



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

June 5, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Sunday, June 5th

9:30 a.m. — Frederick C. Lingen (Family)
 Florence Talluto (Calestini Family)
 11:30 a.m.—Maria & Inacio de Sousa (Family)
 People of the Parish

Monday, June 6th

9:00 a.m. — Andrew Cerqueira (Family)
 Florence Talluto (Flynn Family)

Tuesday, June 7th

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Chris Aridas (Annette Wolz)

Wednesday, June 8th

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Chris Aridas
 Russ Bengston (Flynn Family)

Thursday, June 9th

9:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of Romeo
 & Wolz Family)

Saturday, June 11th

5:30 p.m.— George Thomas (Rose Picariello)
 Julia Kostas (Family)

Sunday, June 12th

9:30 a.m.— Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)
 Florence Talluto (Sheila & Maureen)
 11:30 a.m.— Georgia Beck (Agnes Tomala)
 Vincent Palma (Family)

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 6th - 8th & 9th - 12th 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 web-
 site 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..

*Rest
in
Peace*

Deceased Brothers & Sisters of
Our Parish Family

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

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week’s Collection \$8,529
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year’s Collection \$7,488
Thank You!

Good News Reflection***Partnering with Jesus in the power of his Spirit***

John 20:19-23 is one of two possible Gospel readings for Pentecost Sunday. In it, Jesus says "peace be with you" twice. First, he gives his disciples the gift of peace so that they can take their focus off of their worries to look at him and recognize him standing in their midst.



Then he says it again while giving them the vocation of continuing the mission that he had started. This time, "peace be with you" is to be the fruit of a life lived in the Holy Spirit while serving God for the sake of the world.

It's one thing to feel peaceful because we know that Jesus is with us. It's quite a challenge, though, to feel peaceful when telling others about Jesus, for we feel inadequate and overwhelmed, and we're afraid of being persecuted and rejected. That's why he gave us his Holy Spirit.

The Holy Spirit gives us whatever we need for doing the work that the Father asks of us, and thus we are not really inadequate nor does God fail to comfort us when people reject us.

One of the fruits of partnering with Jesus in the power of his Spirit is an inner peace that does not depend on what happens, nor on what others do or don't do to us, nor on how they respond to the Good News that we share with them. Peace is the result of being alive in the Spirit. Peace is the Spirit's activity within us.

At the end of this Gospel passage, Jesus gives the Apostles (the first Catholic priests) the authority to forgive sins as surrogates of his divine presence. He is instituting the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which provides to us Jesus himself in the form of the human priest.

The same forgiving power of the Spirit enables all of us to experience peace in a sinful, tumultuous world. Even when forgiving is most difficult, in the Spirit of Christ we can do it. We can forgive those who hurt us, even if they never repent. And this is what restores our peace.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What is causing you to feel unpeaceful? Whom do you need to forgive in those situations? If you've forgiven everyone and you still lack peace, do you need to forgive yourself? Or God? Consider going to a spiritual director or counselor for help in finding all the peace that Jesus wants you to have.

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Give an example of how peace is a fruit of life in the Holy Spirit. What other fruits come from depending upon God and partnering with his Spirit?



Week 3 Scripture: Acts 2:1-11

Holy Spirit does not come to make us perfect: Comes with power to change things we couldn't change on our own, to restore, to share, to create relationships. Believe and receive. He will do the changing.

Vacation Bible School

JULY 25 - JULY 29 9am to 12pm

K - 6th grades

7th grade and older - Junior Counselor

Adult Volunteers needed

Registration is open at

www.abvmcentereach.com



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, Conditioner, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Fruit Juice, Ketchup, Razors, Cereal & Macaroni & Cheese.**



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 (Chinese food) and Desserts will be served.

Basket Raffles, Fifty-Fifty Raffles, Door Prizes

All reservations should be in by **June 17, 2022**. For more information please contact Barbara 631-585-1513, Ginny 631588-4320, Marcy at 631-467-1094 or 646-785-4934



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Sunday, Jun 05, 2022**Embody your faith**

Being church is a different identity than simply going to church. If we are truly the Body of Christ, then we embrace this identity with a sense of purpose. Saint Paul describes the church as a body with many parts that function for the sake of the whole. Some of us have obvious gifts like preaching, teaching, or offering a healing presence. Others may benefit from prayer, spiritual direction, faith sharing, or a discernment retreat to come to an awareness of the particular service to which we're called. Joy is in the discovery of the Spirit's personal invitation to you.

