



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

January 9 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, January 9th

9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)
Arlene Murtha (Christine Vella & Maureen Reilly)
11:30 a.m. — Rosemary O'Connor
Jennie Burchardt (Scott Ward)

Monday, January 10th

9:00 a.m. — Freda Michalski (Theresa Silvesti)

Tuesday, January 11th

9:00 a.m. — Robert Scibelli (Sister)

Wednesday, January 12th

9:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of the
Romeo & Wolz Family)
Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar
Society

Thursday, January 13th

9:00 a.m. — Rosemary O'Connor (Rosary Altar Society)

Friday, January 14th

9:00 a.m. — Emmaline Carlos (Aida Samson)
David & Kathleen Worrell

Saturday, January 15th

5:30 p.m. — Eileen Pacula (Daughter)

Sunday, January 16th

9:30 a.m. — Anita Kollen (Barbara Lien)
Jim Rielly (Joy Newell)
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish
Jean & Phillip Cavallo (Cavallo Family)

**So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come. 2Corinthians 5:17**



Time, Talent & Treasure
Fostering Stewardship
as a Way of Life

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
(Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$9,636
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$9,137
Thank You!

We celebrate **EUCHARIST**

Saturdays: 5:30 PM
Sundays: 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..

*Rest
in
Peace*



Deceased Brothers
and Sisters of our
Parish Family

Good News Reflection**What are you waiting for?**

This Sunday's readings are full of expectation. What are you waiting for? How do you need God to come and rescue you from injustices, or deliver you from evil, or comfort you as you wait for loved ones to turn their hearts back to God? What guidance have you been seeking while feeling confused and uncertain?



Do you feel Christ's gift of peace within you as you wait expectantly? Or do you feel frustrated, worried, and impatient?

In the Gospel reading, we see John the Baptizer's congregation filled with expectancy because they hoped that he was their finally-arrived Messiah. Yearning for God to intervene against injustices, foreign oppression, and sin, they latched onto the fiery enthusiasm of John and his baptism of repentance.

God, however, had something much better in mind, more complete. The real Messiah would baptize with the purifying fire of the Holy Spirit. Whereas John could only call people to repentance, the real Messiah would empower them to grow in holiness by giving them his own Spirit of holiness.

When Jesus submitted himself to John's baptism, it was not because he needed to repent; he was sinless. He was uniting himself to our need for repentance, thus starting his ministry of delivering us from evil and eventually take our sins to the cross.

In Christian baptism, we are immersed into the holiness of Jesus as well as his ministry, his priesthood, his prophetic sharing of the Good News, his servant leadership, and yes, his sufferings for the benefit of the salvation of others. The Holy Spirit empowers us to do as Jesus did, and the Father says, "You are my beloved child; with you I am well pleased!"

What do you expect? What do you think should happen in your daily life because of your baptism? Expectation is a good attitude -- unless it's based on impatience, which usually leads to disappointment. Expectation that's based on the goodness of God and what he wants for us is the attitude that brings us joy, greater faith, and even miracles.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What would you like to expect from God this year? Is this something that he wants for you? How might things turn out differently -- but better -- than what you imagine should happen?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Name some of the baptismal promises that God makes in his covenant with us. How do you know he keeps his promises? Share the story of a time when an answer to prayer turned out better than you expected.

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New Mass Schedule**Beginning January 8th****Saturday 5:30 PM, Sunday 9:30, 11:30 AM**



THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE

New Message Series

In the reading from Isaiah, God describes how he has formed the prophet to be a covenant to his people and a light to the nations. We will point out that just as God had formed Isaiah, he has formed and shaped us through our past and even been present at our times of pain so that we can use our gifts and experiences to be a light to others. God has set in place many of the important circumstances of our life. He is the author. We co-author our lives with him.

Reflect on you early life using the personal reflection questions below to see how God formed them early on.

Write Your Own Story: Questions for Personal Reflection

Take a few minutes to respond to the prompts below. Before answering the questions ask the Holy Spirit to inspire, comfort and encourage you.

A. Childhood

My clearest memory is...

One lesson I learned about life or myself was...

About this stage of life I feel...

What do you think God was doing in your life?

B. Teenage Years

My clearest memory is...

One lesson I learned about life or myself was...

About this stage of life I feel...

What do you think God was doing in your life?

C. College Years

My clearest memory is...

One lesson I learned about life or myself was...

About this stage of life I feel...

What do you think God was doing in your life?

D. Post College Years (20's)

My clearest memory is...

One lesson I learned about life or myself was...

About this stage of life I feel...

What do you think God was doing in your life?

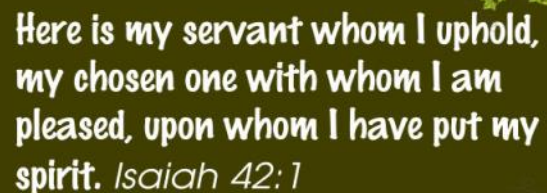
E. Adulthood (30's, 40's, 50's)

My clearest memory is...

One lesson I learned about life or myself was...

About this stage of life I feel...

What do you think God was doing in your life?



Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one with whom I am
pleased, upon whom I have put my
spirit. *Isaiah 42:1*

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. **Pantry Needs: Grape Jelly, Fruit Juice, Salad Dressing, Mayonnaise, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothbrushes, Laundry Detergent**



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES & YOUTH MINISTRY

Faith Formation classes and Youth Ministry, for the weeks of January 10th and January 17th are canceled. Classes will resume on Monday, January 24th, and Youth Ministry on Thursday, January 27th.



Faith Formation

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.



Out of Christian charity, we ask that all comply with the NY State requirement to **WEAR MASKS** when participating in any ac-

tivities on parish grounds.



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 until the mask requirement is lifted.** become a stronger parish family. **All are welcome!**



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!



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Sunday, Jan 09, 2022

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Tell it like it is

The hidden days are over. When the Spirit descends on Jesus and the heavenly voice proclaims him beloved, Jesus is effectively outed as the Divine Son. Did Jesus know this was the hour when his private life would come to an end? When any dreams he may have had for a quiet domestic existence were surrendered for good? The underlying truth is that on the day of our Baptism, we each surrender the notion of a private world that's all about us. As Pope Francis puts it, "Immersing us in Christ, Baptism also makes us members of his body, which is the Church, and participants in its mission in the world." Be the beloved. Share the love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 or 40:1-5, 9-11; Acts 10:34-38 or Titus 2:11-14; Luke 3:15-16, 21-22 (21). "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Monday, Jan 10, 2022**Give every child a chance**

According to the National Center for Child Poverty, about 15 million children in the United States—21 percent of all children—live in families with incomes below the federal poverty line. The Christ Child Society seeks to address the critical needs of these children. U.S.-born Servant of God Mary Virginia Merrick, who died on this day in 1955, founded the Christ Child Society in 1887 at the age of 20—despite being paralyzed from a childhood injury. Today, its 6,000 members volunteer nearly 400,000 hours and serve more than 75,000 children and their families annually. You may find a chapter—or start one—at nationalchristchild.org.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:1-8; Mark 1:14-20 (305). "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."

Tuesday, Jan 11, 2022**Pray the way to a more perfect union**

Dom Lambert Beauduin, a Belgian Benedictine monk, died this day in 1960—but not without influencing the way we pray at Mass. As a liturgical scholar, Beauduin championed—years before Vatican II—the idea of worshipers actively participating in the Mass rather than sitting in pews to pray their private devotions. He promoted the idea of congregants literally "being on the same page," able to follow along with the Latin by using worship aides to translate the words of priests and prayers. "Beauduin had an insatiable thirst for unity," notes a biographer. Pray for greater unity in our church today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 1:9-20; Mark 1:21-28 (306). "On the sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught."

Wednesday, Jan 12, 2022**Here I am, Lord**

Jesus saw his healing ministry of the sick and spiritually oppressed as a call from God. It is the same call each of us receives, not only to serve God and his people but to serve ourselves—to be our best selves, which will bring us the greatest joy. Saint Bernard of Clairvaux, known as an apostle of love, explains the profound grace that comes with responding to God's call in his "Jesus, the very thought of thee" hymn: ". . . how kind thou art! How good to those who seek! / But what to those who

find? Ah, this No tongue nor pen can show; / The love of Jesus, what it is None but His loved ones know."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20; Mark 1:29-39 (307). "Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come."

Thursday, Jan 13, 2022

MEMORIAL OF HILARY, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

In defense of the faith

Saint Hilary (d. 468) was a bishop during a time of great contention in the early church. He was popularly selected to lead, and he undertook scholarship that continues to be recognized today. His informal title, "Hammer of the Arians," has a violent ring to it, but in fact, he defended the Trinity against the Arian heresy through his writing, even though his opponents used the more forcible method of exile. Living a truly Christian life—loving those who oppose you, forgiving wrongs, turning the other cheek—has often been ridiculed by those who prefer the use of force. You can "defend" the faith by the way you choose to live.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 4:1-11; Mark 1:40-45 (308). "A leper came to him and kneeling down begged him and said, 'If you wish, you can make me clean.'"

Friday, Jan 14, 2022**I feel your pain**

Healing gospel-style involves assessing the physical, mental, and spiritual health of the ill person. As Pope Francis says, Jesus asks us: "To stop and listen, to establish a direct and personal relationship with others, to feel empathy and compassion, and to let their suffering become our own as we seek to serve them." This holistic approach is slowly being embraced by Western physicians. Today's healthcare providers are encouraged to use such tools as the FICA method to assess a patient's *faith*; its *importance* in their decision-making; their connection to a *community* of like-minded believers; and the recommended *action* related to the spiritual assessment. We're all commissioned to be healers to some extent; the next time someone comes to you in pain, remember this compassionate approach.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a; Mark 2:1-12 (309). "Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, pick up your mat and walk?'"

Saturday, Jan 15, 2022**The stone rejected**

In our continued observance of the Amoris Laetitia Family Year, we are reminded by Pope Francis to consider the complexities of people's lives when we're tempted to judge their family or marital situation. "It can no longer simply be said," writes the pope, "that all those living in any 'irregular situation' are living in a state of mortal sin." Non-traditional families need to be offered "understanding, comfort, and acceptance." We need to stop applying moral laws as if they were, in the pope's words, "stones to throw at a person's life." Consider today the grace of God's mercy, compassion, and forgiveness operating in your own life.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1; Mark 2:13-17 (310). "Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."

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



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