



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**May 22, 2022**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**Sunday, May 22nd**

9:30 a.m. — William Ross (Mary Ross)  
 Thanksgiving (Antonio Mua Jr.)  
 11:30 a.m. — Jean & Phillip Cavallo (Cavallo Family)  
 People of the Parish

**Monday, May 23rd**

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Chris Aridas (Barbara Della Croce)

**Tuesday, May 24th**

9:00 a.m. — Rev. Thomas Alenchery (Rose Picariello)  
 Edgar Murga (Porcaro Family)

**Wednesday, May 25th**

9:00 a.m. — Katherine Aridas

**Thursday, May 26th**

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Chris Aridas (Elizabeth Leverock)  
 7:00 p.m. — People of the Parish

**Saturday, May 28th**

5:30 p.m. — Matthew Mueller (Robert Morales)

**Sunday, May 29th**

9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)  
 Martha & Steven Dengenhardt (Joy Newell)  
 11:30 a.m.—Mary Michaelis (Ann & Andrew Chapman)

*Rest  
in  
Peace*

Florence Talluto  
Alda Slattery

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

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

**Last Week's Collection \$9,090**  
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$8,840**  
**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 Hall**  
**All 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders are Welcome**

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](http://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 McMahan 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*****The key to successfully loving as Jesus loves***

As this Sunday's Gospel reading points out, to love Jesus means to live by his commandments and teachings. In our hearts, we do want to do this. We want to honor Christ by imitating him. We want to love like Jesus loves. We know that God dwells in us when we do this.

**The Coming of  
the Holy Spirit**

However, it isn't easy. Every day, stuff happens that challenges our ability to keep his word and imitate his ways. Either we forget what Jesus would have done in a similar situation, or we don't know. When people afflict us with their faults and failings and un-loving behaviors, we fumble around in uncertainty and guesswork and sinful reactions.

There is no list in scripture that spells out clearly how to follow Christ in each and every circumstance: "If such-and-such occurs, apply Godly Principle #127."

This is why Jesus assured us that he'd give us his Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is here to remind us of Jesus and his holy ways every time we face another challenging situation, from the moment we wake up in the morning till the moment we're sleeping again.

So then, our problem is not that we don't know how to keep the commandments of Christ. Our problem is that we forget to rely on the Holy Spirit who teaches us how to keep the commandments. Or we don't know how to be aware of his guidance. We have God's full assistance, but we react to life's challenges as if we must handle it by ourselves.

Here's a spiritual exercise that can help you remember to stay open-eared to the sound of Holy Spirit guiding you: Sanctify each hour. Set your watch or a timer app on your cell phone to beep an alarm at the top of each hour. Whenever it beeps, say a few words thanking the Holy Spirit for being with you and guiding you through the next sixty minutes. After doing this for few weeks, you'll become automatically and constantly aware of the presence of God and his ever-available help.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

How often do you pray specifically to the Holy Spirit for guidance and insight and understanding? What would you like the Holy Spirit to explain to you right now? Ask for the help, and then wait, watch and listen for God to open your heart to the truth.

**Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:**

How has the Holy Spirit been a teacher to you? How has God filled in gaps in your understanding of scripture and Church teachings and their real-life applications? What sources has he used to convey the information (e.g., a homily, a song, a friend)?



VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS  
-COME HOLY SPIRIT-

Week 1 Scripture: John 14:16-26

Our goal for this series is to help you want more of the Holy Spirit so that you invite the Holy Spirit into your life

## 60th Anniversary Celebration of the Ordination of Msgr. Joseph Curley



Sunday, May 29<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30 AM Mass we will celebrate the 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Ordination of our beloved Monsignor of his ordination to priesthood. He will celebrate mass with us and we will continue our celebration with refreshments after in the courtyard between the church and the parish center. It is a wonderful and opportunity to see Monsignor again and thank him for the blessings on our parish through his priesthood.

**SAVE THE DATE**  
JULY 25 - JULY 29 9am to 12pm  
K - 6<sup>th</sup> grades





*Coffee*  
in the  
*Courtyard*

*Coffee*  
*Conversations*  
*Community*

**in the Parish Center Hall**

**After**  
**9:30 AM**  
**&**  
**11:30 AM**  
**Masses**

You are invited to “Coffee in the Courtyard”, on every **Sunday after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses at the Plaza between church and the Parish Center**. 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: Dishwashing Liquid, Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Salad Dressing, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Tea & Rice.**



### 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.



**20 Catholic Ministries Appeal**  
**22** DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*"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

**FAITH** **HOPE** **& LOVE**

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.**



## First Fundraiser of the Year to fund the charitable works of Court St Gerard -Bingo Night-

On Friday, June 24, 2022 in the Parish Center Hall. Doors open at 6:00 PM Cost: \$25.00. Dinner and Desserts will be served. All reservations should be in by **June 17, 2022**. For more information please contact Marcy at 631-467-1094 or 646-785-4934



