



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

February 13, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Sunday, February 13th

9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, February 14th

9:00 a.m. — Otto Wolz (Family)

Joseph Nugent (Family)

Tuesday, February 15th

9:00 a.m. — Reverend Chris Aridas (M/M A. Recca)

John Paeper (Family)

Wednesday, February 16th

9:00 a.m. — Rosemary O'Connor (M/M G. Leverock)

Rosemary O'Connor (Rosary Altar Society)

Thursday, February 17th

9:00 a.m. — Marie Claude Casimir (Children)

Friday, February 18th

9:00 a.m. — John Sparano

Lorraine Schweers (Rosary Altar Society)

Saturday, February 19th

5:30 p.m. — Rosemary O'Connor

Sunday, February 20th

9:30 a.m. — John Ricciardi (Joy Newell)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Jean & Phillip Cavallo (Caballo Family)

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 Denise Materazo at dmfl121@yahoo.com for more details..

for we walk by faith, not by sight.
2Cor. 5:7



Time, Talent & Treasure

**Fostering Stewardship
as a Way of Life**

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

**Last Week's Collection \$12,537
(includes Faith Direct)**

**Last Year's Collection \$8,223
Thank You!**

*Rest
in
Peace*



Joseph Casparo
Pat McKenna
Doris Festa

Good News Reflection

Jesus sides with the downtrodden

Jesus makes it clear that he sides with the downtrodden in this Sunday's Gospel reading: the poor (this could be spiritually or materially), the hungry (again, spiritually or physically; the Lord cares about all who feel empty), the weeping, the hated, the excluded, the insulted, and those who are denounced on account of their faith in him.

Whenever we contribute to someone's miseries, we are setting ourselves up against God. Bad-mouthing people, even when the complaint is justified, is working against Jesus instead of with him. So is telling demeaning jokes, filing lawsuits that exceed fair justice, or failing to help anyone who comes to our attention and is in need of what we could share.

So is deliberately intimidating an employee or spouse, or being consistently late and causing others to be inconvenienced by the delay, or demanding too much from others, or demanding so much of ourselves that we have no energy or time for the Lord and for the people around us.

Whenever we contribute to the miseries of others, we work against Christ.

What happens to those who continually and unrepentantly set themselves against the Lord? Oh woe! Blessed are those whose hope is in the Lord (as this Sunday's first reading and responsorial Psalm remind us), but woe inevitably comes upon those whose only hope is human frailty.

The wealthy cannot take their possessions to heaven nor can they buy their way into heaven. Meanwhile, the Lord sides with those who suffer because this wealth had not been shared with them.

Similarly, those who laugh at the ones who cry will not laugh long, for joy at the expense of another is only temporary and never truly satisfying. The favored and famous who currently receive accolades will be criticized the moment their backs are turned.

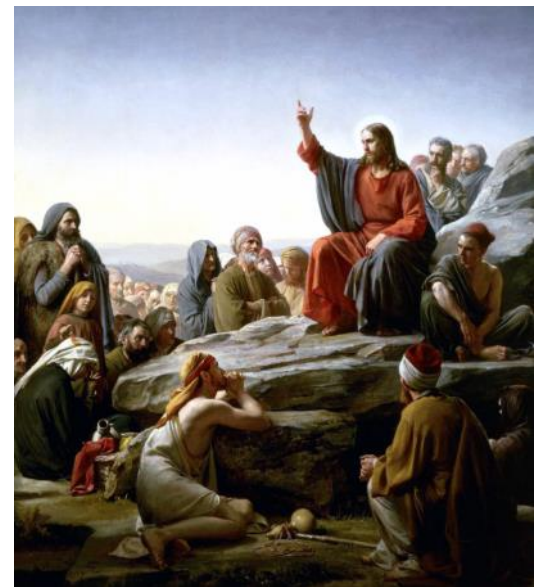
The downtrodden are uplifted by Jesus, but those who lift themselves up don't have enough strength to carry their burdens very well -- they are miserable even while they smile.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

In what ways do you feel downtrodden? What is Jesus saying to you about this? How is he holding you? In prayer, imagine his awesome concern for you. It is real!

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

When you've felt downtrodden, how did you discover that Jesus truly cares about you? What blessings come from knowing that Jesus is on your side?





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 and join a small group.

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.



A six week book and video study of *Seriously, God? Making Sense of Life Not Making Sense* by Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran coming this Lent. More information and small group sign ups coming soon.

