



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

February 6, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Rev. Chris Aridas, Retired Pastor
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Faith Formation: 631-588-6408



**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Sunday, February 6th

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

Monday, February 7th

9:00 a.m. — Verius Paul (Children)
Tiri Paeper & Stefanie Ludyny (Family)

Tuesday, February 8th

9:00 a.m. — Maria & Inacio DeSousa (Family)

Wednesday, February 9th

9:00 a.m. — Rosemary O'Connor

Thursday, February 10th

9:00 a.m. — Luis A. Luces (Family)
Chris Aridas (Rosary Altar Society)

Friday, February 11th

9:00 a.m. — Dennis Quirk (Lucy Quirk)

Saturday, February 12th

5:30 p.m. — Robert Ellerkamp (Joan & Family)

Sunday, February 13th

9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

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

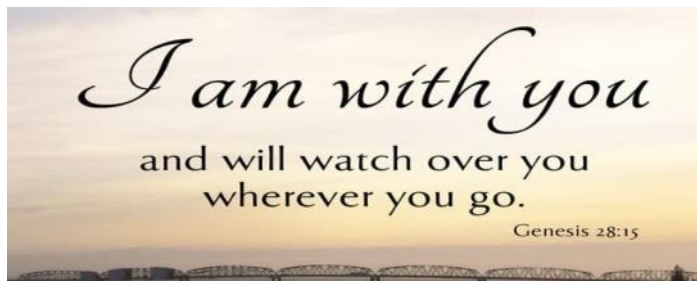
Usually the second Monday of the month: Sept - May at 7:30 PM in the parish center. Contact Sal Stingo at rtbhuntington@yahoo.com or Anita Wolf at hwolf96@aol.com.

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..



Time, Talent & Treasure

**Fostering Stewardship
as a Way of Life**

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

**Last Week's Collection \$5,422
(includes Faith Direct)**

**Last Year's Collection \$10,464
Thank You!**

*Rest
in
Peace*



Joan Marie Mahoney



Father Chris Aridas, our brother, retired pastor and friend has gone to the Lord on Wednesday, 2-2-22, afternoon. Funeral Mass and other arrangements are pending. Let us pray and thank God for this faithful servant who has shown us the way to celebrate our life and our faith. May he rest in peace.



THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE

New Message Series

Luke 5 -- Peter catches a boatload fish and recognizes Jesus' power. He fell to his knees and said, "Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man." Jesus tells the Peter, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men."

Our stories are our greatest evangelization tool. Nobody can argue with your story. Our stories tell God's story. Even though we are imperfect God wants us to reach other imperfect people so they can know Jesus too. God wants to use you and your story to draw people into a relationship with him. At the appropriate time, share your faith story with friends and family members who are unconnected to God.



HOOKED

FOLLOWERS FISH

Throughout this series, we will discuss the importance of sharing our faith, both for the benefit of others and for our own spiritual growth. By the end of this series, our goal is that you will be able to identify a person (or people) in whom you will invest and invite to church for our Lenten series.

When Jesus called the first disciples, he didn't promise to make them better or smarter or stronger. He said "follow me and I will make you fishers of men." In this message we will make the point that followers fish. We will look at the call of Peter and how we can get over the fear of bringing people to Jesus.

Identify people to invest and invite to church.

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: Toothbrushes, Household Cleaner, Dishwashing Liquid, Deodorant, Liquid Hand Soap, Conditioner, Salad Dressing, Tea.**



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 activities 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!**

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Sunday, Feb 06, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dreams for my family

Today is the National Day of Prayer for the African American Family. It recalls Pope Francis' encouragement of a family feeling among us all: "We need a community that supports and helps us, in which we can help one another to keep looking ahead. How important it is to dream together . . . Let us dream, then, as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh" (*Fratelli Tutti*, 8). Pray for unity in families, society, and church.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Luke 5:1-11 (75). "I am reminding you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you . . . and in which you also stand."

