



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**June 26, 2022**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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## Mass Intentions for the week

### 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

### Monday, June 27th

9:00 a.m. — Leroy Lovell  
Matthew Borkowski (Family)

### Tuesday, June 28th

9:00 a.m. — Deborah Offenlock (Kevin Doran)  
Richard A. Spindler Jr. (Melissa Ferrara)

### Wednesday, June 29th

9:00 a.m. — John Houghton (Pat Houghton)  
Tom Hartmann (Family)

### Thursday, June 30th

9:00 a.m. — Frank Montelione  
David & Kathleen Worrell

### Saturday, July 2nd

5:30 p.m.— Katherine Aridas (Fr. Chris Aridas)  
Patrick Polizzi (DeLorenzo Family)

### Sunday, July 3rd

9:30 a.m.— Etta Newell (Mr & Mrs. George Van Schaick)  
Florence Talluto (Holy Name Society)  
11:30 a.m.— Fr. Chris Aridas (Palma Family)  
People of the Parish

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| <p><i>Rest<br/>in<br/>Peace</i></p>   | <p>Peter J. Brady<br/>Danielle Nicole Jerome<br/>Carmine Festa<br/>John M. Palladino</p> |
|  <p><b>Time, Talent &amp; Treasure</b><br/>Fostering Stewardship<br/>as a Way of Life</p> <p><b>Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary</b><br/>(Regular Sunday Offering)</p> <p><b>Last Week's Collection \$9,448</b><br/>(includes <i>Faith Direct</i>)</p> <p><b>Last Year's Collection \$8,368</b></p> |  |

### 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 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****How to handle rejection**

How well do you handle rejection? This Sunday's Gospel reading shows us how the disciples reacted to rejection. They had entered a Samaritan village ahead of Jesus, as he had asked them to do, to gather an audience. But because the Samaritans had an anti-Jewish prejudice, they didn't want to listen to Jesus. Their hearts were closed to anything he might want to say. And so they missed an opportunity to experience the Savior of the world.

How do you feel when close-hearted people reject your efforts to bring Jesus to them? What do you feel like doing when someone refuses to listen to you? Or when you try to explain a teaching of the Church but they don't even want to try to understand?

The disciples who traveled with Jesus didn't like rejection any more than we do. Two of his closest friends, James and John, thought they would do Jesus a favor by asking, "Do you want us to zap them with a lightning bolt?"



Jesus had previously told them to deal with rejection by wiping the dirt from their sandals and walking away. Now he lived what he preached by walking away these Samaritans. He didn't force his beliefs upon the villagers, even though they definitely needed the truths he could have taught them.

There's a lot we have to give up when we follow Jesus, including the grudges we like to hold and our desire to deal with rejection by retaliating. Why give others that kind of control over our moods? Wiping the dirt from our shoes means we get rid of the bad feelings that steal our joy.

At the end of this scripture, Jesus explains that following him is always a forward motion. We're always walking away from something -- away from rejection, away from our unloving reactions to prejudice, away from the close-heartedness of those who are as yet unteachable -- and moving into the loving embrace of Christ.

To move forward, remember that the Holy Spirit is the only one who can prepare a heart to receive Jesus. When we try to bring someone to Jesus and fail, we're not really failing; we're planting seeds rather than harvesting the crop. Let the Holy Spirit finish the work while you move on to other fields.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Who is frustrating you because he/she is not willing to change? What can you do to "walk away" lovingly and to give yourself a break? (It might not be a literal departure.)

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

Share the story of a time when someone rejected you because you spoke the truth. How did you feel about it? Did you walk away? How did (or might) the Holy Spirit work on that person's heart to prepare them to eventually accept the truth?

# WE DARE TO SAY

55 WORDS YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW

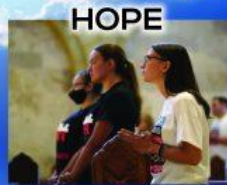
We're starting a new series on this weekend called "We Dare to Say: 55 Words You Thought You Knew," and the 55 words are the Lord's Prayer or the Our Father. It is daring of us to call God our Father, though it can feel fairly routine. It's probably the most repeated prayer in Christianity, and there's 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.

## 20 Catholic Ministries Appeal

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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



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.**

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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



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

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

Registration is open at

[www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com)

### 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, Toothbrushes, Conditioner, Fruit Juice, Cooking Oil, Mayonaise, Hot Chocolate & Canned Chili**



### 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.

### Veterans Benefit Assistance

A representative from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will once again be on hand to assist veterans with submitting disability claims as well as benefits for widows/widowers of deceased veterans. Veterans should bring their DD214 and any service documents they may have.

Where: Middle Country Library-Selden and Centereach Library. When: First Wednesday of every month in Selden and the third Wednesday of every month in Centereach, from 9:30am to 1:30pm.




*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.



