



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

July 3, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week

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

Monday, July 4th

9:00 a.m. — Kathi Reilly Setteducati

Tuesday, July 5th

9:00 a.m. — Anna Schwin
 Lucy Vetrovec (Riggs Family)

Wednesday, July 6th

9:00 a.m. — Marie Troisi (Rosary Altar Society)
 Elaine Haefner (Bob & Donna Van Horn)

Thursday, July 7th

9:00 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie (Gochan Family)
 John M. Palladino (Rose Picariello)

Saturday, July 9th

5:30 p.m.— Kaylee Rivers (Family)
 Floyd Johnson Jr. (Elizabeth McCauley)

Sunday, July 10th

9:30 a.m.— Pat McKenna (Angela Nugent)
 Carmine Festa (Mainhardt Family)
 11:30 a.m.— Maria & Inacio de Sousa (Family)
 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 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..

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 \$7,925
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,487

Good News Reflection**The Christian call of collaboration**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples to ask the "Master" (God the Father) of the "harvest" (conversion to Christ) to send out more "laborers" (evangelizers). And in the next breath, he tells them that they are the laborers and that they must get busy: "Go on your way," he says.

When you think of evangelizers in the Catholic Church, who comes to mind first? Most of us think of priests, and we all know that we need more priests. New vocations in Western societies are still way too few to compensate for the elderly ones who are retiring and dying.

Do you pray for an increase of vocations? Good, but that's only part of what Jesus is asking us to do. "Go on your way," he says to all of us, "and use your gifts, your talents, and your skills to assist in the harvest."



Jesus has always been collaborative. The number of laborers for the mission of the Church will only be sufficient when we all join the effort -- clergy, religious, and laity -- working together with our separate and unique talents and skills, humbly assisting each other as members of the same team.

To reach this sufficiency, many of us have to overcome the "someone else will take care of it" attitude. And some have to overcome the desire for perfection, the "I can take care of it better myself" attitude, which robs others of the opportunity to serve.

Many of us need to overcome the fear of losing control, the "I must tell others how to do their job" attitude, which chases away some very talented laborers. Jesus said we should carry no supplies into ministry; in other words: We should accept whatever is offered to us.

Our prayers for an increase of consecrated vocations are answered from within collaborative ministry. Clergy and religious are called to be good role models, which will attract new vocations, but the laity are called to serve God with the same zeal and holiness that we expect from priests, because out of families who serve come the holy priests and religious who serve.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Which ministries in your parish and diocese are lacking sufficient laborers? If you're not already busy in the work of God's kingdom, how can you use your talents to help there? If you're already serving enthusiastically, how can you encourage others to get involved?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Name some of the attitudes and obstacles that block the spirit of collaboration. How can these be overcome? What will you do to improve the conditions of the mission field so that more people will get involved?

WE DARE TO SAY

55 WORDS YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW

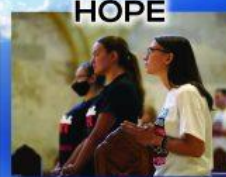
Week 2: Who art in Heaven. Heaven can be a pretty misunderstood place, but it's where Our Father is. It's where our prayers are heard. It's where God exercises his power. And with Christ's help, it's where we are headed.

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



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 25th - JULY 29th



K - 6th grades

7th grade and older - Junior Counselor

Registration is open at

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: Dishwashing Liquid, Conditioner, Canned Corn, Peanut Butter, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Deodorant, Hot Chocolate, Pudding, Fruit Juice, Liquid Hand Soap, Laundry Detergent, Egg Noodles, Canned Chili & Baked Beans**



L.I. Women's Retreat Ministry Annual Retreat

Friday to Sunday, September 9-11, 2022

Check-in Fri. at 6 p.m. Check out Sun. at 1:00 p.m.

Place - St. Joseph's Villa, Hampton Bays, New York

Cost - \$250.00 Single Room & Meals included.

Rooms are limited.

For more information, call: Yvonne Bracone (631) 398-4086 or Nina McGee (516) 449-6197

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 in the Courtyard
in the plaza between the church and the parish center

Coffee Conversations Community

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 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!



