



# ASSUMPTION

## of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



September 26, 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

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Phone: 631-585-8760; Fax: 1-866-214-3365  
Faith Formation: 631-588-6408



## Mass Intentions for the week

### 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

### Monday, September 27th

9:00 a.m. — Charles Reischman (Giuffo Family)

Patricia Riggi (Josephine Scala)

### Tuesday, September 28th

9:00 a.m. — Margerita Spararo (Josephine Scala)

Hermogenes Concepcion (Ed & Tita Uy)

### Wednesday, September 29th

9:00 a.m. — Mathilda Perazzo (Merola Family)

### Thursday, September 30th

9:00 a.m. — Efipania del cruz (Ed & Tita Uy)

### Friday, October 1st

9:00 a.m. — David & Kathleen Worrell (Family)

### Saturday, October 2nd

5:30 p.m. — Alonzo Werner (Family)

Joan Tait (Pat McKenna)

### Sunday, October 3rd

7:30 a.m. — Dennis Quirk (Hilda Manitta)

9:30 a.m. — Jim Reilly (Respect Life)

Joan Prout (Sheila Wessels)

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 \$9,474  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$7,769  
*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 (6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>) 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 [taajs43@aol.com](mailto:taajs43@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](mailto: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](mailto:rtbhuntington@yahoo.com) or Anita Wolf at [hwolf96@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:Chantalmears@yahoo.com) or 631-438-2468 or visit [www.bsa356.com](http://www.bsa356.com) for more details..

Rest  
in  
Peace



Helen Leehman  
Richard Cipriano

***Good News Reflection******Unexpected partners***

Jesus says in this Sunday's Gospel reading that whoever is not against us is for us. The reality of this often takes us by surprise in unexpected partners.

On the one hand, it can seem like someone is against us when really they are not. For example, when someone speaks a truth that we don't want to hear, that person seems to be our enemy while in fact they are God's chosen prophet.

At other times, people side with us but only for their own agenda; they're not interested in assisting the purposes that God has for our lives.



And sometimes we encounter people who are doing the Lord's work but not in the way that we expect them to, and so we assume that they are not doing what God wants them to do. Have you ever asked someone to pray for a certain intention and he/she prayed the opposite of what you intended?

Years ago, when my husband's company was laying off most of its employees, I asked a friend to pray for him so that he could find a new job, but she prayed instead for the company so that he wouldn't have to leave it. My expectations were for him to find a healthier company in which to work. I didn't like her prayer, but in the end, I realized that she was the only friend who had prayed exactly what the Lord had wanted!

To figure out whether someone is truly against us or is, in fact, God's instrument for us, we have to separate ourselves from the heat and frustrations of the experience and sit quietly with Jesus. After we vent to him our fears and anger and then forgive those who seem to be against us, we will be open to hearing a more divine assessment of the situation.

