



ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



September 19, 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: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 10:00 AM to 1:00 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, September 19th

- 7:30 a.m. — Pietro Lipari (Valarie Carter)
 9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)
 Nancy Nye (Diane Melfi)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, September 20th

- 9:00 a.m. — James Ross (Mary Ross)
 Tom Russell (Annette Wolz)

Tuesday, September 21st

- 9:00 a.m. — Dennis Quirk (Judy & Bruno Sidor)
 Frances Trotto (Maureen Reilly)

Wednesday, September 22nd

- 9:00 a.m. — John Lizza (Giuffo Family)
 Ron Della Croce

Thursday, September 23rd

- 9:00 a.m. — Dennis Quirk (Ed & Tita Uy)

Friday, September 24th

- 9:00 a.m. — Jose Dela Cruz (Ed & Tita Uy)

Saturday, September 25th

- 5:30 p.m. — Margaret Dunleavy (Keenan Family)
 Joseph Nugent (Ed & Diane Pozzi & Family)

Sunday, September 26th

- 7:30 a.m. — Ronald Fregara (Catholic War Veterans)
 9:30 a.m. — Ronald DeStefano (Donnelly Family)
 Michael Delea (Maureen)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

for we walk by faith, not by sight.

2Cor. 5:7



Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship
as a Way of Life

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
(Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$8,268
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,630
Thank You!

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..

Rest
in
Peace



Deceased Brothers
and Sisters of our
Parish Family

Good News Reflection**Overcoming jealousy and selfish ambition**

In this Sunday's readings, we face wickedness: jealousy destroying what is good, selfishness causing harm to others, and pride squashing those who get in the way.

The first scripture covers the evil doings of outsiders who oppressed the Israelite nation. In the Gospel reading, Jesus predicts the evil doings of spiritual outsiders who were fighting against his ministry. The letter of James addresses the worst wickedness of all: the battle within the Church -- Christians against Christians.

Jealousy and selfishness are usually the root beneath every scandal in the Church, every division on the parish staff, every discord among ministries, every disappointed volunteer who feels pushed out, every broken relationship in Christian families, and every attitude that chases weaker Catholics away from the faith -- it's all wicked!



To get at the root of any divisive problem, look for self-centered ambition. Honestly and objectively identify even the most subtle forms of it so that you can also identify God's antidote. When you see divisiveness in others, do you feel sorrow for them? If not, why not? The answer to that usually lies in our own self-centered pride.

Jesus provided the cure for this: "If anyone wishes to be first" (which is a desire motivated by selfish ambition) "you must become the servant of all."

Selfish ambition is sinful because it tries to grab success away from others. James pointed out that whatever we're ambitious for, if it's good, we can have it simply by asking God for it and working in collaboration with the Holy Spirit to achieve our goals -- but not if we want it only to satisfy our personal, selfish passions.

