



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**July 10, 2022**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**Mass Intentions  
for the week**

**Sunday, July 10th**

9:30 a.m. — Pat McKenna (Angela Nugent)  
Carmine Fests (Mainhardt Family)  
11:30 a.m.—Maria & Inacio de Sousa (Family)  
People of the Parish

**Monday, July 11th**

9:00 a.m. — Virginia Torres (Ferrer Family)  
Daniel Kane (Family)

**Tuesday, July 12th**

9:00 a.m. — Julietta Petruzzi (Gary Hiel)

**Wednesday, July 13th**

9:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of Rosary  
Altar Society

**Thursday, July 14th**

9:00 a.m. — Cathy Zemalowski (Rose Picariello)

**Saturday, July 16th**

5:30 p.m.— Cathy Zemalowski (Catholic Daughters of  
the Americas)  
Antonio Salgado (Maria Salgado)

**Sunday, July 17th**

9:30 a.m.— Leroy Lovell (Rose Picariello)  
Florence Talluto (Catholic Daughters of the  
Americas)  
11:30 a.m.— Patrick T. Kearney (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 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 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*

Richard W. Balanda

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

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

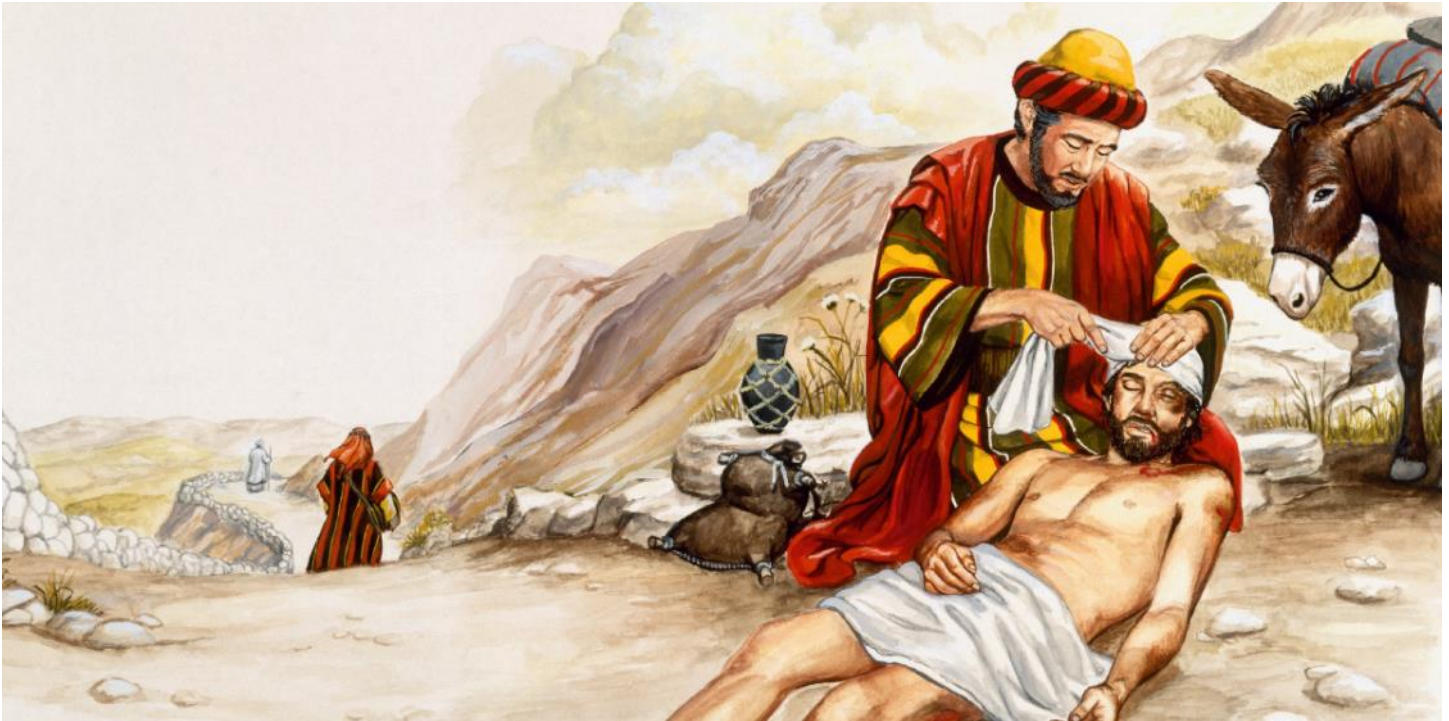
**Last Week's Collection \$8,299**  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$9,708**

