



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 7, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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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

Monday, August 8th

9:00 a.m. — Edward Semke (Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Randall)
 Rodrigue Morency (Children)

Tuesday, August 9th

9:00 a.m. — Thomas Donnelly Jr. (Family)
 Nicholas J. Campanelli (Family)

Wednesday, August 10th

9:00 a.m.— Christie Aridas
 Anna Joseph Alenchery

Thursday, August 11th

9:00 a.m. — Thanksgiving (Antonio Mua Jr)
 Living & Deceased Members of Romeo
 & Wolz Family)

Saturday, August 13th

5:30 p.m.— Eileen Pacula (Daughter Eileen)
 William McGregor (Catholic Daughters of
 the Americas #1920)

Sunday, August 14th

9:30 a.m.— Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)
 Carmine Festa (Helen, Diane & Pam)
 11:30 a.m.— Teresita Valisno (Aida, Tonypet & Arnold)
 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 web-
 site 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*

John C. Campbell
 Salvatore DiBenedetto
 Lalchan Ramkelawan

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

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week’s Collection \$8,234
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year’s Collection \$9,211

Good News Reflection

How to receive all God that offers

We're told in this Sunday's Gospel reading that God is "pleased" to give us his kingdom, which includes eternal life in heaven as well as all the benefits of his love and goodness here on earth.

God does not withhold anything good from us. But do we avail ourselves of all he offers?

Jesus explains: If you value earthly treasures more than you treasure opportunities to share God's love and blessings with others, your hands are full of nothing that will last. If your "money bags" are filled with worldly goals that push God out, or selfish plans that push others out, or ungodly relationships that push holiness out from your life, there isn't much room for the wondrous and eternal gifts of God. "For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."

Anything not of God is detrimental to us and, in the end, pointless, because it does not unite us to God and we cannot take it to heaven. We need to trade it in for the inexhaustible treasures that come from God.



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Jesus isn't saying that we have to literally sell all of our worldly possessions in order to make room for divine treasures. What matters is our motive for having these things. Are they used for serving the kingdom of God or are they serving only earthly, temporary, selfish purposes?

Whatever enhances our union with God -- and only this -- is a treasure that we'll enjoy for all of eternity.

Jesus warns us not to waste time being lazy about purging our lives of earthly treasures. We don't know when the

Master will come to take us away to the heavenly banquet of eternal union with God. Will we be ready? Not if we're more interested in feeding our worldly desires.

This is why God, in his great mercy, provides Purgatory. Separation from earthly treasures (the purging) is painful when we prefer them over heavenly goods; Jesus describes this as the "beatings" that the Master's servants get.

Why wait for that? Now is the time to prefer only the kingdom of God and build up our cache of gifts that no thief can reach nor moth destroy.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

If you knew you were going to die tomorrow, what would you do today to prepare? What attitudes, what goals, and what plans do you have that don't assist the kingdom of God? What habits or addictions? Unloving behaviors? Unforgiveness and unresolved conflicts? Take these worthless treasures to the Sacrament of Reconciliation to clean them out of your life, with Christ's help, so that you can make room for more heavenly treasures.

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Describe an earthly attachment you used to have and explain how God helped you let go of it. What divine treasure did you gain?

WE DARE TO SAY

55 WORDS YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW

Week 6: Forgive Us Our Trespasses: In the shadow of your hurt, forgiveness feels like a decision to reward your enemy. But in the shadow of the cross, forgiveness is merely a gift from one undeserving soul to another.



Faith Formation

Registration 2022-23

Began on July 18th and ends on September 12th

Register ONLINE at www.abvmcentereach.com

20 Catholic Ministries Appeal

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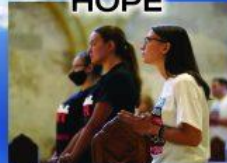
"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."
- Pope Francis

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: Laundry Detergent, Household Cleaner, Dishwashing Liquid, Deodorant, Conditioner, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Egg Noodles, Canned Chicken, Canned Corn, Coffee, Muffin Mix, Jelly, Razors, Cat Food, Frosting, Jell-O**



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



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



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!



