



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**July 24, 2022**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**Mass Intentions  
for the week**

**Sunday, July 24th**

9:30 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)  
Ed Daproza (Harry & Luz Gaviola)  
11:30 a.m.—Samuel Siegel (Theresa Silvestri)  
People of the Parish

**Monday, July 25th**

9:00 a.m. — Anthony Serapiglia (Kevin Redmond)

**Tuesday, July 26th**

9:00 a.m. — Doris Marciante (Rosary Altar Society)  
Deacon Peter Acquaro (Catholic War Veterans)

**Wednesday, July 27th**

9:00 a.m.— Cathy Zemalowski (Joe & Louise Ferrara)

**Thursday, July 28th**

9:00 a.m. — Sue Mahoney & Pat McKenna (Friends)

**Saturday, July 30th**

5:30 p.m.— Lillian Lang  
Robert Ella (Harry & Luz Gaviola)

**Sunday, July 31st**

9:30 a.m.— Frank Stile (Connie & Vinny)  
George Dowling (Patti & Nick Campanelli)  
11:30 a.m.— Robert Eck (Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cavaliere)  
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 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..

*Rest  
in  
Peace*



Deceased Brothers  
& Sisters of  
Our Parish



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

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

**Last Week's Collection \$9,576**  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$9,058**

## **Good News Reflection**

### **How to pray with faith**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus teaches us how to pray with faith. Notice that his parable does not say that we can get everything we ask for. Not everything is good for us; the "bread" that runs as a theme through this scripture is the life of holiness. The "Bread of Life" is Jesus. The gift of the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, is a holy life.

Notice also that the visitor in the parable is a friend of God, not a stranger, who wants to share the bread with another friend. This represents a baptized Christian who wants to share the friendship of God ("three loaves" -- the Trinity) with others, but he or she is inadequate for the task.

When we knock on the door to God's heart seeking help for our inadequacies, the Father gives us his fully adequate Holy Spirit. And that's not all we get! Whenever we pray, this Holy Spirit connects us to the Father and to Jesus. Therefore, every prayer increases our holiness, brings us closer to God and empowers us to be more like Jesus. But holiness does not come quickly nor easily. We must be persistent in our prayer lives. We must continually rely on God's Spirit in order to resist temptations and grow in faith.

No matter what we ask God to share with us, including the material things that we need or desire, God wants to use it to nourish our souls. This is what we ask for when we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." Be persistent. Receiving God's bread usually doesn't happen overnight (we're slow learners).

It's the devil who says we can have everything we ask for as fast as we want it. New Age and occult practices are fast-food spiritualities that are riddled with the dangerously unhealthy fat of false beliefs. They lack the growth in holiness that we can only receive from the Holy Spirit. Many people turn to the occult because they don't have the desire to do the hard work of holiness.

The supernatural adequacies of the Holy Spirit are ours for the asking, because we already received the Holy Spirit during baptism. However, to live in God's supernatural power, we have to pray persistently, identify our sins and repent, purge our lives of selfish motives, and humbly open ourselves to the holiness of the Holy Spirit.

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

How much do you rely on the Holy Spirit's help in your daily life? How often do you humble yourself before the Lord in prayer and ask for an increase of holiness?

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

Describe your prayer life. How does it help you become holier in your daily activities? How has the Holy Spirit purified you?



# WE DARE TO SAY

55 WORDS YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW

Week 5: This whole Our Father is about us saying to God, I recognize You as the source of providing for my needs. And I'm here to declare my dependence upon You because You are a loving Father and You'll give me what I need today and You'll meet my need. But Lord help me to be content with what You give me. Help me to be content that You meet my needs.



## Faith Formation

### Registration 2022-23

Began on July 18<sup>th</sup> and ends on September 12<sup>th</sup>

Register ONLINE at [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com)

#### 20 Catholic Ministries Appeal

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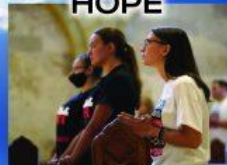
*"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."*  
- Pope Francis

One Family in Mission - Building a Community of

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.**

## 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: Cooking Oil, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonaise, Salad Dressing, Fruit Juice, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Noodles, Baked Beans, Peanut Butter, Deodorant, Dishwashing Liquid, Kleenex and Paper Towels.**



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 24, 2022****This year the award goes to ...**