## ***Good News Reflection***

### ***Enough love to heal the world***

The opposite of love is not hate. It's apathy: ignoring a need, not caring, and doing nothing when there is something we can do to relieve suffering. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus gives us the Parable of the Good Samaritan to explain that if we love God with our whole heart, our whole being, our whole strength, and our whole mind, we naturally care about other people, even those who are strangers, even those whom we're "not supposed to" like, and even when it costs us something personally.



Many of the problems that exist in our world today are allowed to continue because too many of us Christians -- we who through Christ have the power to change the world -- do not care enough to sacrifice our time and personal agendas to get involved. Much of the suffering that's endured in our families and workplaces and parishes would be stopped or relieved if enough Christians loved God enough to care about others enough to risk the cost of intervening.

How much do you love God? The answer lies in how much you're willing to sacrifice for the sake of loving others, which is the definition of love that Jesus taught us with this parable and with his life.

None of us love God perfectly yet. Purgatory will be a time of painfully regretting our lack of love, while eagerly improving our love for others so we can enter into the fullness of God's love in heaven. Until then, we have daily opportunities, here and now, to purify our lives less painfully. Daily we're given tests to improve how well we love others.

So daily ask the Holy Spirit, your teacher, your empowerer, your source of holiness, to help you become more like Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you love all others as Christ loves them.

By doing this spiritual exercise consistently, you will receive a new joy and an enlivened passion in dealing with others. You will feel greater love for God and you will experience his love for you much more intimately.

#### Questions for Personal Reflection:

Whom do you pass by and ignore when you see suffering? Is there anyone you've recently walked away from because you didn't want to give up something (perhaps your time, pride, prejudice, feeling of inadequacy, resentment or unforgiveness)? Take it to the Sacrament of Confession to receive God's grace and help in loving others more fully.

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

Name a "Good Samaritan" you know or have read about. What did this person give up to serve others? How do such people find the ability to love so well? Describe a situation you've witnessed where apathy has contributed to someone's suffering. How could love make a difference?

# WE DARE TO SAY

55 WORDS YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW

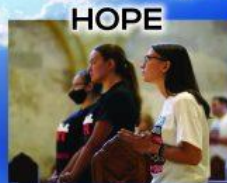
Week 3: Worship is powerful. We are what we love. We become what we adore. Augustine said "Our hearts are restless until they rest in you." And when we worship we are directing our hearts and minds to rest in God. We give him what he deserves, and we are blessed by praying and living the way he taught us.

## 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 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: Dish Soap, Conditioner, Cat Food, Salad Dressing, Fruit Juice, Hand Soap, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Cooking Oil, Tea, Frosting,, Jell-O, Paper Towels, Hot Chocolate, Peanut Butter, Egg Noodles, Canned Corn, Baked Beans & Canned Chili.**



Are you an active volunteer in our Parish?  
Were you background screened prior to 2017?

If you answered 'Yes' to both questions - it is time to be rescreened.

To facilitate this process the Diocese has made the background screening application available on-line. Within the next few weeks, you will receive an email from Virtus advising you to log into your Virtus account.

Please follow the prompts when you log into your Virtus account (www.Virtus.org ). You will be directed to complete the Sterling Solu-

tions background screening application.

For security reasons-please complete the application in one session and be sure to hit the 'submit' button when completed. If you interrupt the process, you will be locked out of the system.

If you have any questions, please contact the Diocesan Office for the Protection of Children/Young People: 516-678-5800. Or e-mail pditomasso@drvc.org

Thank you for your active participation in our parish community and for all you do to help create a safe environment for all!

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 family!



