



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

January 30, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Sunday, January 30th

9:30 a.m. — Bob Burkley (Joy Newell)
 Healing of Anna Zakrzewska
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish
 Rita Bowker (Terry & Rachel LeGrady)

Monday, January 31st

9:00 a.m. — Rosemary O'Connor (Hilda Manitta)
 Intentions of Rev. Chris Aridas (Annette Wolz)

Tuesday, February 1st

9:00 a.m. — Dennis Quirk (Wolz Family)

Wednesday, February 2nd

9:00 a.m. — Frank Campanelli, Sr.

Thursday, February 3rd

9:00 a.m. — Mary Alice Murphy (Lori & Vincent Testa)

Friday, February 4th

9:00 a.m. — Susan Keenan (Keenan Family)
 David & Kathleen Worrell

Saturday, February 5th

5:30 p.m. — Joan Tait (Pat Rivers)

Sunday, February 6th

9:30 a.m. — Nancy McSherry (Joy Newell)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**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 \$8,419
 (includes Faith Direct)**

**Last Year's Collection \$7,989
 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)

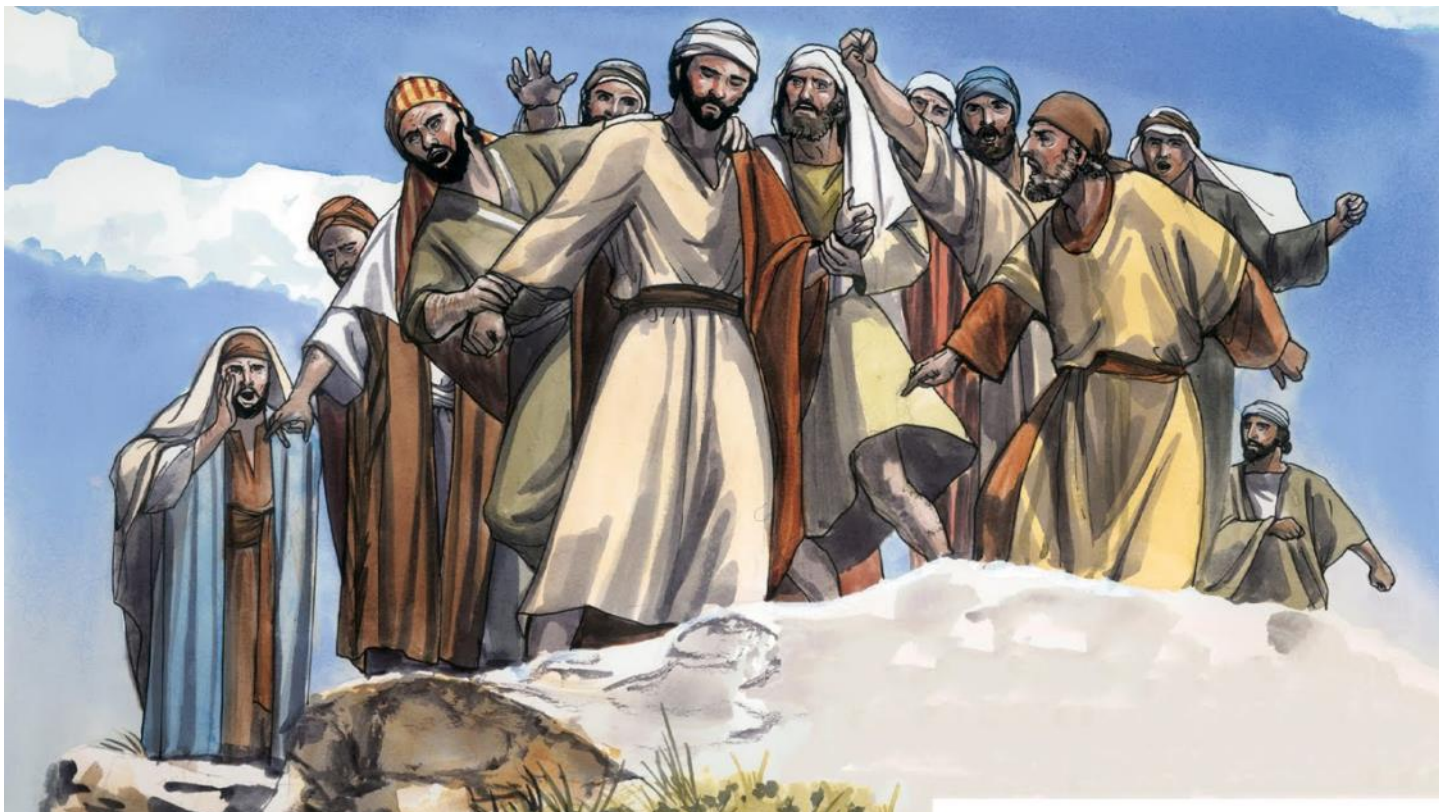
Contact Chantal Mears at Chantalmears@yahoo.com or 631-438-2468 or visit www.bsa356.com for more details..

