



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**July 31, 2022**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**Mass Intentions  
for the week**

**Sunday, July 31st**

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

**Monday, August 1st**

9:00 a.m. — Otto Wolz

**Tuesday, August 2nd**

9:00 a.m. — Patrick T. Kearney (Family)  
Joe Conlon (Jeanne & Jerry Flynn)

**Wednesday, August 3rd**

9:00 a.m.— Maria & Inacio de Sousa (Family)

**Thursday, August 4th**

9:00 a.m. — David & Kathleen Worrell  
Emilka & Elodie Sejour (Farro)

**Saturday, August 6th**

5:30 p.m.— Pat McKenna (Ester & Greg Eloy)  
Floence Talluto (Louise & Joe Ferrara)

**Sunday, August 7th**

9:30 a.m.— Leroy Lovell (Maureen & Sheila)  
Florence Talluto (Mary Ross)  
11:30 a.m.— Pat McKenna (Mary Monte)  
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 \$9,823**  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$8,675**

**Good News Reflection*****The wealth of God's generosity***

When we understand God's generosity, we realize how wealthy we truly are. Even if we have little money in the bank, our lives are rich in God -- feeling protected and cared for by God, giving us an abundance of peace that gets us through trials and battles with wisdom and endurance.

God's generosity also leads to material goods. Every material blessing we have comes from God. He delivers it to us through the talents and skills that he has given to us. Whatever we earn through our own efforts comes originally from God's efforts. God is the source of everything that's good in our lives.



However, there's always a purpose that's bigger than us. Everything from God is meant to bless others, too. We are channels of God's generosity.

Whatever we have that we refuse to share becomes the cause of sin. We succumb to selfishness, which is akin to greed. The problem with greed is that it hurts others by denying them what God wants to share with them.

What makes us vulnerable to this sin? Self-reliance. It comes from thinking that we can rely solely on ourselves and on our own resources instead of

partnering with God in generosity. Even when we recognize that God has been generous with us, self-reliance says that we are responsible for preventing the poverty of giving it away to others.

When we protect our lives by storing up our goods, others suffer. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus addresses both greed and self-reliance, because they are completely contrary to the personality of God.

Generosity grows when we understand that God is the provider of everything good and that he will continue to provide for us even when we give away what he gives to us -- especially when we give away what he gives to us. Think about what you have in abundance (be it money, or joy, or wisdom, or lessons learned from experience, or \_\_\_). Now look around. How might you be the answer to someone else's' prayers?

Whatever we hope to have already belongs to God and is meant to be shared with others. This is the primary economic principle of the kingdom of God. The Body of Christ thrives only when there's a continual exchange of goods. We call this the communion of saints.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What is most difficult for you to share or give away? Why do you cling to it? What are you afraid will happen if you let go of it?

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

Why do we feel safer relying on ourselves than on God? Give an example of God's generosity in your own life. How would (or did) sharing this with others make a difference?

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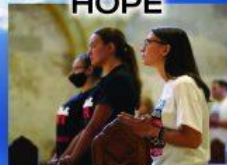
*"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."*  
- Pope Francis

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: Household Cleaner, Laundry Detergent, Deodorant, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup, Tea, Fruit Juice, Noodles, Baked Beans, Canned Corn, Peanut Butter.**



## Free health screenings Mobile Outreach Bus

The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.



 **Catholic Health**  
Services for adults  
(18 and older):

- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance

**No appointments needed**

**Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary Church**

33 Crown Acres Rd. Centereach, NY

**Wednesday, August 10 2022 - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

If you are attending or have any questions please contact the office 631-585-8760 ext 2



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](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 31, 2022****Dizzy yet?**

Do you ever feel like the world is spinning out of control? You're not alone: Pope Francis has called this effect of modern culture "rapidification." It's not just you: Things really are happening, progressing, and becoming obsolete faster—including what many of us do for a living. We're not unlike the tragic lamplighter in Catholic author Antoine de Saint-Exupéry's classic, *The Little Prince*. The lamplighter's planet is turning faster, but he still operates at the same mortal speed. He must now respond to 1,440 sunsets where there used to be just one. Now more than ever, we need to honor our Sabbaths and take our rest.

**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21 (114). "For what profit comes to [us] from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which [we have] labored under the sun?"

