



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

April 24, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Sunday, April 24th

9:30 a.m. — Joseph Casparo (Catholic War Veterans)
Wayne Murphy (M/M A. Johnson & Family)
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish
Jean & Phillip Cavallo (Cavallo Family)

Monday, April 25th

9:00 a.m. — Irene Alduino (Lensenio & Friends)
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Tuesday, April 26th

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Chris Aridas (Sharon Holliday)

Wednesday, April 27th

9:00 a.m. — Pat McKenna
Joan Tait

Thursday, April 28th

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Paul Driscoll (Florence Talluto)
Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)

Saturday, April 30th

5:30 p.m. — Barbara Lupo
William Lambert (Keenan Family)

Sunday, May 1st

9:30 a.m. — Maria & Inacio deSousa (Family)
Leroy Lovell (Lucy Quirk)
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish
Frances Bentivegna (M/M J. Herchenroder)

*Rest
in
Peace*  Nancy Scannapieco



Time, Talent & Treasure
Fostering Stewardship
as a Way of Life

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
(Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$20,306
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$7,918
Thank You!

We celebrate EUCHARIST

Saturdays: 5:30 PM
Sundays: 9:30, 11:30 AM
Weekdays: Mon—Thurs 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

Sacraments

For more information on Baptism, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick, please visit our parish website www.abvmcentereach.com or call the office at 631-585-8760 during regular office hours.

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..

Good News Reflection**Alive in the Spirit of Mercy**

This Sunday's Gospel reading sets the stage for Pentecost. Prior to giving us the full gift of his Spirit, Jesus provides the gift of peace, the gift of his heart. A supernatural gift, it penetrates deep into our own hearts. It is the calming presence of Christ when we face challenges and difficulties.



Jesus bestowed it upon his first apostles twice in the same meeting shortly after his resurrection. Then he gave them the life-breath of God, the Holy Spirit, and commissioned them with the priesthood of forgiving the sins of others -- another gift that brings peace.

This gift of peace has been distributed by Jesus ever since, through the ordained priesthood in what we now call the Sacrament of Reconciliation. And to hold us steady in our efforts to remain holy, Jesus still gives us the breath of God. This breath, this life-sustaining presence of God's Spirit, which created the world and which keeps us spiritually alive, is the Holy Spirit -- God's holiness activating us and dwelling within us.

Whatever is not holy -- not of the Spirit -- is sinful and destructive. Jesus, who is the embodiment of Divine Mercy, died on the cross and gave us his Spirit so that we could live in the forgiveness of God.

Whenever you pray the "Our Father", do it slowly and intentionally, and pay attention to these words: "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us." Think of the people who have irritated you the most or who have continued to behave hurtfully without remorse. Consciously forgive them during this prayer.

Otherwise, your unforgiveness could affect their eternal souls as well as your own, because you're denying them an opportunity to understand God's forgiveness through your example, and you're denying God the opportunity to forgive you for your sin of unforgiveness.

Forgiveness doesn't mean approving of the sin nor forgetting what was done. It means letting go of the desire to retaliate. It means choosing to love whether it's deserved or not. It means entering anew into Christ's gift of peace.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Who in your life is hardest to forgive? Perhaps it's yourself! What sins are you retaining by refusing to accept that God has already made his forgiveness available through the cross and resurrection? What are you going to do this week to let go of the unforgiveness?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Name a situation that illustrates the resurrection power of forgiveness. How did the Holy Spirit help make forgiveness easier to do? What changed when forgiveness was given? How did this bring the kingdom of God to earth?



Week Two – New Mind

Scripture: John 20:19-31

As we think, so we are. Believing in the resurrection and all its implications opens up new possibilities and challenges us to a greater imagination.



Small Groups is where our large church gets small. Groups are 6-10 people who meet to discuss faith, go deeper in the weekly message, and support one another in their relationship with Christ. This is the place to care for others and be cared for; a place to impact our community and the world. Assumption small groups are open to accept more people to help your faith journey. If you like to join a small group, stop by at the Welcome Desk in the lobby on Sunday or email rptak@abvmcentereach.com to sign up



SAVE THE DATE

JULY 25 - JULY 29 9am to 12pm

K - 6th grades

7th grade and older - Junior Counselor

Adult Volunteers needed



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.

Change in Week Day Mass Schedule

Beginning the week after Easter Sunday, we will discontinue the daily Friday Mass at 9:00 AM. When we had Fr Chris around, it was easy for me to take a day off. Since that is not the case anymore, Friday will be my off day. Holy Days, Funerals, Adorations etc. will be celebrated on Fridays. So, our new weekday mass schedule will be Monday to Thursday, at 9:00 AM. Thank you very much for your understanding. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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: Deodorant, Fruit Juice, Canned Chicken, Noodles, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Toothpaste**



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters is sponsoring a trip to the **Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. on November 10, 2022** to see their production of the story of King David. The one day trip, offered at a price of \$200 per person includes, the trip, tip for driver, lunch and the play. Hampton Jitney will be picking us up at the parking lot of Assumption Church.

Please contact Rose Picariello at 631-676-2855 (H), 631-278-0073 or email: rpicariello7@yahoo.com. \$100 deposit needed no later than May 25, 2022 to secure our reservations. All final details will be given at a later date.