*Rest
 in
 Peace*

Deceased Brothers and Sisters of our Parish Family

Good News Reflection**When others judge us wrongly**

Take a close look at this Sunday's Gospel story. Jesus has just finished reading the scripture that we heard on the previous Sunday ("The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor," etc.). He tells the people in the synagogue that this scripture is now being fulfilled through him, and they all speak highly of him. But by the end of this scripture, they're furious with him.



What changed their attitude?

Their awe turned into confusion when they remembered, "Isn't this the son of Joseph?" Unlike those who would meet Jesus for the first time in later chapters of the story, these people had experiences with Jesus the toddler who fell when learning to walk, Jesus the teenager who bled from mistakes made while learning the carpentry trade from his father, Jesus the young man who wept at his father's funeral.

Their attitude changed when they stopped listening with their spirits and started listening with their pre-conceived notions. This disconnect from the divine then stirred up their emotions.

Think of how people react when you confuse them by doing or saying something out of character, that is, out of the character that they expect from you. If you're perceived as too young or too old to do what you are in fact capable of doing, or if your education level doesn't include a formal degree that proves that you know what you do already know, or if you don't tell people what they want to hear, their surprise turns into confusion that triggers an emotional response against you.

We expect them to believe us and trust us, and when they don't, our surprise turns into confusion that triggers an emotional response against them. But how did Jesus handle it when they treated him this way? He calmly spoke a truth that was inspired by the Holy Spirit. Did he have an emotional reaction? Sure! He was human like us; we were all created by the Father to have emotions. The problem is not in the emotions; the problem occurs when we listen through our emotions instead of our spiritual connection to the Holy Spirit.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How much time do you spend training your ear to hear the Holy Spirit within you? When life is busy happening around you, do you mostly react to it or are you on some level praying about it? What can you do this week to develop a more automatic connection to the Spirit of God?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

What are some of the ways you listen to the Holy Spirit? Keeping in mind a surprising challenge that happened to you recently, describe the differences between an emotional reaction and a spiritual action.

THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE

New Message Series

In the first reading, God appoints Jeremiah to be a prophet to the nations. Later in the passage, Jeremiah objects that he is too young to speak for God. God calls each of us to share our stories. Like Jeremiah we can object for a variety of reasons. Yet, God calls us to be prophets to share how God is working in our life and changing in our life. In this message we talk about the importance of sharing our story of how God is working in our lives. God calls each of us into a personal relationship with him.

Write out your story of when your faith became personal.

STEWARDSHIP WORSHIP OFFERING

GIVING to our parish is an act of worship

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.

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.



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**



Drug Crisis Assistance

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS? CATHOLIC CHARITIES / Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. For more information, please call: 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Sliding scale fees, Medicaid, Medicare, and other third-party insurance accepted.



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



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.** 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!



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Sunday, Jan 30, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Children should be seen, heard—and guided

It's been a tough two years on everyone, but especially on the kids. Childhood was upended by the pandemic. Schooling has been a heroic effort, and peer interactions have been stifled. This generation of young ones will have a special burden in trying to make up for lost time, missed opportunities, and natural social interactions. They've also learned unexpected lessons about global interconnectedness, the rich advantages of technology, and the bitter realities of social inequity. Today begins Catholic Schools Week, with the theme "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service," to remind us that our schools enable children to put what they learn in the context of gospel values. Support faith-based education!