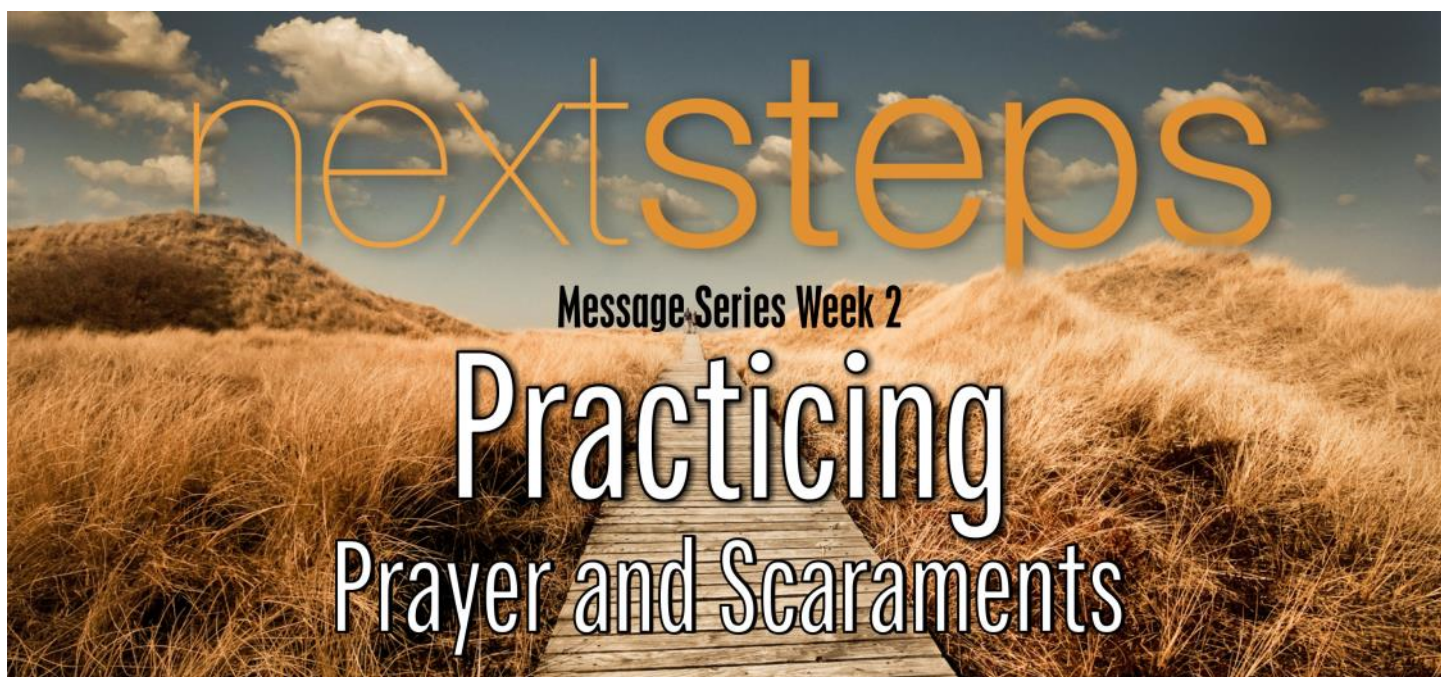
God gives us what we pray for when it will benefit the parish community or the entire family or those we are called to serve in our ministries. When we desire something for the sake of how it will help others (rather than just for our own benefit), this desire is pure, peaceable, gentle, compliant, and full of mercy and will produce good fruits.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

When have you suffered from the jealousies and selfish ambitions of others in the Church? How did this affect your faith? Did it motivate you to avoid committing the same sin?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Identify how jealousy and selfish ambition have been the underlying cause behind one problem you've witnessed or personally experienced in the Church. How can these scandals be healed through pure heart, a peaceful response, gentleness, mercy, and good fruits that turn a tragedy into a triumph?



God can draw a person closer to Him through any step, at any time. Therefore, it is important to note even though STEPS is an acronym, the steps are "fluid" and can occur in any order, often cycling around in various ways and in different times throughout one's life. The series presentation follows this format.

With that in mind, this week, we discuss the importance of **Practicing** prayer and engaging in the Sacraments when it comes to growing in faith. James suggests that all the problems in our world come from a lack of prayer or a lack of praying correctly. We feel like we need to see others as adversaries, and must quickly "grab and take," because we do not ask God to provide for us. On the contrary, God gives us all we need when we put our trust in Him. In this message we will look at the importance of prayer in connecting us to God and bringing peace and contentment to our souls.

A growing and active prayer life is a crucial step in growing our faith and trust in God.

Take the next step in prayer life; ideas include subscribing and using The Word Among us, downloading the app on your phone or tablet for iBreviary, using the app "Pray As You Go" for quiet time, spending time in Eucharistic adoration, or reading and praying through Scripture etc.

Remember Our Parish in Your Will

we often do not realize how helpful it is to the parish that serves our spiritual needs when a person decides to share his/her resources as a way of saying "thank you" for all that has been provided. Most assuredly, a gift to the parish in your will or trust affirms your continued commitment to the parish's life and works.



