



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**November 14, 2021**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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## Mass Intentions for the week

### Sunday, November 14th

- 7:30 a.m. — Joan Tait  
 9:30 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)  
 Helen Leeman (Satalino Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

### Monday, November 15th

- 9:00 a.m. — Maria & Inacio DeSousa (Family)  
 Dawn Hearne (Nancy Dentrone)

### Tuesday, November 16th

- 9:00 a.m. — Richard Perrin (Lee & Eileen Cormier)  
 Dawn Hearne (Colleen & Sara)

### Wednesday, November 17th

- 9:00 a.m. — Vincent F. Palma, Sr. (Family)  
 Living & Deceased Members of Romeo & Wolz Family

### Thursday, November 18th

- 9:00 a.m. — Maria Giovanniello (Betty Selvin)  
 Dawn Jean Hearne (Jeanne & Jerry)

### Friday, November 19th

- 9:00 a.m. — Ronald DellaCroce  
 Paul Socquet (Jeanne & Jerry)

### Saturday, November 20th

- 5:30 p.m. — Manuel Rodriguez (Mike Zoldak)  
 Jim Reilly (Catholic Daughters of the Americas)

### Sunday, November 21st

- 7:30 a.m. — Molly Drew & Timothy F. Connolly  
 (Licari/Connolly Family)  
 Gloria Pedro (Tanya & Juan Concepcion)  
 9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)  
 Intention of Julia Wos (Parents)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

### 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.

### Faith Formation 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

Every Thursday 7:00PM - 8:30PM  
 in the Parish Center

All 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders are Welcome

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@abvmcentereach.com

### Catholic Daughters of the Americas (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



Quintin R. Tersy



## Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship  
 as a Way of Life

### Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary (Regular Sunday Offering)

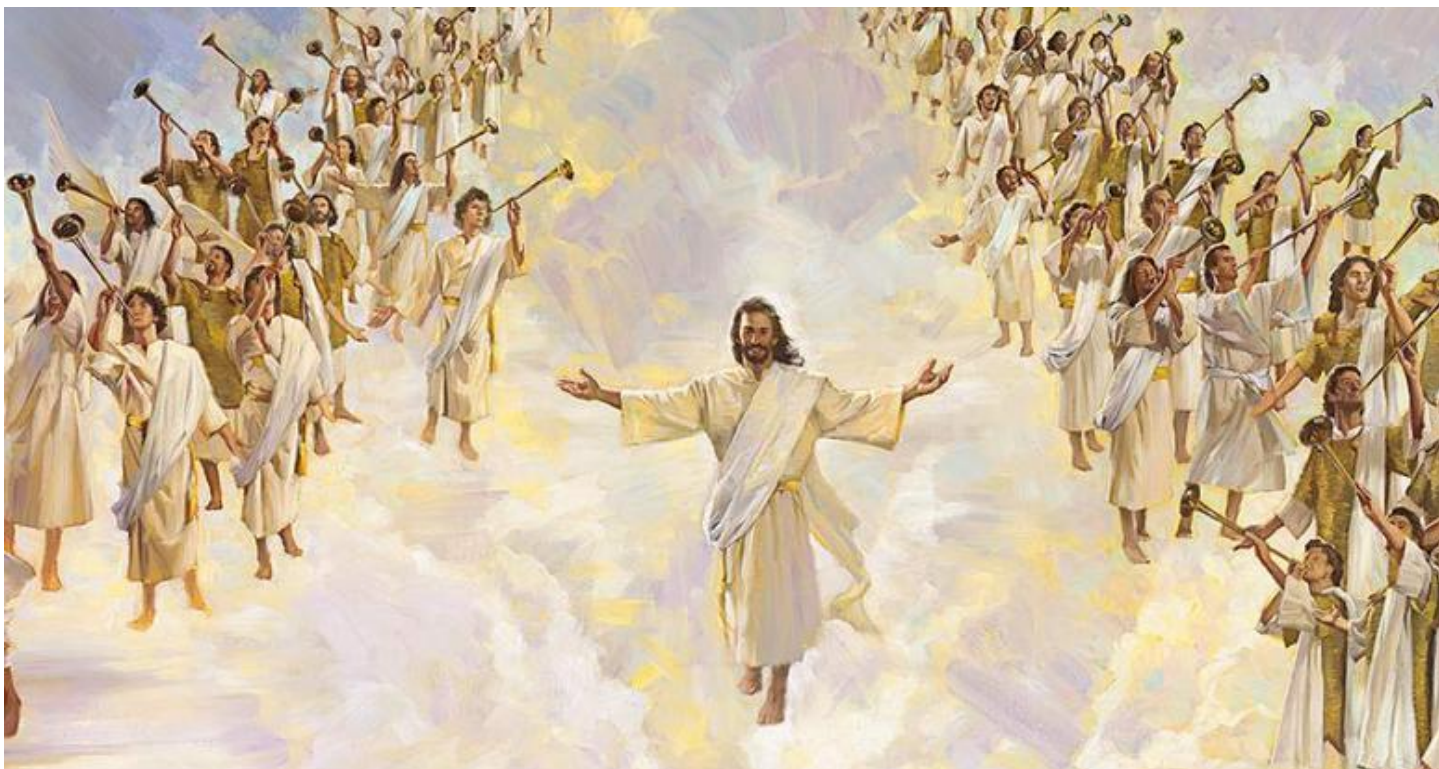
Last Week's Collection \$11,284  
 (includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection \$10,394  
 Thank You!

