



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**June 12, 2022**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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## Mass Intentions for the week

### 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)

### Monday, June 13th

9:00 a.m. — Anthony Lang  
Eva Capanzano (Merola Family)

### Tuesday, June 14th

9:00 a.m. — Leroy Lovell  
Violet Royal (Bob & Donna Van Horn)

### Wednesday, June 15th

9:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of Rosary  
Altar Society  
Intentions of Monsignor Joseph Curley  
(Flynn Family)

### Thursday, June 16th

9:00 a.m. — Mildred Campanelli

### Saturday, June 18th

5:30 p.m.— Father's Day

### Sunday, June 19th

9:30 a.m.— Father's Day  
11:30 a.m.— Father's Day  
People of the Parish

*Rest  
in  
Peace*

Eleanor Mary Rupolo

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

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

**Last Week's Collection \$9,312**  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$9,164**  
*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 web-  
site [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***

### ***What answers are you waiting for?***

What don't you know that you hope God will reveal to you? What have you been asking Jesus to tell you that is still unanswered? What teaching of the Church don't you understand or agree with? In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus explains that there is more he'd like to tell us but we can't handle it yet.



Why aren't we ready for it? Because we have to first let the Holy Spirit prepare us. We have to let God transform something within us, and until we surrender to that process, the truth is more of a burden than a blessing, which we readily reject.

Everything that Jesus said and did came from the Father through the Holy Spirit. God gave us that same Spirit, that same Wisdom, that same Truth, but the gift is useless unless we submit to the Spirit's purifying activity.

Of the Trinity, it's the Father who forgives sins. It's Jesus who delivers the forgiveness. And it's the Holy Spirit who sanctifies us and empowers us to go and sin no more.

In the confessional, the priest is the presence of Jesus and the whole Body of Christ (the Church). Absolution is an action of his Holy Spirit, but it's more than just the removal of guilt; it replaces the sinful vice with the virtue that will help us avoid that vice in the future. The Sacrament of Confession is a direct contact with the Holy Trinity who embraces our repentance and transforms us to increase our holiness.

To receive this grace, we only have to be open to it and interested in cooperating with God. Humility is necessary to be teachable and transformable.

The unanswered questions in our lives become personal revelations when we earnestly seek to do the Father's will in unity with Jesus while growing in holiness through the in-dwelling presence of his Holy Spirit.

#### **Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Write a list of questions you have for Jesus. What do you have trouble understanding? After making the list, ask the Holy Spirit to become your Teacher. Ask Jesus to help you become teachable.

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

What gift of the Holy Spirit do you find most helpful in guiding you through life's difficulties? How does it help you to figure out and/or do the Father's will?

# Vacation Bible School

Mon. to Fri., JULY 25<sup>th</sup> - JULY 29<sup>th</sup>

9am to 12pm

K - 6<sup>th</sup> grades

7<sup>th</sup> grade and older - Junior Counselor

Adult Volunteers needed

Registration is open at [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com)



## ADOREMUS EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, June, 17, 2022 - 7:30 - 8:30 PM

in the church & **LIVE** Streaming

PRAISE AND WORSHIP \* SILENT ADORATION \* BENEDICTION

### 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



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.**



## 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: Toothbrushes, Dishwashing Liquid, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Tea, Fruit Juice, Cereal, Hot Chocolate, Snacks (chips, cookies, crackers, fruit snacks, etc...) & Macaroni & Cheese.**



## Food Pantry Volunteers Needed

Our Parish Mission Statement includes the words "Love God. Serve Others." If you are looking for a way to put those words into action, please consider joining the Parish Social Ministry. Our Ministry serves those in need in our community by providing a fully stocked food pantry as well as offering limited financial assistance in some cases. We are looking for volunteers who are compassionate, understanding and are committed to the mission of the Parish. The ability to converse in Spanish or familiarity with Microsoft Office software is helpful but not necessary. The following hours are available: Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday 10AM – 1 PM; Thursday 4 PM – 6 PM

If you are interested in joining our Ministry or have any questions please contact us. 631 585-8760  
Email: outreach@abvmcentereach.com. You can also sign up or get information at the Welcome Desk following the 9:30 Mass.

## 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 12, 2022**

### Mirror the unconditional love of God

On this day six years ago, 49 people were murdered and 53 wounded in a mass shooting at a nightclub in Orlando. Most victims were members of the LGBTQ community and people of color. Expressions of horror and support poured in from around the world. Archbishop, now Cardinal, Blase Cupich of Chicago said: "Our prayers and hearts are with the victims of the mass shooting in Orlando, their families and our gay and lesbian brothers and sisters. . . . In response to hatred, we are called to sow love. In response to violence, peace. And, in response to intolerance, tolerance." And Cardinal Sean O'Malley of Boston further crystallized the message: "We must meet the challenges of combining freedom, pluralism, and unity in our increasingly diverse society if the United States is to continue to be a beacon of hope to the world." Sow love, champion diversity, and be the hope.

#### SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15 (166). "Affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint."

**Monday, Jun 13, 2022**

### Saint of the lost and found

Many folks, when they lose track of their car keys, glasses, or phone, say a quick prayer to Saint Anthony. He's probably best known as the patron saint of lost objects—think of the countless prayers for his intercession he's received! The story goes that he lost a precious book once, feared it had been stolen, and prayed to find it. Soon after, it was returned by the novice who had taken it. Little losses can feel like big annoyances, but what about the big things lost that slip away little noticed? Like our relationship with God and with others that slowly disappear when neglected. Pray to Anthony for help in holding close the things most dear in life.

#### MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY OF PADUA, FRANCISCAN PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42 (365). "Give to the one who asks of you."

**Tuesday, Jun 14, 2022**

### My country 'tis of thee

The love of God and country, it is said, are as American as apple pie. On this Flag Day, it's helpful to realize that Catholic social teaching supports the love of one's country, so long as it's expressed as a form of solidarity rather than supremacy. Pope John Paul II spoke of it when addressing his Polish compatriots: "Love of our motherland unites us and must unite us above all the differences. It has nothing in common with narrow nationalism or chauvinism," he wrote. "It is the measure of human nobility." Read more in his 1978 [Letter to the People of Poland](#).

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48 (366). "But I say to you, love your enemies."

**Wednesday, Jun 15, 2022**

### A contemplative pioneer in the North Star State

On this day in 1947, Father Prosper Edward Meyer, O.S.B. was ordained to the priesthood in Collegeville, Minnesota as the first black Benedictine in the United States. He was an early African-American priest at Saint John's Abbey, among the first U.S. Catholic seminaries (religious or diocesan) to lift bans on black applicants. Meyer would go on to serve for 14 years in priestly

ministry, including overseas in the Bahamas, until his untimely death in 1961 at the age of 49. His willingness to persevere in faith and in his vocation serves to inspire us all to holiness and fortitude in our respective states of life.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (367). "But when you pray, go to your inner room, close the door, and pray to your Father in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will repay you."

**Thursday, Jun 16, 2022**

### In praise of down time

Traditionally this is the time of year for summer vacation. The Christian tradition has had a love-hate relationship with leisure—often embracing work as a sign of virtue and salvation (a more common emphasis within Protestant churches but affecting American culture in general). However, from early on, Christians have respected leisure, instituting a Sabbath Day and touting the concept of "holy leisure" (*otium sanctum*). Monks promoted the concept because prayer and contemplation cannot thrive in constant activity. If you're taking a vacation soon, embrace it fully, and let it be restorative physically, mentally, and spiritually.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 48:1-14; Matthew 6:7-15 (368). "Your Father knows what you need before you ask him."

**Friday, Jun 17, 2022**

### History makes perfectly clear our imperfect past

Last year President Joe Biden proclaimed June 19 as Juneteenth National Independence Day, a federal holiday commemorating the final emancipation of enslaved African Americans. As much as freedom is something to celebrate, our history of slavery cannot be ignored. In the words of U.S. poet Maya Angelou: "History, despite its wrenching pain, cannot be unlived: however, if faced with courage, need not be lived again." That is why we study history, mark its days of tragedy and good fortune, and learn from prior generations' successes and failures. Studying history is what makes us human. It is self-reflection that can lead to progress, or as Saint Augustine put it: "This is the very perfection of a man, to find out his own imperfections."

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 11:1-4, 9-18, 20; Matthew 6:19-23 (369). "All the people of the land rejoiced and the city was quiet."

**Saturday, Jun 18, 2022**

### Take a moment to hail Mary

If there were an angel in heaven keeping track of which prayer gets said the most, the Hail Mary, being prayed now for more than a thousand years, would likely win hands down. In a single recitation of the Rosary, the Hail Marys outnumber the Our Fathers 53 to six. The first half of the Hail Mary is taken from the first chapter of Luke, the greetings to Mary by the Angel Gabriel and her relative Elizabeth. The last half, the petition, was added around the time of the Council of Trent in the 1500s. It takes about 15 seconds to recite the prayer. Pray it regularly as a way to center your heart and soul.

#### MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Chronicles 24:17-25; Matthew 6:24-34 (370). "But seek first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides."

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



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