Making this gift is easy. You can instruct your attorney to use this wording: "I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Assumption of the BVM parish, with offices at 20 Chestnut St., Centereach, NY 11720, the sum of \$ ___ to be used for its most urgent needs." As an alternative, you can make a gift of what remains in your estate or living trust after all other bequests and expenses have been paid: "I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Assumption of the BVM parish, with offices at 20 Chestnut St., Centereach, NY 11720, all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate (trust) to be used for its most urgent needs." For more information about remembering the parish in your will or living trust, contact Fr. Joseph at 631-585-8760 or jalenchery@abvmcentereach.com or Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 x 257.



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!

Parish Social Ministry

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. **Laundry Detergent, Conditioner, Mustard, Salad Dressing, Fruit Juice, Razors, Toothbrushes, Canned Corn**



Coffee in the Courtyard

You are invited to “Coffee in the Courtyard”, on every **Sunday after the 9:30 AM Mass**. Hang out with our fellow worshippers, spend a few minutes conversing with others, 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.



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 addition, parishes who make their goal receive a rebate of 20% of the actual goal. I am glad to report that because of your generosity, we reached our goal in pledges. Please ask the Lord how you might still participate if you haven't done so yet. Your pledge is payable over a four-month period of time.

Our parish subscribes to a revolutionary online platform which provides the best in Catholic audio talks, movies, e-books, and video-based studies. It is, **free of charge**.



Simply type in abvmcentereach.formed.org on your browser. Once you have registered you'll have access to all the material on FORMED, again **free of charge**. Our parish code is **P8DGQ8**. You also can install FORMED through an app. Learn more at app.formed.org.

THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OF LONG ISLAND OPEN HOUSES

You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education

Please feel free to visit our schools during the times and dates listed below.

SEPTEMBER 2021

SATURDAY, SEPT. 25 10 A.M. - 1 P.M. ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL
 SUNDAY, SEPT. 26 2 P.M. - 4:30 P.M. ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL

OCTOBER 2021

SATURDAY, OCT. 2 10 A.M. - 1 P.M. KELLENBERG MEMORIAL H.S.
 10 A.M. - 2 P.M. CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL
GROUP TOURS - PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED
 11 A.M. - 2 P.M. SACRED HEART ACADEMY
 SUNDAY, OCT. 3 10 A.M. - 1 P.M. OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY
 1 P.M. - 3:30 P.M. ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL
 SATURDAY, OCT. 16 11 A.M. - 1:30 P.M. HOLY TRINITY DIOC. H.S.
 SUNDAY, OCT. 17 10 A.M. - 1 P.M. ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOC. H.S.

HIGH SCHOOL FAIRS

MONDAY, SEPT. 20 5 P.M. - 7 P.M. ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE
 TUESDAY, SEPT. 21 5 P.M. - 7 P.M. MOLLOY COLLEGE

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED. VISIT WWW.CHSEE.ORG TO REGISTER.

TEST FOR ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS ONLINE FOR 2021-2022



NOVEMBER 6, 2021
 REGISTER TODAY
WWW.TACHSINFO.COM
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE
 OCT. 24, 2021

Sunday, Sep 19, 2021

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Let the Good News resound

Religion is often reduced to its most visible aspect: Sunday worship. But the church's ministry includes service, evangelization, healing, and teaching. On Catechetical Sunday we celebrate our mutual call to educate and instruct. "Catechize" means to echo or resound. Saint Paul once modeled for the Corinthians this task of "re-sounding" the Good News when he wrote: "I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you." Does your Catholic faith steer you when making decisions and weighing values? Does it bring consolation? Does it challenge you to sacrifice? Echo these riches to those you love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37 (134). *"Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me."*

Monday, Sep 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ANDREW KIM TAE-GŎN, PRIEST, AND PAUL CHŎNG HA-SANG, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Sound the depths of your faith

