



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

January 23, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, January 23rd

9:30 a.m. — John & Margaret Cahill (Mary Ross)

Lindsey Sherlock (Maureen Reilly)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Marek Kuhulski (Zoldak Family)

Monday, January 24th

9:00 a.m. — Rosemary O'Connor (M/M F. Manna)

Tuesday, January 25th

9:00 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)

Paul Campanelli

Wednesday, January 26th

9:00 a.m. — Anna Joseph Alenchery (Terry Cheshire)

Thursday, January 27th

9:00 a.m. — Antonio Valisno, Sr. (Aida, Tonypet & Arnold)

Friday, January 28th

9:00 a.m. — Rosemary O'Connor (Mary Ross)

Saturday, January 29th

5:30 p.m. — Peter Tregnaghi (Fran Craig)

Sunday, January 30th

9:30 a.m. — Bob Burkley (Joy Newell)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Rita Bowker (Terry & Rachel LeGrady)

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..

**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 \$8,372
(includes Faith Direct)**

**Last Year's Collection \$8,261
Thank You!**

*Rest
in
Peace*



Deceased Brothers
and Sisters of our
Parish Family

Good News Reflection**The ministry of Christ today**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we see Jesus announcing the reality of his ministry: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.... Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."



Did this ministry come to an end when he ascended to heaven and disappeared off the face of the earth?

As the reading from Corinthians points out, we are now the Body of Christ on earth.

We are all -- every one of us -- important parts of this body! Do not underestimate yourself. God created you and brought you into the Church because you can make a significant difference. No one else can do what you can do, the way you can do it, in the plans that he has for making this world a better place.

We Christians are, as a community of believers, the Body of Christ on earth. Every time we receive the Body of Christ in Holy Communion, we receive what we are, and thus we're renewed in the continuation of Christ's ministry. His mission is our mission.

By receiving Jesus in the Eucharist, we consume not only Jesus in his full humanity and his full divinity, we also consume his ministry. The Spirit of the Lord comes upon us. Every Mass is a renewal of our vocation to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set the oppressed free, and to proclaim what is acceptable to the Lord.

In other words, every time we receive Jesus in the Eucharist, the scripture passage that he quoted in Luke 4:18-21 is fulfilled again.

Sin is anything that prevents this from happening.

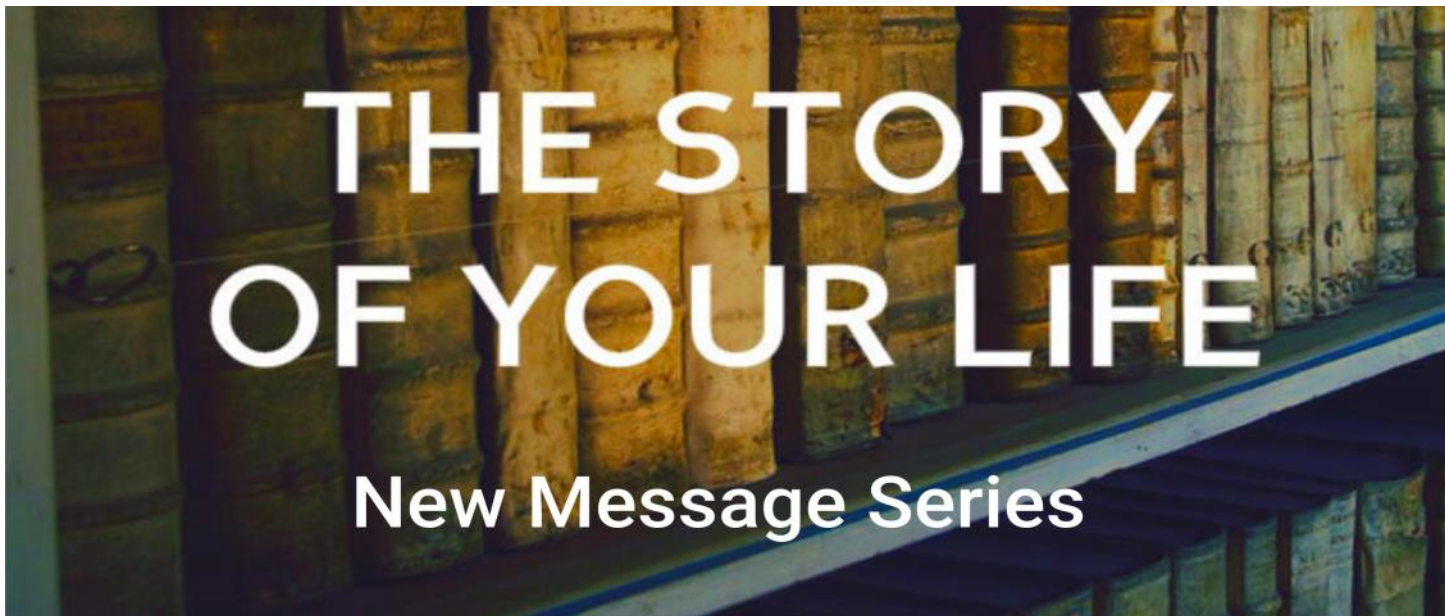
Whenever the prayers of others are not answered, whenever evil is allowed to prevail, whenever souls suffer because they have not heard the good news of salvation in Jesus, it's because the parts of Christ's earthly body that can do something about it are not doing it. God provides everything that's needed on earth through us! Jesus continues his ministry on earth through us!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How does it feel to know that you're called to continue Christ's ministry? Reflect on how important you are to the Body of Christ and his mission. What are you good at? What do you feel passionate about? What particular evils disturb you most? This is where you can make a difference!

