



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

March 13, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Sunday, March 13th

9:30 a.m. — Fr. Chris Aridas (Sheila & Maureen)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, March 14th

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Chris Aridas (Ed Uy & Family)

Tuesday, March 15th

9:00 a.m. — Loreto Carreon (Gochan Family)

Wednesday, March 16th

9:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Altar Society

Thursday, March 17th

9:00 a.m. — William & Sarah Ross (Mary Ross)

Rosemary O'Connor (Children)

Friday, March 18th

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

John DiBona (DiBona Family)

Saturday, March 19th

5:30 p.m. — Fr. Chris Aridas (Pat Rivers)

Sunday, March 20th

9:30 a.m. — Frederick C. Lingen (Family)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Jean & Phillip Cavallo (Cavallo Family)



Time, Talent & Treasure

**Fostering Stewardship
as a Way of Life**

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

**Last Week's Collection \$14,130
(includes Faith Direct)**

**Last Year's Collection \$10,449
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 Denise Materazo at dmfl121@yahoo.com for more details..

*Rest
in
Peace*



Dorothy Brady-Breslin
Frank Cassano

Good News Reflection

Light in our darkness

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we see Jesus reveal the uncreated light of his true identity and we hear the Father say, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him."

We experience Christ's deepest identity every time we listen to him and allow the Holy Spirit to enlighten our understanding of his words and guidance.



By listening to him, we let his uncreated light consume the darkness that still lingers within us. Then, the people around us experience more of him, because they meet him in us -- in our actions, in our compassion, in our forgiveness, etc. This is evangelization!

Lent is a time of concentrating on our need for Christ to shed his light into our areas of darkness. When we let Jesus enlighten us so that we repent (which means change), seeking and receiving forgiveness and the Holy Spirit's power to change, we become more like Christ. We shine more brilliantly with him. And we enter more fully into his ministry of redeeming the world. Although there is suffering in this ministry, we know that the pain of Good Friday is always followed by the victory of Easter.

It's in the trials and sacrifices of life -- our own crucifixions -- where our holiness changes the world. Do we dare follow Jesus all the way to Calvary? It's the only way to get to Easter! Our trials are his blood being shed again. Our pains are his pains. We're already on the cross with Jesus! So why not embrace this extreme intimacy with him for the sake of those who've scourged us and betrayed us?

By loving those who don't love us, forgiving those who mistreat us, and working hard to replace evil with the kingdom of God, we reveal the light of Christ to those who live in darkness.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Think of a redemption you've experienced, an area of darkness in your life that Jesus shed his light upon when he inspired you to repent. How has this change increased your holiness? What is he inviting you to change now, something that's been difficult to look at or hard to overcome? What would you like to hear from Jesus that will help you turn this darkness into holiness? After you figure it out, take this to the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Why is the Passion of Christ your passion? What crosses are you carrying that you hope will help Christ redeem the world from sin and darkness? How does your cross purify your own holiness?

SERIOUSLY, YOU LET ME DOWN!

Week Three – Seriously, You Let Me Down

Scripture: Genesis 15:1-12

We have hopes and dreams for the future. We set our hearts on something good, and God lets us down when those hopes and dreams seem to have no hope of coming to fruition. In this message, we will look at the life of Abraham and his disappointment with God. We will look at the importance of trusting God even when it seems like he has let us down.

Like Abraham, we will have disappointment with God in the delays of our hopes and dreams.

Like Abraham, trust God to come through. He will deliver in his time, not ours. Acknowledge the disappointment but be hopeful that God will come through in his time, not ours.



Coffee
in the
Courtyard

After 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM Masses

In the Parish Center Hall

Coffee - Conversations - Community

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**. Hang out with our fellow worshippers, spend a few minutes conversing with others, make new friends, and build a stronger community, in which we then become a stronger parish family. **All are welcome!** Join us for fellowship, wonderful conversations and of course coffee.

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: Fruit Juice, Icing for Cakes, Mayonnaise, Salad Dressing, Canned Chili, Muffin Mix, Ketchup, Kleenex**



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Catholic Ministries Appeal

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One Family in Mission – Building a Community of

FAITH



HOPE



& LOVE



“God’s love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit.”
– Pope Francis

Every year through the support and commitment of individuals and organizations, we are able to serve more than 600,000 people in our Long Island community. The Catholic Ministries Appeal enables our Church to continue to form our youth and adults in the faith, promote the dignity of life, provide quality education to our young people, feed the hungry, and foster vocations to the priesthood. Our Parish goal this year is \$56,400. We have surpassed our goal last year (54,200) and got back more than \$13,000 as rebate to use it in our parish. Your generosity helps to make all of this, and so much more, possible! **Thank you for your support.**



Bereavement Support Groups

Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are opened to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death at no charge. Upcoming In-Person & Virtual Bereavement Support Groups, led by a Bereavement Specialist, include:

In-Person – Spousal/Partner Bereavement Support Group - Registration Required.

Good Shepherd Hospice Inpatient Center, 200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson
Thursday Afternoons: March 24 thru May 19 / 3:00PM-4:30PM*No Group April 14th

In-Person – Adult Loss of Parent Support Group - Registration Required.

