



# ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



October 17, 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 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

**Monday, October 18th**

9:00 a.m. — Emmaline Carlos (Ed Uy & Family)  
 Ronald Meyer (Bob & Donna Van Horn)

**Tuesday, October 19th**

9:00 a.m. — Joan Tait (Nancy Dentrone)  
 Ronald Meyer (Bob & Donna Van Horn)

**Wednesday, October 20th**

9:00 a.m. — Peter Avalos (Family)  
 Barbara Cipolla (Terry & Rachel LeGrady)

**Thursday, October 21st**

9:00 a.m. — Joan Tait (Annette Wolz)  
 Paul Traficanti (Jerry & Michele Randall)

**Friday, October 22nd**

9:00 a.m. — Felimon Guillermo (Ed Uy & Family)

**Saturday, October 23rd**

5:30 p.m. — Ruel Ella (Harry & Luz Gaviola)  
 Patricia & Frank Campanelli 59th Wedding  
 Anniversary

**Sunday, October 24th**

7:30 a.m. — Denna Bardodlf (Thomas McKiernan)  
 9:30 a.m. — Rosa Quintela (John Malheiro & Family)  
 James K. Mullane (Digregorio Family)  
 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.

**ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY**  
**Opening Night**  
**Thursday, October 21, 2021**  
**All 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders are Welcome**  
**7:00PM - 8:30PM in the Parish Center**  
**P.S. Mask required for everyone inside the building**  
 For more information please contact Renata Tutka-Ptak at 631-585-8760 ext. 105 or rptak@abvmcenterach.com

**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 \$9,228**  
 (includes *Faith Direct*)  
**Last Year's Collection \$9,456**  
**Thank You!**

*Rest  
in  
Peace*

Dawn Hearne

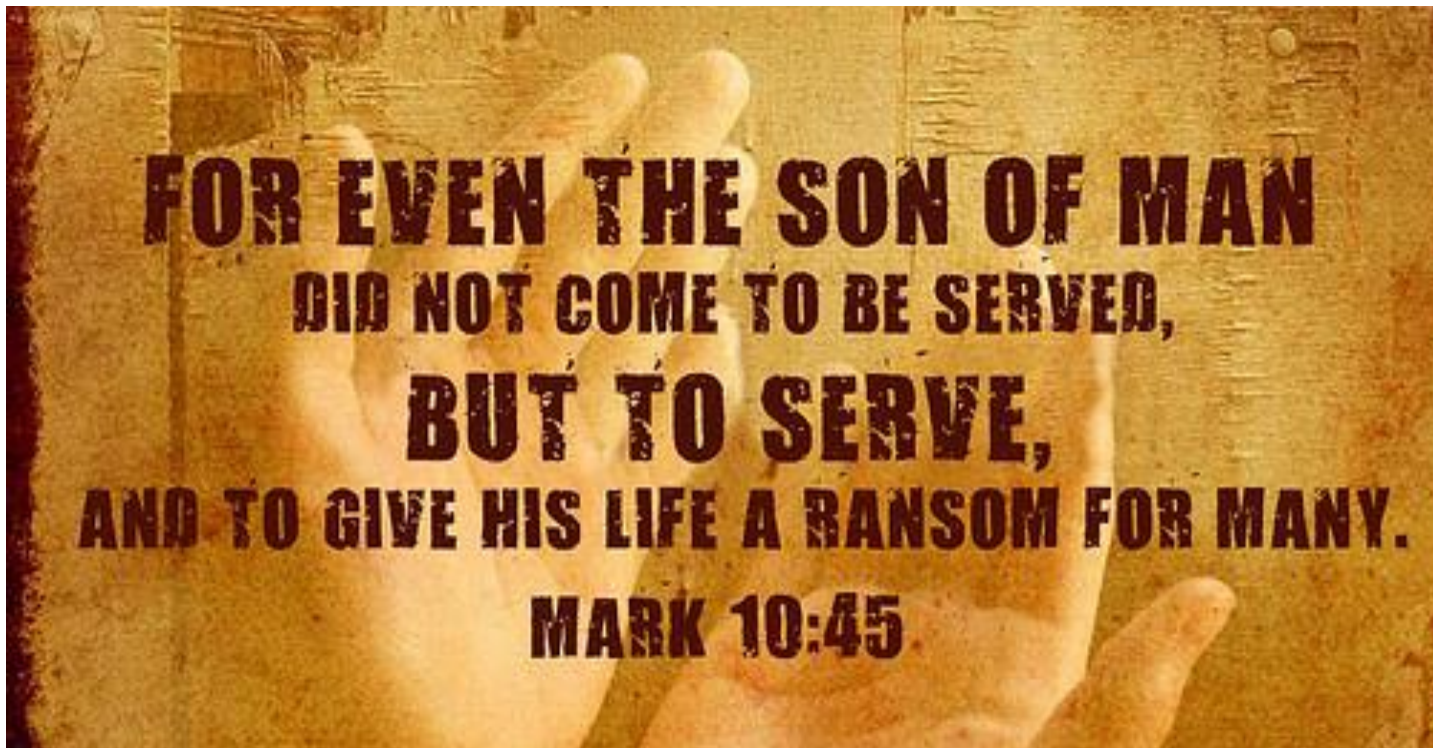
**Good News Reflection****Servanthood, not slavery**

To be great in the kingdom of God means to be a servant, says Jesus in this Sunday's Gospel passage: We are to serve the needs of others for the benefit of the kingdom.