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## Sunday, Jul 10, 2022

**Right neighborly of you**

Mister Rogers sang to children daily about the pleasure and importance of being a good neighbor. A Presbyterian minister, Fred Rogers was aware of the biblical power in identifying others as neighbors—rather than competitors, outsiders, or enemies. Jesus flips the traditional meaning of the word when he claims the true neighbor not as one who is geographically near to us, but one who is dear to us and merits our compassion. We recognize our neighbors not by who they are or where they live, but who we are and how we treat them. Choose to be a neighbor to everyone you meet.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 30:10-14; Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 10:25-37 (105). *"Because he wished to justify himself, [the scholar] said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'"*

## Monday, Jul 11, 2022

**Worth pondering, as a rule**

Saint Benedict, the "Father of Western Monasticism," established Christian monasticism as we know it with the founding of the Benedictine order in the sixth century, making it the oldest religious order in the Western Church. For 1,500 years, Benedictine women and men have been living communally in monasteries all over the world according to the *Rule of St. Benedict*, a succinct guide that emphasizes prayer, work, simplicity, and hospitality. They take unique vows of stability and ongoing conversion. Draw from the ancient wisdom of the Benedictines by reading the *Rule* yourself and see how this way of life might enrich your own.

MEMORIAL OF BENEDICT, ABBOT, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1 (389). *"Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward."*

## Tuesday, Jul 12, 2022

**Education for everyone**

The United Nations has decreed today International Malala Day—after the Pakistani activist, Malala Yousafzai, who wowed the world with her address to the U.N. on July 12, 2013, which also happened to be Malala's 16th birthday. Only the year before, the young woman was shot in the head by the Taliban for her advocacy of young girls getting an education. Malala was later an attendee at the 2015 U.N. General Assembly, listening as Pope Francis gave his first address there and insisted that the "right to education—also for girls, excluded in certain places"—be "ensured first and foremost." Learn how [Caritas Pakistan](#) continues Catholic advocacy for women and children.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24 (390). *"Take care you remain tranquil and do not fear; let not your courage fail."*

## Wednesday, Jul 13, 2022

**Let nothing hold you back**

On this day in 1918, Carlos Manuel Rodríguez Santiago was born into a Catholic family in Puerto Rico. While two of his siblings entered religious life, he was unable to achieve his goal of becoming a priest due to poor health. Even so, he maintained a fervent devotion to promoting the faith, running a magazine and discussion groups covering Catholic liturgy. Illness prevented him from completing college, but he nevertheless became a musical

master and anticipated the liturgical reforms of the Second Vatican Council by promoting active lay participation and vernacular celebrations. He died at age 44 from cancer in 1963, shortly after the Council began, and was beatified in 2001. May Blessed Carlos ever intercede for us to persevere in faith and inspire greater devotion among the faithful!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27 (391). *"Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to the childlike."*

## Thursday, Jul 14, 2022

**Make cultural connections**

Today's saint, Kateri Tekakwitha (1656-1680), suffered the distrust of both of the cultures she belonged to. Many among her tribe of Mohawks rejected her embrace of Christianity. French Canadians, who dominated the Montreal church that she joined, sometimes held her at arm's length—when she and a devout companion, also indigenous, proposed founding a religious order, church authorities nixed the plan. But as a woman with a foot in both worlds, Kateri is seen today as a bridge between indigenous and European cultures in North America. Reconciliation between different groups is sorely needed today: Saint Kateri, pray for us!

MEMORIAL OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, MOHAWK

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30 (392). *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."*

## Friday, Jul 15, 2022

**Know your net worth**

"If you do not know your own dignity and condition, you cannot value anything at its proper worth," says the wise Saint Bonaventure, noted 13th-century Franciscan theologian and doctor of the church. Take time to think about that admonishment today. Tally your credits and debits—the good and bad you've wrought, your accomplishments and failures. Then remember that nothing goes unnoticed by God: "Even the hairs of your head are all counted" (Matt. 10:30). Why? Because you are God's alone. Let that knowledge shape your understanding of everything. As Bonaventure puts it: "Every creature is a divine word because it proclaims God."

MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8 (393). *"I desire mercy, not sacrifice."*

## Saturday, Jul 16, 2022

**Choose a path of devotion**

The Third Order of Carmel is an association of lay persons who live according to the spirit of the Carmelite Order and share in its mission. Their charisms are prayer, community, and ministry. Lay Carmelites attend a monthly meeting in which they wear the Brown Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel as a sign of their dedication to the Virgin Mary. If possible, they participate in daily Mass and try to spend a half hour in meditation each day, reflecting on scripture. Lay Carmelites also pray the Morning and Evening Prayer of the Divine Office. Though they are not professed religious, they practice the virtues of poverty, chastity and obedience. Pray to Our Lady of Mount Carmel to inspire your own spiritual practice.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21 (394). *"Many people followed him, and he cured them all."*

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



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