARTYR

Pick up a page-turner of faith

Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross was born Edith Stein in 1891 and was killed at Auschwitz in 1942. She was a German Jewish philosopher who had been an atheist, although she had admired Christians she knew. She shocked everyone by becoming Catholic and, 11 years later, a Carmelite nun. Her conversion was prompted by an all-night reading of the autobiography of Saint Teresa of Ávila, a 16th-century Carmelite also of Jewish origins. Pick up a copy of the autobiographies of both these riveting saints—and see how they contribute to your own ongoing conversion.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). *"And they were overwhelmed with grief."*

Tuesday, Aug 10, 2021

FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

Find your way to serve

Lawrence was one of seven deacons martyred in Rome under Emperor Valerian in 258. The word *deacon*—from the Greek word for *service*—describes the work of these early ministers: beginning with the first seven deacons mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles, appointed to serve the everyday needs of the flock while the apostles busied themselves with evangelization. Today's Catholic deacons are ordained; permanent deacons can preach at Mass and preside over weddings, Baptisms, and funerals—while transitional deacons later become priests. Learn more at nadd.org.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618). *"Where I am, there also will my servant be."*

Wednesday, Aug 11, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CLARE, VIRGIN

Hope lights the way

Saint Clare, founder of the Poor Clare order of nuns, is part of a long line of women and men who gave up everything for the sake of following Christ, and, in turn, inspired others to join them on their holy journey. Often meeting significant resistance, these brave souls persevered, driven by a passion to bring God's Good News to the world. "Like a shooting star against the dark sky of injustice and ignorance, founders of religious communities lit up the landscape with a burst of hope," says Precious Blood Father Joe Nassal. Saint Gaspar, the founder of the Missionaries of the

Precious Blood, like Saint Clare hoped to free people from the chains of societal conformity. Clare chose to do it within the confines of a cloister; Gaspar, as an itinerant preacher. Both were being true to themselves and the gospel. Follow your own path toward hope.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20 (415). *"His eyes were undimmed and his vigor unabated."*

Thursday, Aug 12, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS

Love lifted her higher

Jane Frances de Chantal, a French widow who founded the Visitation Nuns in 1610, was a well-off, educated woman with administrative talent and deep faith who was widowed at age 28. Obligated to live with a cruel father-in-law, she coped by pouring herself into charity work and spiritual development, eventually teaming up with Saint Francis de Sales to found a religious community. Have you ever coped with difficulties by trying to become a better person? What trial in your life could nudge you toward greater goodness?

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21—19:1 (416). *"Moved with compassion the master of that servant let him go and forgave him the loan."*

Friday, Aug 13, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PONTIAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS

What unites is greater than what divides

Pope Pontian and Hippolytus were both imprisoned in Sardinia during Roman persecutions. Before their deaths in 235, Pontian and Hippolytus reconciled, because for a time the two were archenemies. Indeed, Hippolytus had been elected antipope by his followers who were in stark opposition to Pontian's tolerant stance on reconciling returning Christians to the church. In the end, Pontian and Hippolytus realized that their shared love of Christ far surpassed any differences. Finding one common element with an enemy is the first step toward reconciliation. Perhaps we can start with our shared humanity and work our way from there.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 24:1-13; Matthew 19:3-12 (417). *"I gave you a land that you had not tilled and cities that you had not built, to dwell in."*

Saturday, Aug 14, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST, MARTYR

Give a piece of your heart

Maximilian Kolbe shook up the rules for saint-making. At Kolbe's 1982 canonization, Pope John Paul II named him a "martyr of charity." No longer could one become a martyr only by being killed because of "hatred for the faith." Now one killed because of charitable work, as Maximilian was, could also be a martyr. This opened the door to sainthood for others who were murdered for their good work, like Notre Dame Sister Dorothy Stang of Brazil, the Adorers of the Blood of Christ sisters of Liberia, or the Maryknoll sisters of El Salvador. We are all called in some way to be martyrs, even if we give away only a part of our lives. Give away a piece of your life today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15 (418). *"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

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



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