Monday, Feb 07, 2022**And you visited me**

Most of us probably thought (and hoped and prayed) the pandemic would be over by now, but COVID-19 is sticking around in 2022. As weary as we all are of it, we need each other as much as ever for support. Look no further than the corporal and spiritual works of mercy for guidance on helping others in ways that are safe and particularly useful right now. Visit the sick—if not literally, by grocery shopping or cooking for someone ill, or by reaching out to exhausted healthcare workers you know. Need tips on the other works specific to our times? Visit the Catholic bishops' resource page, "[The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy During the COVID-19 Pandemic](#)."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 8:1-7, 9-13; Mark 6:53-56 (329). "They scurried about the surrounding country and began to bring in the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was."

Tuesday, Feb 08, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JOSEPHINE BAKHITA

Time to stop traffic

Each year, the International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking falls on this day—the feast day of Saint Josephine Bakhita, F.D.C.C. In 1877, while still a young girl, Bakhita was kidnapped from her Sudanese village and sold—many times over—as a slave. She was brutalized for 12 years, her body a bundle of scars from being whipped and tortured. But human trafficking isn't just a problem from long ago, happening only in faraway places. Today, the United States remains one of the world's top three trafficked nations. Pray for—and learn more about—trafficking victims by visiting sistersagainstrafficking.org.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 8:22-23, 27-30; Mark 7:1-13 (330). "Look kindly on the prayer and petition of your servant, O Lord."

Wednesday, Feb 09, 2022**Be a truly "catholic" Christian**

In our daily lives as Catholics, it's easy to forget that we are members of a big church. Most of us are members of the Latin Church, which is the largest of the two dozen churches that make up the Catholic Church. The other 23 are Eastern churches. They use different liturgies, and some were established during the earliest times in church history. The Ethiopian Catholic Church, for example, uses the ancient Ge'ez liturgy—one of the oldest in existence—and can be traced back to the missionary work of

Saint Mark the Apostle. Today, remember that the Catholic Church is truly universal!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 10:1-10; Mark 7:14-23 (331). "The queen of Sheba, having heard of Solomon's fame, came to test him with subtle questions."

Thursday, Feb 10, 2022

MEMORIAL OF SCHOLASTICA

The truth behind the tradition continues

Tradition says that Scholastica, today's saint, had significant influence on her twin, Saint Benedict of Nursia, who codified the monastic way of life with his famous *Rule*. The lack of documentation on Scholastica's life is curious, given her centrality in shaping Benedictine life. There are written accounts of her, but they are sparse. While the historical record is lean, clearly Benedictine women, of whom Scholastica is said to be the first, have achieved spiritual greatness, scholarship, and leadership in their own right over the centuries and illuminated the faith for all of us.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 11:4-13; Mark 7:24-30 (332). "For saying this, you may go. The demon has gone out of your daughter."

Friday, Feb 11, 2022

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES

Release the power of your touch

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many people have suffered from a sense of isolation and alienation, this despite the myriad forms of modern communication from calls, to Zoom, to social media posts. Nothing is quite the same as the up close and personal—a handshake, a pat on the back, an embrace, or a kiss. Indeed, as many physicians, spiritual healers, and wisdom figures will tell you, humans not only need physical touch but it has healing benefits. Jesus puts a finger in a man's ear and rubs his own saliva into the man's mouth to cure him. Through his touch, Jesus gives part of himself to others. Perhaps that is the secret to all healing. Each of us giving of ourselves to help others. Pray to Our Lady of Lourdes for the opportunity to provide a healing touch to someone in need.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 11:29-32; 12:19; Mark 7:31-37 (333). "He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

Saturday, Feb 12, 2022

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Seventh heaven

From ancient times, the number seven was seen as the number of spirituality, perhaps because of the "seven moving luminaries" visible to the naked eye (the Sun and Moon, Mercury, Venus, Mars, Jupiter, and Saturn). There are many examples of the use of the number seven in both Testaments, from the seven days of creation in Genesis to the seven churches of Revelation. Catholicism celebrates seven sacraments, identifies seven deadly sins and seven virtues, seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, and seven corporal and spiritual works of mercy. Today, the seventh day of the week, is a good day to reflect on the seven sorrows and seven joys of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Mark 8:1-10 (334). "Then, taking the seven loaves he gave thanks."

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



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