**Good News Reflection****The Second Coming of Christ?**

Do you have an unending problem? Where's Jesus? In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks of his Second Coming. And here he hasn't even finished his first coming! How confusing it must have been to the disciples.

They grew even more confused after Jesus died, was resurrected, and ascended to heaven but delayed coming back. They remembered him saying that "this generation" will not pass away until all these Second Coming events have taken place, yet time passed, the apostles began to die off, and Jesus still had not re-appeared in the clouds. The misery of living in this world continued.



Think of your own unending problem. Don't you wish Jesus would hurry up with his Second Coming and destroy all evil? Notice what Jesus said: "When you see these things happening, know that I am near, at the gates." He didn't pin down a date. He didn't give the disciples -- nor us -- a definitive clue about God's timing. ("Of that day or hour, no one knows, not the angels, not even the Son, but only the Father.") So what was he trying to convey?

His nearness!

For the past 2000+ years, we have all been part of "this generation" that will not pass away before his Second Coming. It's the generation of Christian humanity, the Body of Christ on Earth in the form of Church community, the generation of children who have been adopted by God the Father through the sacrifice and resurrection of God the Son.

The final era (the "last days") of salvation began on the first Pentecost and will continue until the Second Coming of Christ. It is the age of the Holy Spirit, when Christ's earthly ministry is continued through us who are empowered by his Spirit.

The lesson in the fig tree is that we can discern when summer is near. In other words, we can discern -- in good times and in bad -- that Jesus is near to us, not in the flesh except during Mass in the Eucharist, but in his Holy Spirit.

Jesus is right now at "the gate" of your next move, your next step on the journey to heaven. A gate is meant to be opened so that we can pass through it. Jesus is opening the gate right now for you -- the gate of holiness, the gate of love. Step through it to live in the fullness of the mission he has planned for you here on earth.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What problems are you waiting to be rescued from? Is Jesus really taking too long, or is there a bigger, better plan he's fulfilling on your behalf? What do you need to do to become more aware of his nearness, his comfort, his joy and peace to help you endure the long wait?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

What are the signs that the Church gives us that help us discern the nearness of Christ? What other "fig trees" has Jesus given to you that increase your hope and patience and endurance?



The extraordinary vision Daniel paints in today's first reading is matched by an extraordinary, extravagant vision described by Jesus in the Gospel. It's frightening, it's confusing, but don't be frightened, and don't be confused because it all comes down to the basic reality that we're talking about in this series. Rather than try to control things we cannot control, it's better to keep our hands open to receive from God a deep understanding of God's loving plan for us.

**Parish Social Ministry (Food Pantry) Needs for Thanksgiving**

GIVING THANKS GIVING BACK

*Thanksgiving*  
DRIVE

**Gift Cards:** With the Holidays just around the corner, we're getting ready to prepare Thanksgiving baskets for our clients. In addition to the food items listed below, please consider donating gift cards to local supermarkets. These are very helpful in providing those in need with a great Thanksgiving dinner, allowing them the dignity to choose their

favorite holiday foods. Please drop off gift cards at the Parish Office or in the collection basket.

**Pantry Needs:** Boxed Milk, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Yams, Canned Vegetables, Stuffing Mix, Instant Potatoes and any other non-perishable food items. Please place these donations in our bin in the Church.



You are invited to "Coffee in the Courtyard", on every **Sunday after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses**. 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.



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!



## ***Financial Report: September 2020 through August 2021***

It's been quite a year with everything being topsy-turvy due to the pandemic that has plagued the entire world. Nevertheless, pandemic or no pandemic, I am responsible to making sure that the parish remains up to date as to our financial situation. What follows, therefore, is our parish's financial report from our last budget year. Rather than give a list of incomprehensible numbers, I've divided income/expenses into recognizable categories, e.g., Sunday collections, program fees, parish offices, etc. Hopefully this gives a clearer idea of where the money comes from and where it went. Note that such items as utilities, salaries, etc. have been divided proportionately into several categories, e.g., Parish Office, Faith Formation, Church, so that these items could be distributed to all areas depending upon a percentage of the total activity. For those interested in the exact amount of items, I've listed a couple of our annual bills so you get a sense of how much must be spent just to keep the doors opened: gas, \$15,496; electric, \$17,659; water, \$4,973; insurance, \$63,238; grounds, \$15,705.