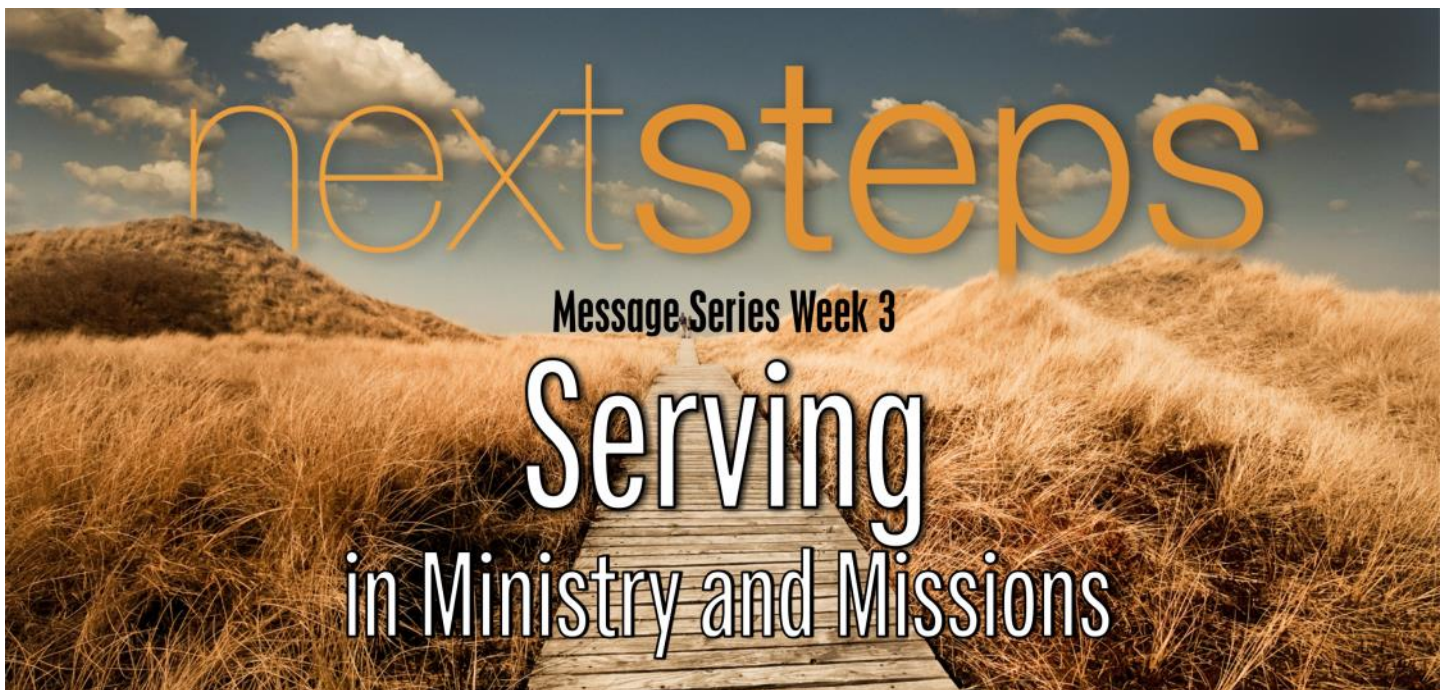
Even when someone truly is acting against us, when we sit quietly in prayer, seeking a word of knowledge or wisdom from the Holy Spirit, we can discover that God is for us and that's what matters most. He gives us encouragement and strength to endure any troubles.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Who is telling you something that you don't like hearing? Is it possible that the Lord is speaking through this person? Whom have you trusted that turned out to be a false friend or a bad influence which harmed your faith? Who has been an unexpected instrument of the Lord on your spiritual journey?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

When have you been startled to discover that someone who did not seem to be "of the Lord" was really doing the Lord's work? What did the Lord accomplish through this unexpected source? What did you learn from it?



This week we will discuss the important step of serving others through Ministry and/or Missions. In the Gospel, John is concerned that other people who are not his followers are doing acts of service. Jesus tells John that is His will. He says that whoever does the simplest of service - even giving a cup of cold water to a follower of Christ - will not lose his reward.

God calls us to serve in the simplest of tasks. Responding to that call is absolutely necessary to receive and experience the grace and blessings God desires for us. In this message we will look at service as a vital step when it comes to growing in faith.

Serving is a necessary step in growing in Christ and there is a reward for serving.  
Sign up for Hospitality Ministries (Coffee in the Court Yard, Welcome Team, Music Ministry)

**STAND  
UP *for* LIFE**

**Sunday, October 3,  
2-3:30 PM  
Routes 110 & 25  
Huntington**

Be a witness for life.  
For more information 631-588-7242



**Friday, October 15  
1:00-2:00 PM in the church**

Join the Rosarians to pray for the sanctity of life  
from conception to natural death.

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Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit [faithdirect.net/NY563](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://WWW.CHSEE.ORG) TO REGISTER.

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



NOVEMBER 6, 2021  
 REGISTER TODAY  
[WWW.TACHSINFO.COM](http://WWW.TACHSINFO.COM)  
 REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
 OCT. 24, 2021

**Sunday, Sep 26, 2021**

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Well done, good and faithful servants**

Mother's and Father's Days aren't occasions for parents to toot their own horns about how fabulously they fulfilled the tasks of child-rearing. These dates are for their children to recall and celebrate the special people who made their lives possible. Similarly, today's Priesthood Sunday isn't meant for priests to beat the drum about their vocation. It's an opportunity for the rest of us, who benefit from their fidelity, to thank the men who were present to the first moments of our life in faith and will be there at the last— plus countless moments in between.