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

TODAY'S READINGS: Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17; John 20:19-23 (63). *"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord."*

Monday, Jun 06, 2022**You will not be orphaned**

Although the devotion to Mary as "Mother of the Church" is ancient, today's memorial is relatively new—having been instituted in 2018 by Pope Francis when he decreed it will be celebrated annually on the Monday after Pentecost Sunday—to "encourage the growth of the maternal sense of the church." Reflect on how you can "mother" the church—as well as your family and friends, your community and work place, and even yourself. You don't have to be or have a mother in the traditional sense to know how to offer loving care. Standing beneath the cross, said Francis, Mary "welcomed all people in the person of the beloved disciple as sons and daughters"—that means you, too.

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; John 19:25-34 (572a). *"He said to his mother, 'Woman, behold, your son.'"*

Tuesday, Jun 07, 2022**Let go and let God**

On this day in 1925, Blessed Matt Talbot—40 years sober—died enroute to Sunday Mass. Though Alcoholics Anonymous wouldn't exist for another 10 years, Talbot had already discerned the central truth of AA's Twelve Steps. "It's as hard to give up the drink as it is to raise the dead to life again," he said. "But both are possible and even easy for our Lord. We have only to depend on him." Talbot is the patron of those who struggle with alcohol addiction. Ask his intercession for yourself or another who needs to kick a harmful habit.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16 (360). *"Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father."*

Wednesday, Jun 08, 2022**Honor and emulate a trailblazer for racial justice**

On this day in 1910, Father Stephen Theobald was ordained for the Archdiocese of Saint Paul-Minneapolis, the first black diocesan priest ordained on U.S. soil. Theobald was born in Guyana in 1874 and later worked as a journalist in Canada before being recruited to Minnesota by Archbishop John Ireland, a fierce racial justice advocate. For his entire priestly career, Theobald served at Saint

Peter Claver Catholic Church in Saint Paul, the only black parish in the state. He also served in the local chapter of the NAACP, advocating tirelessly for black lives. May we all follow his lasting example of saying "Yes!" to God and "No!" to injustice.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19 (361). *"Let it be known this day that you are God in Israel and that I am your servant."*

Thursday, Jun 09, 2022**Sing with the Syrian saint**

Although you may never have heard of him, today's saint left a lasting imprint on the church. Ephrem of Syria (306-373) is known for his writing—primarily for works that battled heresies—but even more so for introducing singing as a form of worship and education. Known as the Harp of the Holy Spirit, he cleverly wrote lyrics that educated the faithful against false teaching. Syriac churches still sing hymns that originated with him. The next time a hymn moves you, say a prayer of thanksgiving to Saint Ephrem.

MEMORIAL OF EPHREM OF SYRIA, DEACON, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 18:41-46; Matthew 5:20-26 (362). *"[B]e reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift."*

Friday, Jun 10, 2022**Let's get our bearings**

"Why are we here?" is an age-old question. As Dostoyevsky writes in *The Brothers Karamazov*: "The mystery of human existence lies not in just staying alive, but in finding something to live for." One might think that Christians have it easy because Jesus clearly spells out our purpose for living: "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind . . . [and] you shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matt. 22:37-39). But on a day-to-day basis in any given situation, it is not always obvious what the loving response is and whether we are prepared to offer it. That is where prayer comes in. It can provide just the right environment for hearing God's finest whispers leading to the path of love.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Matthew 5:27-32 (363).

"There was a tiny whispering sound. . . . A voice said to him, 'Elijah, why are you here?'"

Saturday, Jun 11, 2022**One, holy, catholic, apostolic**

In our recitation of the Nicene Creed at Sunday Mass, we profess our belief in "one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church." Those four adjectives are called the four "marks" or "attributes" of the church. *One*, because despite the many divisions and denominations of Christianity all worship one God, one Spirit, and one Lord, Jesus Christ. *Holy*, because, like sacred objects, the church is set apart for God's purpose. *Catholic*, from the Greek word for "universal," because it is for all without excluding any group or class of people. *Apostolic*, because it arises out of the efforts of the apostles, both the original 12 and others, like today's saint, Barnabas, who were later named apostles. And like you and me, called today to embody these same attributes.

MEMORIAL OF BARNABAS, APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:33-37 (580; Gospel 364). *"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.'"*

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



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