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19; 1 Corinthians 12:31—13:13; Luke 4:21-30 (72). *"Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you."*

Monday, Jan 31, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JOHN BOSCO

Celebrating a lovely education

Saint John Bosco, a 19th-century Italian priest, was an educator ahead of his time. He understood the power of positive reinforcement long before modern psychology came along—and he applied this theory to teaching poor kids who had rough lives. His method? Quite simply, love. Rather than punish kids, he was kind. During Catholic Schools Week, offer a prayer of thanks for the educators who nurtured you through your formative years. Whether you went to Catholic schools or not, those special teachers were reflecting Christ's love back to you. Remember how their good works shaped the Christian you are today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Mark 5:1-20 (323). *"Go home to your family and announce to them all that the Lord in his pity has done for you."*

Tuesday, Feb 01, 2022**Catholic education for a better world**

On this Tuesday of Catholic Schools Week, the focus is on the student. The National Catholic Education Association encourages schools to today recognize students' accomplishments—but also have them embrace the "grounding in faith, knowledge, and service" a Catholic education provides. In a June 2021 address to Latin American Catholic schools, Pope Francis expands this vision even more. He urges "welcoming schools" that "do not retreat into a selfish elitism, but that learn to live together with everyone . . . knowing that everything is connected." His wish? That "schools have conscience and create conscience." Pray for all Catholic students today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3; Mark 5:21-43 (324). *"The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around. At that they were utterly astounded."*

Wednesday, Feb 02, 2022

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Comfort food for the soul

Mexican American neighborhoods will be filled with the sweet aroma of warm tamales today, served because of a special connection this day has to January 6, the Epiphany. On Epiphany, *La Rosca*, a cake in the shape of a crown, is shared by family and

friends in honor of the Magi, a.k.a., the three kings. The person who finds a small figure of Jesus hidden in their slice of cake is tasked with throwing a tamale party today, the day the infant Jesus is presented at the Temple. Welcome Jesus to your table today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40 (524). *"When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord."*

Thursday, Feb 03, 2022**Lift up her voice**

Servant of God Mother Mary Elizabeth Lange, O.S.P., died on this day in 1882. Born into a well-educated family of means in the Caribbean, she immigrated to Baltimore in the early 1800s as a free black woman in a slave state. Seeing the need for education among her fellow Caribbean immigrants, she taught out of her home, opened a school in 1828, took first religious vows a year later, and founded the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Mary Elizabeth and her fellow sisters devoted themselves to works of mercy and social reform, working with communities of color facing poverty, racism, and the degradations of slavery. Nearly 200 years later, the order's work continues strong, as does the canonization process for this remarkable woman. Let Mary Elizabeth's example inspire you to respond to injustice with courageous compassion.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 2:1-4, 10-12; Mark 6:7-13 (326). *"The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them."*

Friday, Feb 04, 2022**Invest your humanity**

On this Friday of Catholic Schools Week, Pope Francis offers supportive words for Catholic educators. "To educate is an act of love, it is to give life. And love is demanding, it calls for the best resources, for a reawakening of the passion to begin this path patiently with young people. The educator in Catholic schools must be, first and foremost, competent and qualified but, at the same time, someone who is rich in humanity" and able to promote spiritual growth. For this, Francis said in 2014, "it is necessary to invest." How can you help support Catholic educators today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 47:2-11; Mark 6:14-29 (327). *"He added beauty to the feasts and solemnized the seasons of each year."*

Saturday, Feb 05, 2022**Be careful what you ask for**

The wisest thing Solomon ever did was to ask for wisdom. Given the chance to ask for anything, he didn't go the route of wealth, fame, immortality, but rather chose the road less traveled. For, as one biblical commentator put it, wisdom is "a bountiful crop with a meager harvest." Often personified in biblical testimony as the feminine face of the Divine, Proverbs tells us that she "cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: 'How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple?'" We are Solomon, and the choice is ours to make. What will you choose?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 3:4-13; Mark 6:30-34 (328). *"The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. . . . 'In addition, I give you what you have not asked for.'"*

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



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