



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 19, 2021

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, December 19th

- 7:30 a.m. — Kristie Cleary (Irene & Joe Zabbara)
Thomas Taco Reyna (Danny Connolly)
9:30 a.m. — Ken Maher (Palma Family)
Stanley & Helen Mosior (Family)
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, December 20th

- 9:00 a.m. — Otto Wolz
Dawn Hearne (Josephine Scala)

Tuesday, December 21st

- 9:00 a.m. — Arnold Hoffmann (Wife)
Rosemarie GeBel

Wednesday, December 22nd

- 9:00 a.m. — Dawn Hearne (Joe & Arlene England)
Gloria G. Pedro (Rosary Altar Society)

Thursday, December 23rd

- 9:00 a.m. — Intention of Amanda Zenon Marcel
Matthew Thomas White & Michael Christopher
Canale (Dan & Patty Callahan)

Friday, December 24th

- 9:00 a.m. — Filemon Maray (Harry & Luz Gaviola)
Intention of Corrine Addiss (Franciney & Angelo Recca)

Christmas Eve Masses

- 3:30, 5:30, Midnight

Saturday, December 25th Christmas Day

- 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, December 26th

- 7:30 a.m. — Eileen J. O'Rourke
Katie Montelione
9:30 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)
John Ricci (Palma Family)
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 6th - 8th & 9th - 12th 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..



Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship
as a Way of Life

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
(Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$10,457
(includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection \$9,535
Thank You!

Rest
in
Peace



Rosemary O'Connor

Good News Reflection**The joy of recognizing Jesus**

The Fourth Sunday of Advent shows Elizabeth and her unborn son, John, reacting to the nearness of the unborn Christ. We know that Elizabeth immediately understood that Mary was pregnant with the Lord, because the Gospel says she was filled with the Holy Spirit. But how could the fetal John understand? How could he leap for joy while still in the womb?

If it's true that an unborn baby is not a person with a soul until it takes its first breath, as is claimed by many who believe that abortion is okay, how could the unborn John recognize the presence of the unborn Savior?

The faith to recognize the presence of Christ -- in the womb of people's lives, in the Eucharist, in the humanity of unborn children, etc. -- comes from being fully alive in the Holy Spirit, who was given to us fully during our baptisms. However, it takes a humble willingness to let God change our minds about what we think is true in order to be open to God's Spirit teaching us what is indeed true.



John as a fetus was incapable of understanding anything, especially when it happened outside the womb, yet he leapt for joy. This teaches us that we don't need to see God working in the world or solving our personal problems before we can leap for joy. We don't have to understand what God is doing, and we don't even have to know his plans.

The Holy Spirit enlivened the faith of Elizabeth and John through an act of

grace that depended on Christ's future activity. For us, our faith is enlivened by the grace God provides in the Sacraments.

The joy that comes from recognizing the presence of Christ is God's Christmas gift to us. It's a joy that's meant to last all year. It's a lifestyle, not a holiday. It comes from a faith that appreciates God for working mercifully in ways that we can see and ways that we cannot see, because we trust in his goodness. Even when we suffer or feel sorrow, we can learn to recognize the presence of Christ.

And then what? Like John, we are called to be heralds of Christ's presence. How? First by sharing our joy with others.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How much is the joy of Christ's Spirit within you affecting your outward life? What will you do this Christmas to become more aware of the Holy Spirit increasing your faith?