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Name ways that ordinary people can bring good news to the poor, or free captives, or help the blind see, or set the oppressed free, or proclaim what is acceptable to the Lord. What are your experiences doing this?



In the first reading, Ezra reads the law of God and the people weep because they see how their lives have fallen short of God’s commandments. They weep when they see the gap between how God has called them to live and their real lives. They weep because of regret. Ezra encourages them not to be sad, but to rejoice that the Lord is our strength.

We may be filled with regret when we recognize how our stories fall short of God’s glory. We are accepted by God not because of what we have done but because of what Jesus has done for us. God can take our past regrets and use them for good. Everyone has made poor decisions.

Parish Social Ministry Program Annual Report 2021

This is a summary of the assistance we were able to provide our clients in 2021. Our Program was able to do this thanks to the continued generosity of our parishioners who donated money, gift cards and food. We are especially blessed with a dedicated group of volunteers who assist our clients and make them feel welcome.



Households Assisted: Number of households receiving food, toiletries, paper goods and cleaning products from the food pantry. This includes regular assistance given throughout the year as well as our Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket drives.

New Clients: This is the number of new families that joined our program in 2021.

Individuals Assisted: This shows how many people our program has assisted, also including information from our Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket drives.

| Households Assisted | New Clients | Children Assisted | Adults Assisted | Seniors Assisted | Total Individuals Assisted |
|---------------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| 407 | 15 | 441 | 863 | 120 | 1424 |

Financial Assistance: In addition to providing assistance from our food pantry, the Outreach Program also provides financial assistance to our clients. This includes assistance with rent, utilities and other expenses, as well as gift cards to various stores in the area. These numbers also include information from our Thanksgiving and Christmas Basket drives.

| Rental Assistance | Other Assistance | Gift Cards | Total Financial |
|-------------------|------------------|------------|-----------------|
| 0 | 1768 | 8920 | 10688 |

We are very grateful for the wonderful leadership of Joe Galdi in coordinating our Social Ministry Program with our dedicated volunteers as we move forward with our mission Love God, Serve others, Grow Disciples.

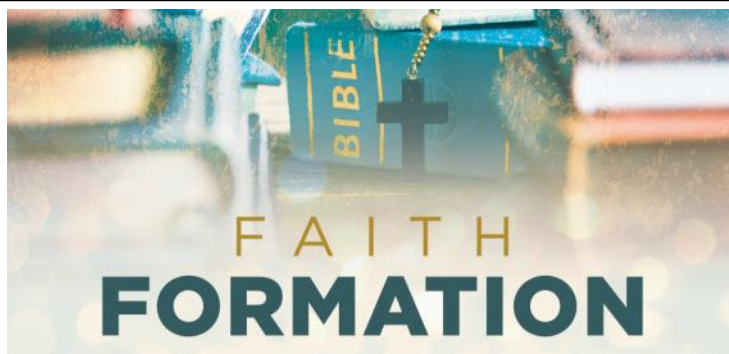
Parish Social Ministry

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: Kleenex, Toothbrushes, Conditioner, Laundry Detergent, Fruit Juice, Baked Beans, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Cooking Oil**



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES & YOUTH MINISTRY

Faith Formation Classes will resume on **Monday, January 24th**, and Youth Ministry on **Thursday, January 27th**.



New Mass Schedule

Beginning January 8th

Saturday 5:30 PM, Sunday 9:30, 11:30 AM



activities on parish grounds.