The goal, of course, is to have our operating expenses covered by our regular income without using our savings or interest to cover operating expenses. Operating expenses are just what the term indicates, i.e., what it costs to operate our day-to-day programs. Capital or extraordinary expenses are one-time costs covered by taking money from savings or having a capital campaign. They are not part of the operating expenses. As you can see from the Income/Expense chart, we sustained a slight surplus in terms of our operating budget. This was due, in part, because of a decrease in our expenses in that many programs were curtailed or put on hold as we navigated the safest response to the pandemic. As stated in the past, it is never a good idea to use savings to cover an operating deficit. With God's help we avoided that this year. Thank you for making that possible.

That being said, our parish has done fairly well in light of the COVID outbreak which has hampered our ability to gather in the parish center. Our income remained steady, although our Christmas collection was lower than last year; our Easter collection, however, was the highest we ever had! Go figure. In addition, we had additional expenses as we tried to keep the parish together through live-streaming the masses (this required additional equipment and licenses) as well as the additional costs of cleaning the building repeatedly between masses and classes.

In terms of major repairs, our capital campaign enabled us to cover all the major repairs that needed to be done. We did have a couple of large bills to fix the heating and cooling system and add some lighting to the property, but nothing that we couldn't cover with our regular collection.

For the parish to thrive we have to continue growing as disciples who embrace the Steps of Discipleship we have been discussing over the past few months: Serve, Tithe, Engage, Practice (Prayer and Sacraments), Share. Thankfully, our online giving has increased over the past year. That being said, our growth and well-being as a parish cannot be maintained unless everyone who considers himself/herself a parishioner generously offers his/her sacrificial financial support even if he/she is unable to attend mass. (A special thank-you to the parishioners who though still unable to come to Sunday mass faithfully send in their envelopes to help support the parish.) If our parish is going to maintain a positive financial trajectory we have to be realistic in terms of parish support. One way of improving and stabilizing our financial situation would be for more families to participate in *Faith Direct*, our parish's eGiving program. This easy-to-use service allows families to have their parish offering deducted automatically from their account or charged to their credit card. It's a great way to "take a step" toward a stewardship way of life, which is one of the characteristics of discipleship. I myself (as well as Fr. Chris) use this for our weekly parish offering. You can get additional information by picking up a brochure in the lobby or by going to [www.FaithDirect.net](http://www.FaithDirect.net). Our parish code is NY563.

Together we rely on God's abundance. I personally remain convinced that the Lord has much more prepared for us than we are receiving. We cannot receive these additional gifts, however, without consciously moving in the direction of putting every part of our life under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. For that reason, our ongoing stewardship efforts will continue to help us appropriate all that the Lord wishes to offer. In the meantime, the Income/Expense chart gives us an idea of where we've been over the past fiscal year. If anyone wishes further information or explanation, do not hesitate to contact me at the rectory to set up an appointment.

Fr. Joe

<b>Income</b>		
Amount our parishioners contributed to the parish	\$505,462	Sunday, Christmas, Easter collections.
What the parish received from Catholic Ministries Appeal Rebate	\$11,260	This is the diocesan rebate the parish receives because of your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal.
What the parish collected from program fees	\$49,753	Faith Formation, AYM, VBS, Adult Ed, etc.
What the parish received from auxiliary sources	\$59,040	Baptisms, weddings, funerals, Outreach donations, bulletin income, candles, miscellaneous donations.
What the parish received for diocesan collections	\$12,136	All the monies collected are given directly to the diocese. None stays in the parish.
Capital Gain & Extraordinary Revenue	\$136,099	Non-operating revenue. This includes Capital Campaign, insurance claims, investment income. <b>Note the diocese does not include these monies in determining operating surplus or deficit.</b>
TOTAL received by the parish to carry on its mission, <i>excluding Capital Gain &amp; Extraordinary Revenue.</i>	\$637,651	Assumption Church is committed to growing disciples by serving and loving our surrounding community in a way that bears witness to the love and presence of Jesus.
<b>Expenses</b>		
What it costs to maintain our Rectory Office	\$167,001	Includes salaries, utilities, supplies, etc. Also includes Outreach.
What it costs to maintain our Faith Formation programs	\$188,875	Includes salaries, utilities, supplies, etc. used for the ongoing formation of our adults and children
What it costs to use our Church for liturgy	\$104,458	Includes salaries, utilities, supplies, etc.
What it costs to maintain our priests' residence	\$53,093	Includes food, utilities, maintenance
What our parish contributes to our Catholic Schools Subsidy	\$60,362	The diocese taxes all parishes 12% of a parish's collections to support Catholic schools.
What our parish paid the diocese for services rendered/owed	\$53,753	Diocesan assessment, Diocesan collections.
Capital improvement	\$22,911	<b>Not part of operating expense.</b>
TOTAL Operating Expense: what the parish paid for personnel, goods, and services, <i>excluding capital expenses.</i>	\$627,542	
<b>Total operating surplus/deficit</b>	<b>\$10,109</b>	Does not include capital expenses or capital gains/investments

STEWARDSHIP  
— SUNDAY —

November  
21, 2021

**GIVING to our parish is an act of worship**