



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

June 19, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Sunday, June 20th

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

Monday, June 21st

9:00 a.m. — Father’s Day

Tuesday, June 22nd

9:00 a.m. — Father’s Day

Wednesday, June 23rd

9:00 a.m. — Father’s Day

Thursday, June 24th

9:00 a.m. — Father’s Day

Saturday, June 25th

5:30 p.m.— Theodore Gutmann Jr. (Family)
 Maria de los Angeles Biladeau (Ferrer Family)

Sunday, June 26th

9:30 a.m.— John Ross (Mary Ross)
 Peter & Marjorie (Gochan Family)
 11:30 a.m.— Intentions of Mark Ballew (Jan Tassie)
 People of the Parish

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 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..

*Rest
in
Peace*



Floyd J. Johnson Jr.



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

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week’s Collection \$8,080
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year’s Collection \$8,720
Thank You!

Good News Reflection

The fifth bread

"Love is like five loaves and two fish, always too little until you start giving it away." This is the message inscribed at a shrine near the northern end of the Sea of Galilee, built where Jesus multiplied a small amount of food to provide for the needs of everyone in the large crowd who had come to see him.

In front of the altar is a Byzantine mosaic of the loaves and fish, dating about 480 A.D. It's next to the rock upon which Jesus blessed the food. However, in the mosaic you can see only four loaves, not five. Why?



The fifth loaf is the bread of the Eucharist in which Jesus comes to us in Holy Communion at every Mass.

The Eucharist is more than the Real Presence of Jesus. It's more than a communion with the Body of Christ that's become the whole Church community. It's a miracle of multiplication. Whatever we lack from God, it comes to us in Jesus through the Holy Spirit, and when we participate in the Eucharistic celebration of Mass, we can (and should!) ask Jesus to multiply our insufficiencies into an abundance.

We can trust that he will give us all that we need, at the perfect time in whatever way we're able to receive it, albeit often through a growth process.

Do you have enough love in your life? Most of us would say no, because there is no one -- except God -- who is capable of giving us all the love that we need: No one, regardless of how close to us they are, regardless of how loyal and trustworthy, regardless of how close to Christ they are.

The Eucharist is our earthly, direct connection to all the perfect love of God. The reason we don't feel the fullness of that love is because we don't fully understand how to unite ourselves to the Eucharist. To receive the life-changing impact of the Eucharist fully, be the Eucharist fully. The Eucharist is love given in sacrifice for the sake of others. If you're not receiving enough love, give more love -- be the love you want to receive. Be Eucharist for others.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Is God's love sufficiently filling in the gaps where others don't love you enough? Take your needs to the Eucharist; ask the Holy Spirit to show you how to give more love instead of focusing on getting more, then ask Jesus to multiply the love that you give so that it's more than enough for your needs as well as the needs of others.

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Describe an experience of love being multiplied. How does this prove: "Love is like five loaves and two fish, always too little until you start giving it away"?

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Mon. to Fri., JULY 25th - JULY 29th



K - 6th grades

7th grade and older - Junior Counselor

Registration is open at

www.abvmcentereach.com

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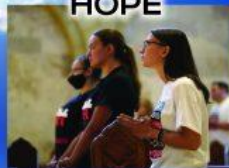
"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."
- Pope Francis

One Family in Mission - Building a Community of

FAITH



HOPE



& LOVE



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.**

WE DARE TO SAY

55 WORDS YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW

We're starting a new series on the weekend of June 25-26, called "We Dare to Say: 55 Words You Thought You Knew," and the 55 words are the Lord's Prayer or the Our Father. It is daring of us to call God our Father, though it can feel fairly routine. It's probably the most repeated prayer in Christianity, and there's a formula to it. The words are rich with meaning. So we're going to take it phrase by phrase, word by word the next seven weeks and examine what this prayer means.

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: Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Toothbrushes, Fruit Juice, Tea, Rice, Peanut Butter, Canned Chili & Muffin Mix**



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



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, Jun 19, 2022**The purpose of power**

We can use power to help others—or to help ourselves. Jesus chooses to feed the multitude and invites his followers to do the same. Lord John Acton (1834-1902), an English Catholic historian, counseled caution with our authority: "Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely." Acton also noted, "Liberty is not the power of doing what we like, but the right to do what we ought" and "The will of the people cannot make just that which is unjust." This Father's Day, pray for fathers and others to act wisely and lovingly when exercising their authority.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11b-17 (169). "[Jesus] said to them, 'Give them some food yourselves.'"