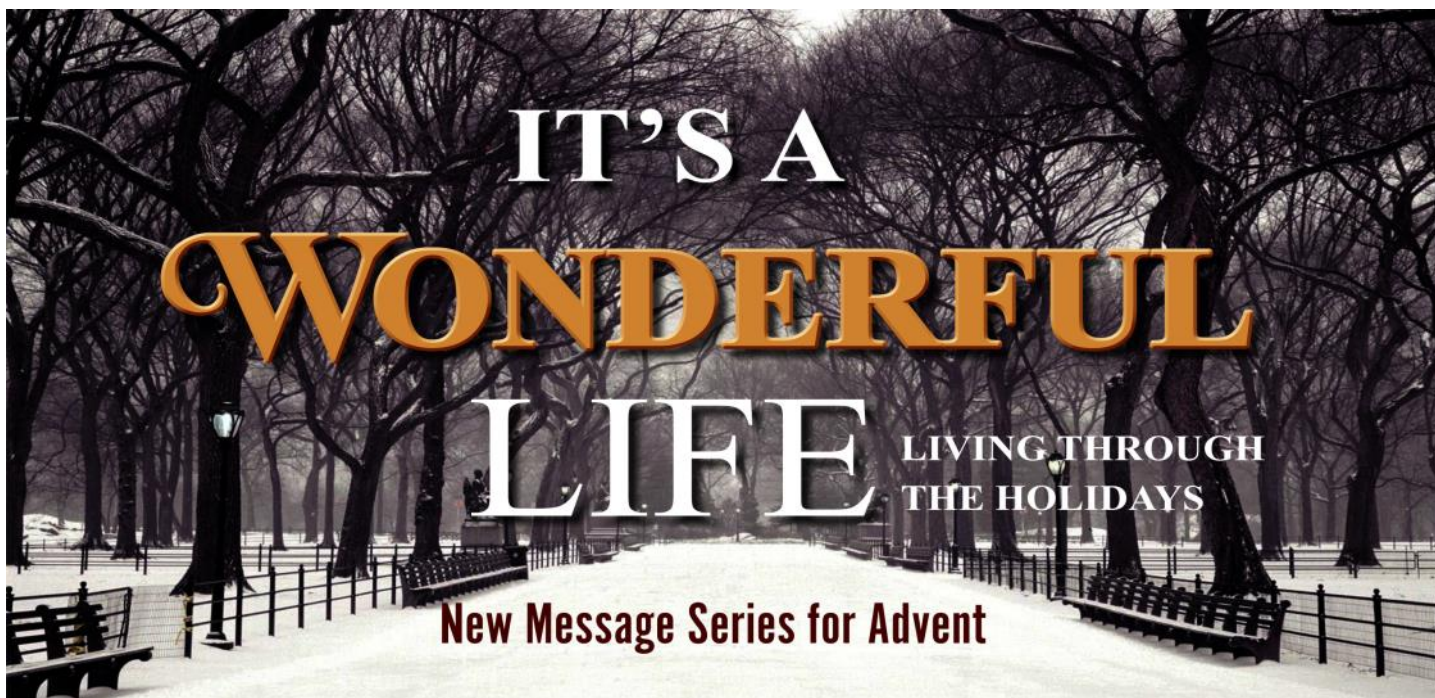
Questions for Faith Sharing:

Give examples of how the Spirit of Christmas is really the Holy Spirit. What activities have helped you get into the Spirit of Christmas? How has this affected your preparations for celebrating Christmas as a holy day?

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Merry Christmas



In the Gospel, Mary goes to visit Elizabeth after the angel Gabriel appears to her. Elizabeth is honored and humbled by Mary's visit. She asks who is she that the mother of her Lord would visit her. In this message we will look at the connection between humility and gratitude.

We can be thankful for the people who have brought Jesus into your life or brought you closer to him. Invest in a friend, a family member or a co-worker who does not know Christ. Pray that God would use you, to make himself known to them: in your kindness, charity, joy, or in a thousand other ways,



Thank you very much for your commitment to our parish as we journey together rebuilding our parish by Loving God, Serving Others and Growing Disciples. This is just a gentle reminder to Plan, Pray, Commit and return your commitment card to the office by mail or by depositing it in the collection basket on Sunday with your worship offering.



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!



Scan. Pay. Go.

You are invited

Christmas at Assumption

join us

Christmas Eve: 3:30 PM, 5:30 PM & Midnight

Christmas Day: 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

There is NO 5:30 PM Mass on Christmas Day

Come as you are!
because
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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.



Rectory Offices Closed

Due to Staff vacations, Rectory offices will be closed on the week after Christmas (**Mon. to Fri. Dec. 27–31**). Our office hours will resume on January 3, 2022.



Out of Christian charity, we ask that all comply with the NY State requirement to **WEAR MASKS** when participating in any activities on parish grounds

until Jan. 15, 2022.



You are invited to “Coffee in the Courtyard”, on every Sunday after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM

Masses in the Parish Center Hall. **COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD will be CLOSED on Sunday, Dec. 26th.** 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!**



Faith Formation Students from 1st to 6th grade are performing the living nativity in the church. Last year we couldn't have our pageant because of the obvious reasons. All are welcome to both celebrations.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Parish Family Event sponsored by the **Women's Ministry**. Tree lighting, Christmas carols, and refreshments after. Please invite family and friends to come and enjoy the evening.