Sunday, Jul 03, 2022**We are blessed**

This land is a favored patch of Earth. "From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam," as Irving Berlin's anthem goes, may God bless this place we call the United States of America. Berlin's song is both patriotic and prayerful, which is why it's sometimes sung in church. He originally wrote it for a play, then set it aside for 20 years, resurrecting it as the Third Reich came to power and the world needed an inspirational song. (Woody Guthrie didn't like it and wrote "This Land Is Your Land" in response.) However you choose to sing it, croon a song of gratitude for your country.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 (102). *"Lo, I will spread prosperity over Jerusalem like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing torrent."*

Monday, Jul 04, 2022**Red, white, blue, and Catholic**

Catholics were a small minority in America's colonial period—at the end of the Revolutionary War, there were only about 25,000 Catholics in the United States out of a total population of 3 million. Catholics faced persecution, first in the original colonies, and then in the new country that was ironically founded in part on freedom of religion. Today there are 70 million Catholics in the United States, or 22 percent of the population, and for many years Catholics have made up about a third of the U.S. Congress—more than any other denomination. With the values of our faith, Catholics have made countless contributions to the betterment of our country through myriad kinds of service—what's yours?

OPTIONAL PROPER MASS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY (USA)
(887-891)

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22; Matthew 9:18-26 (383). *"Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."*

Tuesday, Jul 05, 2022**Sweet is the rose**

Saint Elizabeth of Portugal belongs to a saintly tradition called a "miracle of the roses." Elizabeth was caught smuggling provisions from the family larder to give to the poor, food hidden under her cloak to elude disapproving relatives. When confronted by a suspicious husband and ordered to reveal what she was hiding, roses tumbled from her wrap instead of bread. Many saints, including Juan Diego, Dorothy, and Rita of Cascia also had miraculous encounters with roses. Pope John Paul II once pointed out that the thorns of these roses remind us of worldly trials—but their enduring fragrance represents the love of Christ.

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL, QUEEN, THIRD ORDER FRANCISCAN

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 8:4-7, 11-13; Matthew 9:32-38 (384). *"The crowds were amazed and said, 'Nothing like this has ever been seen.'"*

Wednesday, Jul 06, 2022**Tap into the riches of diversity**

On this day in 2017, the most recent gathering of the National Black Catholic Congress (NBCC) began in Orlando, Florida. The NBCC was founded by African-American Catholics as a successor to Daniel Rudd's Colored Catholic Congress movement, which had been dormant since 1894. Since 1987, the NBCC has gathered Black Catholics from around the United

States every five years for fellowship and to discuss a pastoral plan to be published by the Congress after each meeting. The NBCC is governed by the nation's black bishops, a group active since the first ones were appointed in the late 20th century. May we all draw deeply from the wellspring of our cultural heritage to enrich the church.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 10:1-3, 7-8, 12; Matthew 10:1-7 (385).

"You descendants of Abraham, his servants, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones! He, the LORD, is our God."

Thursday, Jul 07, 2022**Adventures in pursuit of the reign of God**

Today's gospel begins with Jesus' command that his apostles declare the "kingdom of heaven is at hand." Pope Francis has noted that seeking the reign of God involves boldness and adventure. Seeking the Kingdom, he once told a Sunday Angelus audience, is the "opposite of a dull life: it is a treasure that renews life every day and leads it to extend towards wider horizons." Those seeking the reign of God, he continued, "have a creative and inquisitive heart" leading them to "new paths" for loving God, neighbor, and themselves. Has your quest for the Kingdom taken you on unexpected journeys?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 11:1-4, 8c-9; Matthew 10:7-15 (386).

"Jesus said to his Apostles: 'As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

Friday, Jul 08, 2022**Branch out**

Chances are you're spending some time outside this summer, enjoying the glories of nature. One ancient tree worth noting is the cedar, which has deep spiritual roots in Hebrew and Christian tradition. The height and breadth of the mighty cedar of Lebanon are associated with the greatness of God. It is long-lived, evergreen, fruit-bearing, and a place of refuge—all characteristics of Yahweh and Mary, in her role as Mother of God and protectress of the church. The next time you feel vulnerable or distant from God, call to mind the grand cedar and know that divine comfort awaits if only you seek its reach.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 14:2-10; Matthew 10:16-23 (387). *"He shall strike root like the Lebanon cedar, and put forth his shoots."*

Saturday, Jul 09, 2022**Creed and culture are not the same**

European missionaries were pouring into China during the 19th century, bringing with them not only the Christian religion, but also the European culture that they believed was part and parcel of the practice of the faith. Chinese reception of Christianity was mixed. Many Chinese saw it as a cultural invasion since some missionaries condemned customary Chinese practices like veneration of ancestors as demon worship. Augustine Zhao Rong represents 87 Chinese Catholics and 33 Western missionaries who were killed during a period of anti-foreigner resentment that followed. Be mindful that your evangelizing always be accompanied by respect and sensitivity.

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE ZHAO RONG, PRIEST, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 6:1-8; Matthew 10:24-33 (388). *"It is enough for the disciple that he become like his teacher."*

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



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