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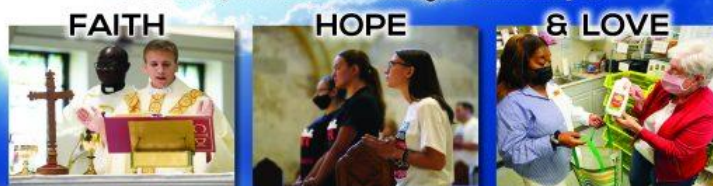


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"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."
— Pope Francis

One Family in Mission – Building a Community of



Every year Catholic Ministries Appeal enables our Church on Long island 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.**

Sunday, Apr 24, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER; DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Mercy seasons justice

Mercy is described as a double blessing in Shakespeare's famous "quality of mercy" speech delivered in *The Merchant of Venice*. Mercy blesses the giver as well as the receiver. We're blessed by being merciful since God promises to be generous to us in the same measure we use with others. Withholding compassion punishes both the denier and the denied. Saint Gertrude the Great expresses gratitude to God for how divine mercy "has led me through the many obstacles I have placed in the way of your love." Love better by loving with compassion.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:12-16; Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; John 20:19-31 (45). "Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, 'Peace be with you.'"

Monday, Apr 25, 2022

FEAST OF MARK, EVANGELIST

Hear him roar

Even though the Gospel of Mark comes second in the New Testament, it was the first one written and served as source material for the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. The author of Mark was not one of the 12 apostles but was a friend of Peter, who called him "son," and Paul, with whom he had a bumpy relationship. Mark is depicted in art with the symbol of a winged lion—his gospel may be simple and to the point, but the "roar" of his words certainly took flight! Don't underestimate the power of your own words about the Lord—they too may endure!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20 (555). "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature."

Tuesday, Apr 26, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

Martyrs for the poor

On this day in 1998, Guatemalan Bishop Juan Gerardi Conedera was bludgeoned to death for daring to defend the nation's indigenous people. Conedera was not the first Latin American religious leader—nor the last—to be martyred for championing the "least of these" as Jesus did. But the fate of all such martyrs shines a bright light on Catholic Social Teaching as it emerged from pivotal gatherings of Latin American bishops, for instance the Medellín (1968) and Puebla (1979) conferences. Quoting Puebla, how can you make a "preferential option for the poor" today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:32-37; John 3:7b-15 (268). "So must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

Wednesday, Apr 27, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

The light outshines the darkness

Holocaust Remembrance Day begins at sundown this evening. The Holocaust was one of the darkest moments in human history. It seemed that evil might triumph over good, darkness over light. The Catholic Church of times past sadly watered the deadly seeds of anti-Semitism. Thankfully that has changed in recent decades. Pope John Paul II was instrumental in his visits to synagogues and reinterpreting the New Testament to avoid the anti-Jewish implications that dominated for centuries. Pope Francis has prayed at the Western Wall and Yad Vashem, denouncing anti-Semitism, standing up for Jews when

anti-Semitism occurs. Just as Easter Sunday comes after the horror of Good Friday, the light does indeed prevail. We are an Easter people.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:17-26; John 3:16-21 (269). "But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God."

Thursday, Apr 28, 2022

MEMORIAL OF PETER CHANEL, PRIEST, MARTYR

The stuff that healers are made of

The martyrdom of Marist priest Father Peter Chanel, S.M. on the South Seas island of Fortuna could be an action movie. There's a disgruntled king. A bloody fight. Peter Chanel, healer, steps in to treat the injured man, his enemy by any definition. Chanel momentarily turns, and the enemy rises up and strikes him dead. Chanel's murderer much later undergoes a conversion himself and becomes Christian, as does most of the island. One of Chanel's catechumens had said of him, "He loves us. He does what he teaches. He forgives his enemies. His teaching is good." Your personal battles may be less cinematic, but in the communion of saints, Chanel is available to inspire right action against the odds.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:27-33; John 3:31-36 (270). "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life."

Friday, Apr 29, 2022

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, LAY DOMINICAN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Grounded in love

Saint Catherine of Siena, O.P. models for us balance in our life of prayer and social commitment. Early in her life, she stayed at home and focused fervently on prayer. But God had other plans. Catherine had a vision in which Christ reminded her of the call to love God and neighbor. Catherine's spiritual director wrote that God spoke the following to Catherine: "It is the justice of these two commandments that I want you now to fulfill. On two feet you must walk my way; on two wings you must fly to heaven."

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 5:34-42; John 6:1-15 (271). "A large crowd followed him, because they saw the signs he was performing on the sick."

Saturday, Apr 30, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

Live free of fear

John Dear is a Catholic priest and longtime peace activist, having been arrested more than 75 times in acts of nonviolent civil disobedience. But it wasn't always that way. When he entered priestly formation, he couldn't imagine himself as an activist. His inspiration was Father Daniel Berrigan, S.J., renowned peace activist, poet, and Jesuit priest who died on this day in 2016. Dear writes: "I first met Dan . . . in the early 1980s . . . I remember asking him how in the world I could ever work for peace. 'What are you afraid of?' he asked me. 'Don't be afraid. Don't live in fear. Live in faith and hope and peace.' I was shocked. No one ever said such things to me. I decided then and there to give it a try. Later, I realized: we all need a teacher who tells us not to be afraid." Whatever your particular calling, don't let fear keep you from being your fullest, Christ-like self.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:1-7; John 6:16-21 (272). "They saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they began to be afraid. But he said to them, 'It is I. Do not be afraid.'"

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



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