



ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



October 10, 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, October 10th

- 7:30 a.m. — Anne Keenan (Hilda Manitta)
Christopher & Helena Adamczyk (Daughters)
- 9:30 a.m. — Anna Trombino (Diane Melfi)
Joseph Nugent (Ed & Diane Pozzi & Family)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, October 11th

- 9:00 a.m. — V. Nicola Ardilla (Wife)
Carmine Gaglione (Rick & Joanne Arroyo)

Tuesday, October 12th

- 9:00 a.m. — Alissa Aquino (Sokolowski Family)
Matthew Borkowski (Family)

Wednesday, October 13th

- 9:00 a.m. — Carol Carnesi (Josephine Scala)

Thursday, October 14th

- 9:00 a.m. — Maria & Inacio DeSousa (Family)

Friday, October 15th

- 9:00 a.m. — Sheila R. DeSilva (M/M R. DellaCroce)
Paul Campanelli (Patricia & Frank Campanelli)

Saturday, October 16th

- 5:30 p.m. — Ron DellaCroce (Pat McKenna)
Thomas MacDonald (M/M George Van Schaick)

Sunday, October 17th

- 7:30 a.m. — Mildred Olzinski (Gerry Toth)
- 9:30 a.m. — Joseph Nugent (M/M M. Cavaliere)
Living & Deceased Members of the Catholic
Daughters of the Americas
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

Psalms 145:18



Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship
as a Way of Life

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
(Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$9,174
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$9,598
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

Sharing God's wealth

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus asks the rich young man, "Why do you call me good? Only God is good." There's a two-fold message here.

First, if the young man truly believes that Jesus is good and that his teachings are good (and wasn't merely trying to win him over with flattery), and if he has observed his miracles and sinless life, then it should be obvious to him that all this goodness is proof that Jesus is God.



Secondly, Christ's question offers the young man an opportunity to become more humble. If he truly believes what Jesus says, then he should realize that since only God is good, no one else, including himself, obeys the commandments perfectly. Such a realization should have opened his heart to the truth that Jesus explains next:

"There's only one thing keeping you from being holy like God: earthly attachments. To gain freedom from this world and possess only what belongs to the kingdom of God share your treasures."

He's saying this to all of us, but he's not telling us to become destitute. To "give up" everything we possess means being willing to give it away. If it's a good thing for us to have because it blesses us, God does want us to enjoy it, but true joy comes from being God's partner as a distributor of his wealth. It's the fullest way to live! And we are all called to live this way.

If we remain attached to earthly stuff, we distance ourselves from God and hurt those who would benefit from our generosity. However, to achieve complete free-

dom from attachments, we cannot rely only on our own efforts. It's often very difficult to let go and become willing to share everything.

The good news is that Jesus made it possible by taking our sins to the cross and sharing with us his own Holy Spirit, who empowers us to do whatever he asks of us. Our lives on earth become more fulfilling when we dare to share. The more we give to others in a spirit of love, the more we receive the treasures of heaven. Indeed, we become one of heaven's treasures!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

In comparison to the holy ways of dealing with life's circumstances that Jesus modeled for us, how unlike Jesus -- how worldly -- are you today? And how divine is your behavior? What earthly treasures have you given away? Decide upon an action that will help you detach from earthly treasures this week.

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Share the story of a time when you gave away an earthly treasure even though you really didn't want to detach from it. What motivated you to give it away or let go of it? How did God repay you?



Tithing and giving are absolutely essential for growing in our relationship with Christ. Like the rich young man, money is often the greatest obstacle for us to becoming a fully devoted follower of Jesus. Yet, Jesus promises incredible blessings and return on our investment if we are willing to follow his lead with the money in our hands.

This week, we will look at why money is often an obstacle to following Jesus, and we will encourage everyone to examine their own hearts and bank accounts in order to consider tithing and/or becoming a percentage giver.

Like the rich young man, money is a great obstacle when it comes to following Christ. Jesus doesn't want to get your money; he doesn't want money to get your heart. On the other side of giving to God and the poor is God's blessing. Our strategy for giving to the Church is Automatic Worship Offering.

Take the next step of faith. Identify what percentage we are giving to God and his kingdom. Ask God where he is leading us to go, keeping in mind the biblical teaching of the tithe. Going where God wants us to go.

Hospitality Ministries

It was great to see the enthusiasm and joy that we experienced welcoming people into church. You can still take the step of serving in our hospitality ministries. Service is an attitude of the heart that should certainly be put into practice every day of our lives when the opportunity presents itself. It is also something we must intentionally put on our schedules, and choose to do too. It needs to become a part of our life-style. Let us get out of our comfort zone to rebuild our church. Service is critical in our own spiritual growth. Serving will make your life better.



Assumption Hospitality Ministries

- I want to be part of the **WELCOME TEAM**
- I want to be part of the **Coffee in the Courtyard**
- I want to be part of the **Music Ministry**

My Name _____

My Cellphone _____

My Email _____



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. **Dishwashing Liquid, Conditioner, Coffee, Cooking Oil, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Snacks, Rice A Roni, Juice, Tissues**



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.