Monday, Jun 20, 2022**The only measure that matters**

When you were a kid, did your parents measure you by marking your height on a wall each birthday? Perhaps later report cards and sports trophies were a measure of your progress. In adulthood, do you measure yourself by rungs you've climbed on a corporate ladder, or by the increasing figures in your bank account? Some measures are less quantifiable—and far more important. Are you becoming more forgiving, more patient, more giving, more humble, more faithful? Are you getting closer to God? Comparison to others is no measure at all when God knows your heart completely and is helping you grow.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18; Matthew 7:1-5 (371). "The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you."

Tuesday, Jun 21, 2022**Find the happy medium**

Young Aloysius—eldest child of a powerful Italian Renaissance family—was scandalized by all the excesses around him. In his corner of the world, corruption and promiscuity abounded. So impressionable was the boy that, as he began to contemplate religious life, he increasingly added penitential practices that promoted the opposite extreme, excessive mortification. Later, as he entered the Society of Jesus, he admitted "I am a piece of twisted iron" and "I entered religious life to get twisted straight." Are there habits in your own life, no matter how holy, that might benefit from the virtue of moderation?

MEMORIAL OF ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, JESUIT PRIEST
TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36; Matthew 7:6, 12-14 (372). "Do to others whatever you would have them do to you."

Wednesday, Jun 22, 2022**Make some noise**

Paulinus of Nola was a fourth-century Roman poet before he converted to Christianity and became a bishop, which might hint at what inspired him to take the imaginative step of introducing the ringing of bells into church services. The psalms—sacred poetry—encourage us to "make a joyful noise to the Lord" (Ps. 98:4) and that is what bells bring to the life and liturgy of the church. A medieval handbell came to be known as a *nola* and steeple bells as *campanas*, from Campania, the region of Italy Paulinus oversaw as bishop. The clear, crisp tones of a bell at liturgy

remind us that something sacred is in the air. Consider incorporating a bell into your own life of prayer and contemplation.

MEMORIAL OF PAULINUS OF NOLA, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 22:8-13; 23:1-3; Matthew 7:15-20 (373). "By their fruits you will know them."

Thursday, Jun 23, 2022**Give birth to possibilities**

Today is the Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, one of the earliest feast days established in the church. John the Baptist is the only person outside of Jesus and Mary whose birth is honored with a feast day, indicating his importance. His unlikely birth to the aged Elizabeth has long been a popular subject for artists. It has miraculous parallels to the birth of Isaac (born to the aged Sarah and Abraham) and to the birth of Christ himself (born to a virgin). Let John's birth remind you that God continuously brings forth life out of seemingly impossible situations.

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

TODAY'S READINGS: Day: Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80 (587). "Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet."

Friday, Jun 24, 2022**Don't lose heart**

It's tempting to ditch traditional religious images because they can feel so unrelatable today. They can leave us uttering "meh" instead of "amen." But what happens when we look beyond the artistic style and focus on the symbolism itself? Take the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is never portrayed as a perfectly pristine heart, untouched and unaffected. Instead, we see a heart that knows both deep suffering and sacrifice (the crown of thorns) and great love and passion (flames). Now that's relatable! You can surf the web and find an image of the Sacred Heart that speaks to you and make it part of your prayer today.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 34:11-16; Romans 5:5b-11; Luke 15:3-7 (172). "The love of God has been poured out into our hearts."

Saturday, Jun 25, 2022**Look to your heart**

Today's memorial focuses on Mary's heart, a way of speaking of her profound internal life as depicted in scripture. Images of Mary's heart often show it pierced by seven swords, representing the different sorrows she endured, from having to flee into Egypt with her infant son to having to witness his crucifixion and burial. Each of us has our own list of sorrows accumulated over a lifetime—griefs and losses we carry with us in our hearts. But Mary's heart reflects much more than sorrow. It reflects her love for Jesus, her courage in accepting her calling, her resilience in the face of hardship. These qualities also live in your heart. In honoring Mary's heart, you honor your own heart, too.

MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Lamentations 2:2, 10-14, 18-19; Luke 2:41-51 (573). "And his mother kept all these things in her heart."

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



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