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



**Sunday, Jun 26, 2022****Respect your freedom**

The Statue of Liberty is the symbol of our nation's reverence for personal freedom. Yet too many of us lose our liberty to substance abuse and other addictive behaviors, including gambling, pornography, overeating, and compulsive consumerism. More subtle than these overt practices are patterns of thinking and feeling we may be losing control over: anxiety, depression, rage, racism. Today is the World Day Against Drug Abuse and Trafficking. Prayerfully reflect on behaviors or emotional states that make you feel less free, and take a step today toward liberty.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21; Galatians 5:1, 13-18; Luke 9:51-62 (99). *"For freedom Christ set us free; so stand firm and do not submit again to the yoke of slavery."*

**Monday, Jun 27, 2022****Everyone needs a mother's love**

Saint Cyril of Alexandria died on this day in 444. He is remembered for many things—admittedly not all of them good—as the archbishop of his city, which was at the height of its influence over the Mediterranean world during his time. One of his most enduring legacies was his hard-fought teaching on Mary as the "Mother of God," which created the basis for all other theology about Mary. Saints aren't perfect, and neither was Cyril—the man who helped connect us to a tender, loving mother in Mary also committed acts of violence and injustice. Perhaps his deep flaws illustrate just how much all of us—even saints who champion Mary—need her intercession.

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 2:6-10, 13-16; Matthew 8:18-22 (377). *"Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."*

**Tuesday, Jun 28, 2022****Come alive with faith**

For Irenaeus, the Incarnation says as much about the redeemed as it does our Redeemer. Yes, Christian doctrine teaches that Jesus Christ is both fully human and fully divine. And, yes, Irenaeus battled the heresy known as Gnosticism—which emphasized the divine nature of Jesus at the expense of his humanity. But for Irenaeus, the Incarnation also meant that the "glory of God is a human being fully alive." He believed that God became human so that humans might become divine. How will you choose to be "fully alive" today, in order to glorify God?

MEMORIAL OF IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Matthew 8:23-27 (378). *"The men were amazed and said, 'What sort of man is this?'"*

**Wednesday, Jun 29, 2022****Rest in peace**

You might think that the two foundational giants of the Christian tradition who share a feast day would have been best buddies, but in fact Peter and Paul had their differences, especially around the question of whether people who weren't Jews needed to observe Jewish Law in order to become followers of Jesus. It is not entirely clear whether they fully reconciled their differences before they were both martyred in Rome (on the same day, tradition says), though it is clear that Paul's position carried the day over time. Perhaps there's a message for today's divided church—we can disagree with one another, even on matters of great importance,

and still rest together in the same great tradition.

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

TODAY'S READINGS: Day: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19 (591). *"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."*

**Thursday, Jun 30, 2022****Keep their memory alive**

It is a deeply human act to remember the dead, especially those who died as result of acts of violence. Today's memorial for the First Martyrs of the Church in Rome places the church squarely within this tradition of remembrance. We recall innumerable Christians who were put to death in gruesome ways by the emperor Nero, who blamed Christians for a devastating fire in Rome in the year 64. Nero did not crush the church, and neither has the memory of those early martyrs been erased. Your reading these words keeps alive their memory and their sacrifice.

MEMORIAL OF THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH IN ROME

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 7:10-17; Matthew 9:1-8 (380). *"He then said to the paralytic, 'Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home.'"*

**Friday, Jul 01, 2022****Mixed legacies**

On April 1, 2022, [Pope Francis offered an historic apology](#) to Inuit, Métis, and First Nations delegations for the church's role in harming Canadian Indigenous Peoples in Catholic residential schools. This is no small thing to do—for the church or for us individually. It is difficult to admit that we, and members of the church we call our own, have at times harmed others. Yet it is essential to begin the journey of healing. With Pope Francis, let us commit to an honest reevaluation of the church's colonial-era missionary efforts, such as those of Junípero Serra in what is now California. Let us also be aware of our own shortcomings, seeking forgiveness with humility and making meaningful amends wherever possible.

MEMORIAL OF JUNÍPERO SERRA, FRANCISCAN PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 8:4-6, 9-12; Matthew 9:9-13 (381). *"Hear this, you who trample upon the needy and destroy the poor of the land!"*

**Saturday, Jul 02, 2022****Woe is me**

The Pharisees get a bad rap in the gospels, typically portrayed as Jesus' antagonists, narrow-minded and legalistic, focused on outward ritual rather than inner renewal. And surely there are elements that ring true. At the same time, some of their beliefs were quite compatible with Christianity as it evolved, including the belief in life after death, the resurrection of the body, keeping the Sabbath holy (i.e., Sunday Mass obligation), and the priority to spread the faith. It's easy to see the blind spots and shortcomings of others. Harder to see our own. Are you aware of your own inner Pharisee?

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 9:11-15; Matthew 9:14-17 (382). *"Why do we and the Pharisees fast much, but your disciples do not fast?"*

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



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