**Monday, Aug 01, 2022****Vocation is deeper than a job**

Alphonsus Liguori is the patron saint of many things, including the work of laypeople. Even though he was a founder of a religious order, the Redemptorists, he was, of course, first a lay person himself—and one with a successful career. A lawyer who didn't lose a case for eight years straight, he still found time in his busy schedule to visit the terminally ill, which is how he discovered his true vocation and became a priest and leading theologian. Liguori might be the first to advise: Take a break from work to give back to the community and you might get your big break in finding your mission.

**MEMORIAL OF ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP, FOUNDER, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 28:1-17; Matthew 14:13-21 (407). "His heart was moved with pity for them, and he cured their sick."

**Tuesday, Aug 02, 2022****Be present to the presence**

Peter Julian Eymard, the French Catholic priest who founded the Congregation of the Blessed Sacrament, had a deep love and understanding of the Eucharist. "How kind is our Sacramental Jesus! He welcomes you at any hour of the day or night. His Love never knows rest," he said. "When you visit Him, He forgets your sins and speaks only of His joy, His tenderness, and His Love. By the reception He gives to you, one would think He has need of you to make Him happy." Take such words to heart as we begin the [U.S. bishops' new eucharistic revival](#).

**MEMORIAL OF PETER JULIAN EYMARD, PRIEST, FOUNDER**

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22; Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14 (408). "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

**Wednesday, Aug 03, 2022****Let your life be one of service**

Sor Isolina Ferré Aguayo, M.S.B.T., a Missionary Sister, died on this day in 2000 after a lifetime of service to the poor of her native Puerto Rico and New York. Known as the "Mother Teresa of Puerto Rico," Aguayo served people living on the margins and opened schools and resource centers throughout Puerto Rico and beyond. For her tireless work, she received 17 honorary degrees and more than 50 additional awards including the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1999, bestowed for "her passionate fight

against poverty, violence, and despair in Puerto Rico and Brooklyn, New York, where she worked to reconcile rival gangs in 1950-1960." In endowing the award, President Clinton said Sor Isolina taught people "to see the best in themselves and in their communities." May we all serve so well.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 31:1-7; Matthew 15:21-28 (409). "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

**Thursday, Aug 04, 2022****Persistence is a virtue**

Sometimes a vocation comes packaged with obstacles. Perhaps it is God's way of testing our resolve. In any case, John Vianney, born in revolutionary France in 1786, modeled persistence in his determination to become a priest. His religious training was disrupted by the anticlerical reign of terror unleashed during the French Revolution. Priests in hiding who risked their lives to administer the sacraments became Vianney's heroes, and once the church was reestablished, Vianney entered seminary. Today we know him as the patron saint of parish priests. May his story inspire us to overcome obstacles that keep us from our God-given vocation, whatever that might be.

**MEMORIAL OF JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST**

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Matthew 16:13-23 (410). "You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

**Friday, Aug 05, 2022****At home in a house church**

Christians first gathered in homes, or "house churches," before there were dedicated religious buildings. Remember the "upper room" where the disciples received the gift of the Holy Spirit? It was likely one of the first house churches. As Christians were able to more freely express their faith, churches were built. One of the most historic and significant churches is the Basilica of Mary Major in Rome. It was built out of deep love of Mary and her significance in salvation history. It holds many important relics, works of art, and the sacred experiences of pilgrims since the fifth century. What is a church that has been especially meaningful for you?

**MEMORIAL OF THE DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF MARY MAJOR**

TODAY'S READINGS: Nahum 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7; Matthew 16:24-28 (411). "See, upon the mountains there advances the bearer of good news, announcing peace!"

**Saturday, Aug 06, 2022****Bury the bomb**

On August 6, 1945 at 8:15 in the morning, an atomic bomb exploded above Hiroshima, Japan, dropped from an American B-29 bomber. In an instant some 70,000 souls were incinerated by the 10,000-degree fireball generated in the blast. By the end of the year, injury and radiation doubled the total number of deaths. Seventy-five years later, Pope Francis declared the use of atomic weapons, even the mere possession of such devices, to be immoral. Reflect on the transfigured Christ who stands in solidarity with the suffering and dead of all crimes against humanity.

**FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD**

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36 (614). "While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white."

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



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