Are you a prize-winning parent? Do you know someone who deserves recognition for nurturing the future of society? Every fourth Sunday of July since 1994, our country has celebrated Parents' Day. Nationwide, parents are nominated for exemplary service and dedication to their families and to the broader local community. Of course, most parents have humbler aspirations than garnering a trophy for their trouble. They hope simply to nurture honest, decent adults who feel empathy and treat others kindly. Celebrate the courage of parents and support the essential work they do.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 18:20-32; Colossians 2:12-14; Luke 11:1-13 (111). *"What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish?"*

**Monday, Jul 25, 2022****You can't do it all**

Distinguished poet and scholar Sister Madeleva Wolff, C.S.C. was the author of more than 20 books and the third president of her alma mater, Saint Mary's College, in Notre Dame, Indiana, where she served for 26 years. She accomplished much—but like most of us, struggled with how much more there always was to do. She wrote, "Thinking of things to be done, hopes to be realized, persons to be helped, I say laughingly that I go to a multitude of funerals daily, burying so many deceased projects, so much of what I have had to let die and must bury without regret." On this, the anniversary of her death, pray for the grace to surrender to God when you are overwhelmed with busyness.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28 (605).

*"Can you drink the chalice that I am going to drink?"*

**Tuesday, Jul 26, 2022****A grand mission for grandparents**

At a time when grandparents shoulder an ever-greater role in the nurturing of children—helping young families navigate the many complex realities of modern life—it's fortunate we have an international [Catholic Grandparents Association](#), founded in 2009, to help fulfill a dual mission: "passing on the faith and keeping prayer at the heart of family life." With Saints Joachim and Anne as patrons, the association hosts a podcast and encourages parishes to develop a thriving ministry for and by grandparents, recognizing their unique evangelizing presence. Remembering grandparents, pray today the [official prayer](#) of the 2022 World Meeting of Families.

MEMORIAL OF JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43 (402).

*"The field is the world, the good seed the children of the Kingdom."*

**Wednesday, Jul 27, 2022****Take responsibility**

Racial tension, economic unrest, and summer heat have fueled countless murderous altercations throughout America's short history. July 27, 1919 marks the start of one of the most violent and tragic race riots sparked by the stoning and drowning of a young black boy in Chicago who inadvertently swam into an area of Lake Michigan reserved for "whites only." By the end, 38 people were dead, 537 injured, and 1,000 families made homeless. These statistics are stacked upon decades before and after this date of

the extreme violence that plagues our nation. In their 1994 statement: *Confronting a Culture of Violence: A Catholic Framework for Action*, the U.S. Catholic Bishops conclude that "our society needs both more personal responsibility and broader social responsibility to overcome the plague of violence in our land and the lack of peace in our hearts."

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21; Matthew 13:44-46 (403).

*"I will free you from the hand of the wicked, and rescue you from the grasp of the violent."*

**Thursday, Jul 28, 2022****Divine by any name**

An accomplished Catholic writer used to joke that "God" was the worst nickname ever: The term had acquired way too much baggage for him. Fortunately, the church has dozens of terms and metaphors for God, including the vivid image of God as potter. The reality of God is beyond any one term or comparison, so it is fortunate that the Christian tradition gives us so many. Light, Rock, Creator, Wisdom, Savior, Shepherd, Fortress, Vine, Shield, and on and on. What terms help bring God alive for you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53 (404).

*"Indeed, like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, house of Israel."*

**Friday, Jul 29, 2022****What friends are for**

It's not easy to picture God as one of our friends. We can't just call God up to meet us for a cup of coffee. But friendship has many characteristics that help us better understand our own relationship with God. "Friendship," writes Pope Francis, "is no fleeting or temporary relationship, but one that is stable, firm and faithful, and matures with the passage of time. A relationship of affection that brings us together and a generous love that makes us seek the good of our friend" (*Christus vivit* §152). For further reflection, look to Jesus himself and his friends Martha, Mary, and Lazarus.

MEMORIAL OF MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS, FRIENDS OF JESUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 26:1-9 (405); John 11:19-27 or Luke

10:38-42 (607). *"Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him."*

**Saturday, Jul 30, 2022****Golden moments**

Peter Chrysologus (c.380–c.450) is the hands-down champion homilist of our tradition. Known as the "doctor of homilies," his name literally means "golden-tongued." Have you been moved by a great homily? Pope Francis (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 135) said that "The homily can actually be an intense and happy experience of the Spirit, a consoling encounter with God's word, a constant source of renewal and growth." Great homilies can be life changing, bringing about a deep conversion. May you encounter a great homily and be touched by the golden word of God.

MEMORIAL OF PETER CHRYSOLOGUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12 (406).

*"For in truth it was the LORD who sent me to you, to speak all these things for you to hear."*

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



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