ROSARY FOR LIFE

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.

ADOREMUS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WITH CONTEMPORARY AND TRADITIONAL MUSIC

Friday, October 15, 2021 - 7:30 - 8:30 PM

LIVE  **Streaming**

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Sunday, Oct 10, 2021

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord

More than three-quarters of those suffering from mental illness worldwide have no access to the care that could restore them to healthy relationships and productive lives. The World Federation for Mental Health therefore dedicates this Mental Health Day to the theme "Mental Health in an Unequal World." Factors like race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, and economic status complicate the path to adequate support. Pray the Rosary's Mysteries of Light today that clarity be given to those who struggle with mental health issues, and the societies that devalue them.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30 (143). *"I prayed, and prudence was given me; I pleaded, and the spirit of wisdom came to me."*

Monday, Oct 11, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOHN XXIII, POPE

He saw thee more clearly

The humble Pope John XXIII disliked the pomp and attention that came with his role, and he insisted on being called simply "the pope." Nearly 60 years since his pontificate, he is remembered in Italy as *il papa buono*, "the good pope." In the short time he was pope—less than five years before he died of cancer in 1963—he changed the Catholic Church like few others by convening the Second Vatican Council. On his deathbed, he said: "It is not that the gospel has changed; it is that we have begun to understand it better." We can always use the intercession of "the good pope" as we keep seeking to understand better what the gospel means in our changing times.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32 (467). *"Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation."*

Tuesday, Oct 12, 2021**Our pillar of strength**

Today is the feast day of Virgin Maria del Pilar, a Spanish devotion commemorating the first official Marian apparition of the Catholic Church. According to tradition, Mary first appeared—while still alive—to the apostle James in the year 40, as he preached the gospel to the people of Spain. Saint James, despondent over his progress, prayed for reassurance, and Our Lady appeared to him in a supernatural manner, standing upon a pillar held aloft by angels. Because October is the month of the Rosary, honor Maria with the beautiful [Hail Holy Queen](#) prayer that's part of that devotion.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41 (468). *"I am not ashamed of the Gospel."*

Wednesday, Oct 13, 2021**God to humanity: Can't buy my love**

From at least the time of the Pharisees, important people in the eyes of the world often assumed they had the inside track on a pleasant afterlife. Pope Francis begged to differ in an Advent season homily several years back. At the Last Judgment, Francis said, Jesus will not say, "You, come with me because you have given so much money to the church. You are a benefactor of the church. Come, come to Heaven." No. You can't buy your way into Heaven. And He won't say: "You are very important, you have studied so much and earned so many honors, come into Heaven."

No. Awards do not open the gate of Heaven," Francis said. "What will Jesus tell us to open up the gates of Heaven? 'I was hungry, and you gave Me to eat. I was homeless, and you gave Me shelter. I was sick, and you came to see Me. I was in prison, and you came to visit Me.' Jesus is humility," Francis said. Close your purse or wallet, and open your heart!

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 2:1-11; Luke 11:42-46 (469). *"You pay tithes of mint and of rue and of every garden herb, but you pay no attention to judgment and to love for God."*

Thursday, Oct 14, 2021

MEMORIAL OF CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR

Patron saint of second (or more) chances

Saint Callistus I is inspiration to anyone who has made major errors in life. Callistus seriously messed up, not once but twice. Born into slavery, his master put him in charge of a bank that Callistus criminally mismanaged. After a while in prison, he was freed to earn back the money he owed. Instead, he was arrested for brawling in a synagogue. Strike two. Nonetheless, Callistus reformed himself, served the early church as a cemetery manager, and was eventually elected pope! Consider saying a prayer of thanks for a church that offers redemption (even the papacy) to people who have fallen hard.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54 (470). *"Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge."*

Friday, Oct 15, 2021

MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Don't be afraid of the dark

The dark night of the soul, a term coined by Spanish mystic Saint John of the Cross, describes a period on the spiritual journey when one feels distant from God and suffers physical and emotional pain. Saint Teresa of Ávila, a close friend of John's, actually felt like she was going mad as she pursued the contemplative life. But then, in 1567, while gazing at a statue of Jesus, she felt an ecstasy beyond description as she reached "union with God." Teresa wrote much about her interior life, and she encouraged others to experience the "great gifts that come through abandoning everything to God and dying to oneself." Pray for the patience and humility to stay the spiritual course.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7 (471). *"Therefore, whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light."*

Saturday, Oct 16, 2021**I was hungry**

World Food Day was established in 1979 by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and is celebrated annually on this date in 150 countries. The theme for this year's celebration is, "Safe food now for a healthy tomorrow." The World Food Program (WFP) is the food-assistance branch of the organization. As of 2019, the WFP has served 97 million people in 88 countries, and it was awarded the 2020 Nobel Peace Prize for its efforts to combat hunger and contribute to peace in conflict areas. Take a moment today to thank God for the food you eat and the people who produce it, and to support your local World Food Day celebration.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12 (472). *"I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God."*

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



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