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: Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Household Cleaner, Conditioner, Deodorant, Liquid Hand Soap, Tea, Fruit Juice, Noodles**



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Sunday, Feb 13, 2022

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Courage under fire

They called him the "Scourge of Apartheid" and "Guardian of the Light." Was he a Marvel superhero? Would you believe an archbishop? An Oblate of Mary Immaculate, Denis Hurley of Durban (1915-2004) opposed the racist regime of South Africa for 50 years, calling it "blasphemy" and "intrinsically evil" as first the world's youngest bishop and later as the youngest archbishop. Hurley joined Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu and three others on the South African government's "most wanted" list. Standing up for the truth may put us on a hit list. It also makes us blessed in God's eyes.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17, 20-26 (78). *"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude and insult you, . . . on account of the Son of Man."*

Monday, Feb 14, 2022

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL, MONK, AND METHIDIUS, BISHOP

Courting faith

Today may be the feast day of Saint Valentine, but Saints Cyril and Methodius get higher billing by the church with a memorial today. These brothers who were missionaries shared the love of Christ, not by penning endearing notes to loved ones, but by translating the Bible into a local language. In fact, they invented an alphabet so they could do it! The best way to reach people is to meet them where they are. If someone is in a different place on their spiritual journey, do you insist they "catch up" to you? Or do you run up to greet them and speak of God's love in terms they understand? Maybe you'll end up walking arm in arm in the same direction.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 1:1-11; Mark 8:11-13 (335). *"The Pharisees came forward and began to argue with Jesus, seeking from him a sign from heaven to test him."*

Tuesday, Feb 15, 2022**Faith and facts fit together**

Galileo, father of the scientific method, was born on this day in 1564. Famously, the Catholic Inquisition condemned him for insisting the Earth revolved around the sun—an unpopular position made twice as controversial for seeming to defy the pope. Ever since, Galileo remains the poster child for "faith versus reason," which feeds the unjustified stereotype that Catholicism is "anti-science." It's not. In fact, practicing Catholics, including priests and nuns, are found among notable scientists, past and present. And when Pope John Paul II issued an official apology in 1992, it came through the Pontifical Academy of Science. Time to unite spirit and intellect to help us understand the glories and challenges God's creation presents to us.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 1:12-18; Mark 8:14-21 (336). *"All good giving and every perfect gift is from above."*

Wednesday, Feb 16, 2022**"Holy Spirit, come"**

The Catholic Charismatic Renewal has helped reinvigorate the faith and refreshed the experience of worship for diverse pockets of churchgoers. Beginning with the 1967 Duquesne Weekend—a meeting in Pittsburgh at an Episcopalian prayer service, where a group of Catholics encountered the "charismatic gifts" of speaking in tongues, miraculous healing, and other supernatural

occurrences—Catholics across the country and eventually around the world began to experience a similar sense of renewal and ecumenical connection. Though the gifts of the Spirit are available to all, not everyone will experience them in the same way. What is essential is to be open to the Holy Spirit at all times.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 1:19-27; Mark 8:22-26 (337). *"He laid hands on the man's eyes a second time and he saw clearly."*

Thursday, Feb 17, 2022

MEMORIAL OF THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER, RELIGIOUS

God calls us each by name

Today the church honors the seven men who founded the Servite religious order in Italy nearly 800 years ago. The Servites have branches for every type of Catholic vocation: laity, priests, brothers, contemplative nuns, and active (apostolic) sisters. This international religious institute is nearly 800 years old, with rich traditions of prayer and service. If you are single and seeking your path, have you considered life as a consecrated brother, sister, or priest? VocationMatch.com is a good place to begin your exploration.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 2:1-9; Mark 8:27-33 (338). *"But who do you say that I am?" Peter said to him in reply, 'You are the Christ.'"*

Friday, Feb 18, 2022**Cross-culture conflicts**

The concept of "taking up one's cross" has never been an easy one to understand. It does not mean to suffer in silence and passively accept our fate. When we "take up our cross," we signal our willingness to suffer for the sake of good, to give witness to what is right, to announce charity where there is greed, love where there is hate, and peace where there is war. Blessed Titus Brandsma, a Carmelite priest who was martyred in Dachau after speaking out against Nazism, wrote, "They who want to win the world for Christ must have the courage to come into conflict with it."

TODAY'S READINGS: James 2:14-24, 26; Mark 8:34—9:1 (339).

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Saturday, Feb 19, 2022

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Let your prayer shine

The Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary traditionally contained three sets of mysteries—the Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious—each set reflecting on five events in the life of Jesus and Mary. In 2002 Pope Saint John Paul II introduced a fourth set, the Luminous Mysteries, which included the Baptism of the Lord, the Wedding at Cana, the Proclamation of the Kingdom, the Transfiguration, and the Institution of the Eucharist. Each of these additional mysteries reveals a facet of the identity of the Lord. Saint Irenaeus wrote of the Transfiguration: "The glory of God is a live human being and a truly human life is the vision of God." Take time to know Jesus better by praying the Luminous Mysteries.

TODAY'S READINGS: James 3:1-10; Mark 9:2-13 (340). *"And he was transfigured before them."*

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



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