This does not mean that our own needs and desires and dreams don't matter. Being a servant for God is not slavery; it's an honor and a blessing, because it unites us to the saving servanthood of Christ.

Being a servant like Christ means that we are treated by the Father the same way Jesus was treated. Our Master will not belittle us, disrespect us, nor over-work us.

The alternative is to be a slave to our worldly passions and possessions and the ways of the world. Worldly enslavement does belittle us. It reduces us to less than what God created us to be.



The ways of Christ empower us to be like Christ himself: free to enjoy all of the benefits of the kingdom of God, free to live a holy life, and therefore, free to be great in the eyes of our Father.

In this freedom, there is great joy. Although the ways of Christ are not easy and sometimes lead to the Cross, this cup of suffering increases our holiness and makes us even greater in heaven. When we make sacrifices for the benefit of others and we understand that our sufferings are part of our growth in holiness, they become much more bearable, because what had seemed like a curse is redeemed into a very significant blessing.

Do you know anyone whose prayers have not been answered? It's not because God doesn't care, nor because he can't help them. He answers the prayers of others through our servanthood. Jesus serves others through us.

Our top priority must always be our own relationship with God, so that we receive an abundance of whatever he wants us to share with others in service to their needs. We cannot give what we don't have. We cannot serve others well -- we cannot be the presence of Christ for them -- unless we ourselves have first been served by Jesus.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What has God blessed you with abundantly? What insights, gifts, talents, wisdom, etc., do you have? How are these indications that Jesus has served you?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

How has Jesus been a servant to you? Share how you have passed this service onto someone else (or would like to). For example, how has he served you with his unconditional, forgiving love? Or how has he served you by meeting an unmet need? In turn, how has this helped you to be a loving servant for others?



We will wrap up our STEPS series by talking about the importance of sharing our faith through evangelization. We have an incredible message to share with the world: Jesus did not come to be served, but to give his life as a ransom for many. Jesus did not come to get something from us, but to give us *eternal life* that we can access on a daily basis. This week, we will look at the message we have been given, and how in order to grow in faith, we must share this message with family members, neighbors, co-workers and friends.

Sharing the message of the Gospel with others who are far from Christ is crucial to growing in your faith. Our strategy for growing as a follower of Christ is to "invest and invite."

Identify one person in whom to invest, pray for that person, and when appropriate, invite him/her to church.

**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](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](mailto: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. **Cooking Oil, Ketchup, Tea, Bars of Soap, Mayo, Dry Soup, Noodles, Dishwashing Liquid, Fruit Juice, Kleenex**



# 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 com-

munity, in which we then become a stronger parish family. **All are welcome!** Join us after Mass for fellowship, wonderful conversations and of course coffee.

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# *Congratulations!*

## *Confirmation Candidates*

**October 16, 2021**

John P. Adamo  
Jamie Adams  
Kaidynce Allgaier  
Julia Benasutti  
Jamie Bridgwood  
Robert Browne  
Michael Buonagura  
Claire M. Connolly  
Giuseppe Cusumano  
Shayla Dassau  
Sara Dona  
Madison J. Duffy  
Isabella L. Ferrara  
Aliana Florio  
Sophia Funkhouser  
Gianluca Galletta  
Alexander Gartmayer  
Gianna Greaves  
Arianna Grund  
Kayla Grund  
Michael Gundlach  
Angelia Hirsch  
Elizabeth A. Huskiewicz  
Christian Janczurewicz

Liam Kalinowski  
Gia Lugo  
Ryan Maida  
Brandon Marques  
Lindsay Marron  
Kevin Matthews  
Ryan Matthews  
Benjamin Mears  
Sean Mendelsohn  
Trevor Meyer  
Alexander Mione  
Megan McMurray  
Meghan Murray  
Samantha Negrón  
Liam S. O'Sullivan-Ulrich  
Angelica Perotta  
Gioia Perotta  
Anthony Puleo  
Natalie Rotella  
Michael Sanchez Jr.  
Brooke L. Santorelli  
Julia M. Timpanaro  
Anthony Vanore  
Gavin Wahlen