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Sunday, Aug 07, 2022**Tap into the power of faith**

"The power of faith is enormous," Church Father Cyril of Jerusalem declared. "It is so great that it not only saves the believer: thanks to one person's faith others are saved also." But what does it mean to have this special power? Faith isn't about believing items listed in a creed. It's not about acceding to doctrines or to church authorities. Faith means trusting in God the way a child takes the hand of a beloved guardian and allows herself to be led in perfect confidence. "All shall be well," Julian of Norwich avowed. Share this faith that "all manner of things shall be well."

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19; Luke 12:32-48 (117). *"Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."*

Monday, Aug 08, 2022**Kick off your shoes**

You may have seen the term *discalced* before—in the names of some religious orders, such as the Discalced Carmelites—and wondered what it meant. It comes from Latin for "unshod," or barefoot. Members of discalced orders go barefoot or wear sandals only. It was started by Saint Francis of Assisi, and his contemporary Saint Dominic traveled extensively by foot without shoes. Dominic didn't believe he'd convert many people if he was wearing shoes because authentic humility, poverty, and penance was as persuasive as his famous preaching. How do you walk the talk as a follower of Christ?

MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 1:2-5, 24-28c; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). *"Go to the sea, drop in a hook, and take the first fish that comes up."*

Tuesday, Aug 09, 2022**Never forget**

The United Nations designates today International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples. It's also the feast day of Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, murdered in the Nazi Holocaust. Teresa Benedicta—a Jewish convert to Catholicism and Carmelite nun—is considered a Christian martyr, but it was her Jewish ancestry that caused her to be gassed at Auschwitz with countless others on this date in 1942. At her canonization Pope John Paul II chose words that also pertain to marginalized indigenous populations: "I raise an anguished cry: May such criminal deeds never be repeated against any ethnic group, against any race, in any corner of this world!" Pray that this be so.

MEMORIAL OF TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 2:8—3:4; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414). *"See that you do not despise one of these little ones."*

Wednesday, Aug 10, 2022**Seek the treasure that lasts forever**

On this day in AD 258, Saint Lawrence was born in Roman Hispania. He followed the future Pope Sixtus II to Rome and was ordained a deacon after the pope's election in 257. Lawrence would serve as a treasurer in the cathedral for roughly a year before Emperor Valerian ordered all Christian clergy killed. The pope was murdered during Mass in 258, and Lawrence—ordered to hand over the church's money—gave away as much as he could before bringing the sick and the poor to the prefect instead,

calling them the "true treasures of the Church." He was swiftly executed thereafter. We would all do well to model his faithful resistance to evil and service to the needy.

FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618). *"He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."*

Thursday, Aug 11, 2022**Focus on essentials, not the extras**

Today is the memorial of Saint Clare, founder of the Poor Clares. Although raised in a noble family, inspired by Saint Francis, Clare zealously embraced asceticism. As the 21-year-old superior of a new religious order in the Franciscan tradition, she called for her sisters to forego shoes, meat, money, and even most conversation. While to modern Christians these practices seem harsh, Clare points the way toward a stripped-down life, laser-focused on God and unity with the poor. In the spirit of Saint Clare, we might ask ourselves if our pursuit of creature comforts sometimes separates us from God or from those in need.

MEMORIAL OF CLARE, ABBESS, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 12:1-12; Matthew 18:21—19:1 (416). *"How often must I forgive . . . ? As many as seventy times? Jesus answered, 'I say to you, not seven times but seventy-seven times.'"*

Friday, Aug 12, 2022**Look on the bright side**

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, founder of the Visitation order of nuns, advised her followers to let go chronic guilt: "We must never dwell on our sins during prayer. Regarding our offenses, a simple humbling of our soul before God, without a thought of this offense or that, is enough." Accept your imperfections (you're human!) and take a moment to feel gratitude for the good in your life.

MEMORIAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63; Matthew 19:3-12 (417). *"I pardon you for all you have done, says the Lord GOD."*

Saturday, Aug 13, 2022**Make it a policy to help the widowed and orphaned**

When Blessed Father Michael McGivney was a parish priest in Connecticut 150 years ago, he was moved by the plight of migrant families where the breadwinner had died and left a widow and young children without resources. In 1882 he founded the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization, to support these struggling families. McGivney devised an insurance plan for the Knights to administer that would pay families a death benefit. Today that insurance company is still going strong with more than 2 million policies representing \$100 billion in coverage. McGivney's feast day is today. Pray for his canonization.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32; Matthew 19:13-15 (418). *"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

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



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