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 11:25-29; James 5:1-6; Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48 (137). *"Would that all the people of the LORD were prophets!"*

**Monday, Sep 27, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

**God works with us as we are**

Saint Vincent de Paul is known for founding two religious orders, reforming the church, and serving the poor to such an extent that he is the patron of all works of charity. Many schools and parishes bear his name. But in his lifetime, he was also known for being irritable and quick-tempered—which his friends confirmed and he himself admitted. He said it was only God's grace that made him compassionate, humble, and generous. He's a perfect example that we don't have to be perfect to do saintly work—if we let God soften our hard-heartedness, what great things we might do.

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:1-8; Luke 9:46-50 (455). *"For the one who is least among all of you is the one who is the greatest."*

**Tuesday, Sep 28, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF WENCESLAUS, MARTYR

**A faith that runs in the family**

Good King Wenceslaus is, of course, best known for his care of the poor and the concern he showed his servant, as immortalized in the famous Christmas carol. Indeed, it was young Wenceslaus' habit to sneak out in the middle of the night and—with his servant assisting—roam the countryside looking for poor or imprisoned people he could anonymously help with his almsgiving. But Wenceslaus and his grandmother, Saint Ludmila, could also be patron saints for grandchildren who are raised in the Catholic Christian faith primarily by their grandparents. Pray for all modern grandparents who assume this role.

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56 (456). *"Many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek the Lord."*

**Wednesday, Sep 29, 2021**

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

**God's special care for migrants**

Every minute of the day 20 people in the world leave everything behind to escape war, persecution, or terror. The archangels of the Bible represent God's special care for these migrants. Michael was the guardian of Israel during their captivity in the foreign land of Babylon. Gabriel is the patron saint of diplomats and ambassadors living in foreign countries. Raphael is featured in the Book of Tobit accompanying the story's hero, Tobias, on his journey to a foreign land to find a wife. The church recognized

World Day of Migrants and Refugees last Sunday. Pray that the archangels guide and protect migrants and refugees making perilous journeys everywhere.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51 (647). *"You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."*

**Thursday, Sep 30, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**Translating the faith for the ages**

Where would the church be without the word? If you have ever read a verse from the Bible, thank Saint Jerome (347-419). His translation of the Bible from Greek and Hebrew into Latin set the standard until the mid-20th century, paving the way for scholarship that affects our contemporary translations of scripture. His pivotal writing and translating earned him the rare title of "doctor of the church." Give a nod to Saint Jerome by reading a favorite scripture passage today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12 (458). *"Say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"*

**Friday, Oct 01, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**Graceful glances**

Glances are totally underrated. They seem trivial, hurried and fleeting, even stolen! They are the smallest of gestures, barely registering a flick of the eye. It is surprising then that a glance can also be a prayer. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux wrote, "For me, prayer is an aspiration of the heart, it is a simple glance directed to heaven, it is a cry of gratitude and love in the midst of trial as well as joy; finally, it is something." Our prayerful "glances" are significant. They register with God. A glance can communicate everything to God, especially when life leaves us wordless. Pause now for a moment and glance at God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16 (459). *"Justice is with the Lord, our God."*

**Saturday, Oct 02, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

**All night and all day**

Years back, in perhaps what were more innocent times (or at least appear so to us now), Catholic schoolchildren were encouraged to leave a little space on their chairs for their guardian angels. This charming bit of nostalgia reveals a deeper article of faith. From biblical times to the present, the testimony on angels guiding us has been consistent. Saint Augustine said, "Go where we will, our angels are always with us," while Saint Bernard encouraged Christians to "Make the holy angels your friends . . . we have nothing to fear under the protection of these guardians." Perhaps the larger truth is that although suffering and even tragedy may come our way, if we leave our hearts open, we will not be left alone. God will be at our side. Scoot over a bit!

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29 (460); Matthew 18:1-5, 10 (650). *"Their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."*

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



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