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



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.** This gives us an opportunity to 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!



Scan. Pay. Go.

Sunday, Jan 23, 2022

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

Those aren't fighting words

Most fights don't start with a punch, but with a word. That's because words are among the most powerful forces on the planet. Ideas divide or unite a society. Insults scar, just as kind words can heal. Our sacred story contained in scripture is a word meant to make the world whole. Pope Francis asks us to honor the word of God this Sunday. We begin by symbolically enthroning the Bible in our homes today: putting it in a place of honor. This reminds us of the deeper enthronement of God's word in our hearts. Make room for one Bible verse every day.

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-30; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21 (69). *"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."*

Monday, Jan 24, 2022

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS DE SALES, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

God, our shield and our strength

We live in tumultuous times for sure. But the world has been topsy-turvy before. Saint Francis de Sales lived during the religious, political, and social upheaval of the Protestant Reformation. And he became known for his gentleness and patience in the face of it. Leave it to him, the patron saint of writers, to pen a prayer that is timeless balm for troubled souls: "Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either he will shield you from suffering, or he will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations . . ." A balm for these troubled times.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 5:1-7, 10; Mark 3:22-30 (317). *"If a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand."*

Tuesday, Jan 25, 2022

FEAST OF THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL, APOSTLE

Harden not your heart

Paul has always been a controversial figure. Before becoming a Christian, he was a persecutor of Jesus' followers. Paul's biblical words advising women to be submissive to their husbands have been alternately obeyed, rejected, and reinterpreted. But the word "conversion" on this feast reminds us what Christian life is about. The Catechism of the Catholic Church quotes Saint Ambrose on the "two conversions" in Christian life—one of them a one-time event and the other ongoing. "There are water and tears, the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance." What parts of your life still require repentance?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mark 16:15-18 (519). *"Jesus . . . appeared to you on the way by which you came, that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."*

Wednesday, Jan 26, 2022

MEMORIAL OF TIMOTHY AND TITUS, BISHOPS

Stay the course

Evangelizing and living the gospel demands much of us. Saints Timothy and Titus serve as examples to us of holding fast to the faith among difficult circumstances. Friends and companions of Saint Paul, they ended up becoming bishops and leaders of the early church. They helped Paul to spread the gospel during those difficult early years. Timothy paid the ultimate price for encouraging others to embrace the emerging Christian faith.

Reflect on the ways you choose to follow Jesus Christ and embrace his mission despite the challenges and difficulties it presents.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5; Mark 4:1-20 (520; Gospel 319). *"[T]hose sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."*

Thursday, Jan 27, 2022

MEMORIAL OF ANGELA MERICI, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

Wise counsel for the overwhelmed

On this memorial of Saint Angela Merici, 16th-century founder of the Ursuline Sisters, it makes sense to recall one of her many insights into faith-filled living. She advised the overwhelmed thus: "Do not lose heart, even if you should discover that you lack qualities necessary for the work to which you are called. He who called you will not desert you, but the moment you are in need he will stretch out his saving hand." May you find that saving hand when you reach the end of your rope.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:18-19, 24-29; Mark 4:21-25 (320). *"Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand?"*

Friday, Jan 28, 2022

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS AQUINAS, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Root yourself in honesty

G.K. Chesterton once said of philosopher and theologian Thomas Aquinas, "Being himself resolved to argue, to argue honestly, to answer everybody, to deal with everything, he produced books enough to sink a ship or stock a library." We could use a little more Thomas in our media, especially social media, because today we're not always sure if things are actually true or merely "internet true." For Thomas, honesty was key to communication. He considered it beautiful, honorable, and a reflection of moral goodness itself. May we take to heart his commitment to honesty in all of our communication.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Mark 4:26-34 (321). *"Once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade."*

Saturday, Jan 29, 2022**Sea of hope**

Alonzo Ketcham Parker, a 19th-century travel writer, called the Sea of Galilee "a fifth gospel" due to the amount of biblical history that occurred on its shores. It is the site where Jesus performed many of his most renowned miracles, such as walking on water, calming the storm, and feeding the multitude. Villages and settlements dotted the shore in Jesus' day, and most of Jesus' followers probably gained their livelihood and nourished their families from its bounty. The nourishment continues every time we read the vivid accounts of biblical drama that occur on the holiest of seas. Dive in!

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17; Mark 4:35-41 (322). *"He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Quiet! Be still!' The wind ceased and there was great calm."*

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



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