Good Shepherd Hospice Inpatient Center, 200 Belle Terre Road, Port Jefferson
Thursday Evenings: March 24 thru May 19 / 5:00PM-6:30PM *No Group April 14th

Call Jennifer Kimlingen, LMSW @ (631) 828-7636

Virtual – Spousal/Partner Bereavement Support Group - Registration required

Wednesday Afternoons: March 23 thru May 19 / 3:00PM-4:30PM

– Call Roger Sullivan, LCSW @ (631) 465-6332



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, Mar 13, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

A heart-warming witness

She was divorced—twice. Mary Clarke Brenner (1926-2013) lived in Beverly Hills: not an address associated with holy living. Yet this remarkable woman would go on to become the “Prison Angel,” dedicating her life to criminals in a maximum-security jail. Mother Antonia, as she was later known, didn’t just visit the incarcerated; she moved into the jail and lived among them for years. Others sought to imitate her generous spirit and formed the Eudist Servants of the Eleventh Hour—mindful that any of us might need saving in the end. “Warm the coldest heart,” was her prayer. Pray for prison ministries.

TODAY’S READINGS: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18; Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 9:28b-36 (27). “Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness.”

Monday, Mar 14, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Take a reverent knee in solidarity

The BBC named 45-year-old Xaverian Sister Ann Rose Nu Tawng of Myanmar among the news agency’s list of “100 inspiring and influential woman from around the world” for 2021. Stunning news photos and videos showed her kneeling with arms outstretched before security forces, asking them to shoot her instead of peaceful protesters of the country’s military takeover. Two of the armed police dropped to their knees and folded their hands. On this, the last day of National Catholic Sisters Week, it’s a dramatic example of the selfless sacrifice of religious women who give their lives in service to and love of Christ. The vast majority don’t become sensations for their acts, but they are still heroes.

TODAY’S READINGS: Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38 (230). “For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you.”

Tuesday, Mar 15, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

A cardinal’s titular role

It was a huge honor for the United States when—on this day in 1875—Pope Pius IX elevated New York’s Archbishop John McCloskey to become the first-ever cardinal from the United States. It meant American Catholics finally had a seat at the table. All cardinals belong to the College of Cardinals, which elects and counsels the pope. And all cardinals automatically assume honorary leadership of dioceses and parishes around Rome—meaning they, too, could be promoted bishop of Rome one day. While our church preserves such hierarchical traditions, God sees beyond rank to the quality of service we render, regardless of station. Pray for all to serve the church with wisdom and love.

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12 (231). “Do not be called ‘Master’; you have but one master, the Christ.”

Wednesday, Mar 16, 2022

LENTEN WEEKDAY

Be bold in your witness for justice

On this day in 1877, the renowned black Catholic scholar and activist Dr. Thomas Wyatt Turner was born in Hughesville, Maryland. The first African American to earn a Ph.D. in botany (or in any subject from Cornell University), Turner would go on to co-found both the NAACP in 1909 and the Federated Colored

Catholics in 1924. Via both organizations, he would lobby to end segregation at the Catholic University of America as well as in U.S. seminaries (especially that of the Josephites, an order founded to serve African Americans). He died in 1978 at the age of 101. May his legacy be for all of us a model of defiant witness for the oppressed.

TODAY’S READINGS: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28 (232). “Remember that I stood before you to speak in their behalf.”

Thursday, Mar 17, 2022

MEMORIAL OF PATRICK, BISHOP, MISSIONARY

Have you answered the call?

In the modern Western world, middle-class people rarely face death by starvation or religious persecution. Saint Patrick, the great evangelizer of Ireland in the 600s, faced both these threats when he finally acted on his long-avoided calling to bring the Christian message to the people of Ireland. Have you ever inconvenienced yourself to carry out something God called you to? Take a moment today to reflect on your own calling in life and the sacrifice it entails.

TODAY’S READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31 (233). “If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.”

Friday, Mar 18, 2022

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF JERUSALEM, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

The doctor prescribes some “me time”

In a series of lectures known as the *Catechesis*, Saint Cyril of Jerusalem instructed fourth-century catechumens in the faith. His lessons continue to be enlightening: “The present is the season of confession,” Cyril writes of Lent. “Confess what thou hast done in word or in deed. . . . Forsake things present and put your trust in things to come. Have you run so many circles [over] the years busied in vain about the world, and have you not 40 days to be free for prayer, for your own soul’s sake? ‘Be still, and know that I am God,’ says the Scripture. . . . You are running for yourself, see to your own interest.” Note well: You have the permission of a saint and doctor of the church to go off the grid for a time and tend to your own spiritual well-being.

TODAY’S READINGS: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 (234). “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.”

Saturday, Mar 19, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF JOSEPH, HUSBAND OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

First spouse

On May 1, 2013, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments instructed that the name of Saint Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary, be inserted into all the Eucharistic Prayers of the Mass. So now when the priest invokes the name of the Mother of God during the prayers at the altar, he includes “with Blessed Joseph, her spouse.” Joseph is our model of the just man, the good husband. Pray for husbands everywhere, that Joseph be their model and a source of strength.

TODAY’S READINGS: 2 Samuel 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Romans 4:13, 16-18, 22; Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Luke 2:41-51a (543). “He did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”

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



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