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit [faithdirect.net/NY563](http://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, May 22, 2022**

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**How to find the missing peace**

The first step to peace is to ensure the hungry are fed. This requires that workers are fairly compensated. Labor priest George G. Higgins, who died on this day in 2002, recognized a vital connection between workers' unions and Catholic social teaching. He actively supported Cesar Chavez in arbitrating for farm workers. Higgins also advocated for the United Auto Workers and Kentucky coal miners. Higgins acknowledged that, "All members of the white community and especially those of us who have benefited most from the system are responsible, in varying [degrees, for the tragic plight of black Americans.](#)" [Learn about the seven themes of Catholic social teaching.](#)

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23; John 14:23-29 (57). "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

**Monday, May 23, 2022**

EASTER WEEKDAY

**Here comes everybody**

We hear a lot about "inclusion" these days—in our schools, workplaces, churches, and communities at large. For Christians, inclusion isn't just a buzzword—it's at the heart of our faith. Jesus didn't just include the marginalized, he put them front and center. Saint Paul emphasized repeatedly that we are one in Christ. The very word *catholic* means "universal." And yet, humanity has never been more rife with division—from the world stage down to our own families. How can we strive to overcome differences? To respect the dignity of every person? To celebrate diversity while living in solidarity? Everyone belongs. Let's commit to that much, at least.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:11-15; John 15:26—16:4a (291). "The hour is coming when everyone who kills you will think he is offering worship to God."

**Tuesday, May 24, 2022**

EASTER WEEKDAY

**Our Lady of Sheshan, pray for us**

Today marks the World Day of Prayer for the Church in China, established in 2007 by Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. Benedict's original proclamation included pastoral guidelines for a church that had been driven underground by years of Communist rule, plagued with complicated issues relating to the separation of church and state. One year later, the pontiff penned a special prayer for today, seeking the intercession of Our Lady of Sheshan—the Chinese equivalent of "Mary, Help of Christians," whose feast is also today. Use Benedict's [prayer](#) as you ask God to guide and further bless China's embattled Catholic community.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:22-34; John 16:5-11 (292). "His household rejoiced at having come to faith in God."

**Wednesday, May 25, 2022**

MEMORIAL OF MARY MAGDALENE DE' PAZZI, CARMELITE MYSTIC

**This little light**

The life of a mystic may seem romantic and exciting, with ecstatic visions and union with God at your fingertips. The reality is something else, as the life of Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi, 16th-century Carmelite mystic from Italy, attests. It was truly a tale of agony and ecstasy. After a period of visions, at the tender age of

19 she experienced five long years of desolation. She referred to her heart as a pitch-dark room with only a feeble light shining that only made the darkness deeper. Thankfully her trials ended in 1590 with mystical union once again. Though perhaps not so dramatic, trials of one sort or another visit all of us. Hold onto the feeble light if that is all you see at the moment. Have faith that it will brighten.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 17:15, 22—18:1; John 16:12-15 (293).

"When he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth."

**Thursday, May 26, 2022**

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

**Save me a seat**

The epic movie version of the Ascension, today's feast, is exciting to imagine: Christ floating upward, astonished disciples gaping, full orchestra swelling as the Earth becomes a blue ball below Jesus. However it happened, the Catechism of the Catholic Church says the point is that "Christ's ascension marks the definitive entrance of Jesus' humanity into God's heavenly domain." He is there, says the catechism, preparing a place for us. The mystics tell us that we don't have to wait for death for that place next to Jesus; we can go there in prayer. Now that's epic!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23 or Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Luke 24:46-53 (58). "As he blessed them he parted from them and was taken up to heaven."

**Friday, May 27, 2022**

EASTER WEEKDAY

**Be a voice in the wilderness**

Nobody ever sets out to be a prophet. And why would they? Scripture and history have both taught us that prophets are often treated poorly because people don't want to hear their message, especially when it calls them to change their ways. Prophets in scripture were people called to speak on behalf of God. Like prophets today, they called people and communities to be their best selves, to truly live as people of God and people for others. Today's prophets include folks like Pope Francis and Malala Yousafzai, Pakistani activist for female education and a Nobel Peace Prize laureate. They may even include you. Search your own heart. How is God calling you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 18:9-18; John 16: 20-23 (295). "Do not be afraid. Go on speaking, and do not be silent, for I am with you."

**Saturday, May 28, 2022**

EASTER WEEKDAY

**Who do you say he is?**

People of faith have been debating the precise nature of Jesus—fully human? fully divine? both?—since the earliest days of the church. It's understandable—after all, Jesus could not be contained by our existing categories. He broke the mold, with stunning insights, powerful works, and unlimited compassion. After centuries of debate, the church at the Council of Nicaea settled the question as best we mere mortals could manage, deciding that Jesus can only be understood as fully human and fully divine. How fortunate are we that he is both relatable and unsurpassable. Spend some time with him today; he is always available!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 18:23-28; John 16:23b-28 (296). "I came from the Father and have come into the world. Now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father."

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



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