This year marks the 200th anniversary of the birth of Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, the first native-born Korean priest and patron saint of Korea. He was one of an estimated 10,000 who were martyred for their Christian faith in Korea in the 19th century. The theme of the bicentenary celebration is "Are you Catholic?" because Andrew's "yes" to that question during interrogation cost him his life. The bishop of the Korean city of Daejeon said the theme "calls us to reflect seriously on our identity and our consistency as Catholics." Take this opportunity to consider what your Catholic identity means to you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 1:1-6; Luke 8:16-18 (449). *"No one who lights a lamp conceals it with a vessel or sets it under a bed."*

Tuesday, Sep 21, 2021

FEAST OF MATTHEW, APOSTLE, EVANGELIST

Let peace begin with me

The United Nations designates today as the International Day of Peace. It's also the feast of Saint Matthew—the evangelist whose list of Beatitudes includes the words "blessed are the peacemakers." According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the "Beatitudes are at the heart of Jesus' preaching." They "shed light on the actions and attitudes characteristic of the Christian life" and are the "paradoxical promises that sustain hope in the midst of tribulations." Matthew must have experienced such tribulations when he, as a hated tax collector, joined the other apostles. Be a peacemaker today, especially among people you're nearest to.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:9-13 (643). *"I desire mercy, not sacrifice."*

Wednesday, Sep 22, 2021**Share the wealth**

Power sharing and collaborative ministry are thorny questions within church circles and many faith communities. Jesus can be our model and our guide, in this as in all questions. When he sent the apostles out he did so in pairs and "gave them power and authority." Add it up and it equals shared, collaborative ministry. Those who are sure of their own authority are able to share it freely and without fear. More ministries and leadership positions

will open up in the church when those with power learn to trust the faith community the way Jesus did.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezra 9:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451). *"He sent them to proclaim the Kingdom of God and to heal the sick."*

Thursday, Sep 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF PIUS OF PIETRELCINA, PRIEST

Be an everyday mystic

In a secular world that prizes material possessions, the mystical aspect of the church can captivate. Saint Padre Pio (1887-1968) certainly drew attention for his mystical attributes. A relatively obscure Italian Capuchin priest, he gained fame for reportedly displaying the wounds of Christ, called stigmata, and for his insightful (some called it psychic) abilities as a confessor. He spent up to 10 hours a day with people who sought guidance and forgiveness in Confession. Only a few of us become mystics, but all can seek holiness and insight. Today meditate and act on the path to holiness that God has placed before you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 1:1-8; Luke 9:7-9 (452). *"Herod said, 'John I beheaded. Who then is this about whom I hear such things?'"*

Friday, Sep 24, 2021**Grounded in a sense of belonging**

In our Western mindset, we often think of land as "property," owned and available for human use. But if we hope to stem climate change, we need to realize it's really the other way around. The land doesn't belong to us; we belong to the land. Writes Pope Francis in his encyclical on caring for creation, *Laudato Si'*: "Many things have to change course, but it is we human beings above all who need to change. We lack an awareness of our common origin, of our mutual belonging, and of a future to be shared with everyone." How will you commit to the care of this land that sustains us in so many ways?

TODAY'S READINGS: Haggai 2:1-9; Luke 9:18-22 (453). *"In this place I will give you peace."*

Saturday, Sep 25, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Ripe with possibilities

Jesus was born to Mary "in the fullness of time," as one scripture passage puts it. This rich metaphor of time ripening rings true to human experience. Think of the blessings in your own life, and how they have developed often from small beginnings or mere glimmers of hope: deep and lasting relationships, hard-earned insights, lifelong achievements and legacies. Good things take time, patience, perseverance, courage, and perhaps most of all, trust. Think of Mary's journey of trust in response to God's call, and make it your own. And may the blessings in your own life ripen in the fullness of time!

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 2:5-9, 14-15a; Luke 9:43b-45 (454). *"Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! See, I am coming to dwell among you, says the LORD."*

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



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