



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 21, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, August 21st

9:30 a.m. — Leroy Lovell (Jeanne & Jerry Flynn)
John Palladino (Kerrie & Dennis Saslofsky)
11:30 a.m. — Patrick J. Kearney (family)
People of the Parish

Monday, August 22nd

9:00 a.m. — Mary McNamara (Florence Talluto)
Thomas & Harold Russell (Renate & Janelle)

Tuesday, August 23rd

9:00 a.m. — Jeanne Brian (Florence Talluto)
Fr. Charles Srion (Wolz Family)

Wednesday, August 24th

9:00 a.m. — Mary McConnon (Elizabeth Leverock)
Catherine Molick (Family)

Thursday, August 25th

9:00 a.m. — Allen Carniello

Saturday, August 27th

5:30 p.m. — Robert Aridas
Domenica Campora (Campora & Morrero Families)

Sunday, August 28th

9:30 a.m. — Sheila Leonard (McGuinness Family)
Robert Aridas
11:30 a.m. — Perla Rondilla (Ed Uy & 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 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 and 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 \$ 8,767
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$6,432

Good News Reflection

The sign of heaven

This Sunday's scripture readings are signposts on the road to the narrow gate at the entrance of heaven. Isaiah says that God knows our works and our thoughts. To help us sanctify our works and purify our thoughts, so that we can see the fullness of the glory of God when we die, he sets a sign among us. It is Jesus. His life -- how he lived and how he died -- are a sign of how to enter heaven.

He says in the Gospel reading that many will attempt to enter salvation who are not strong enough. Strong enough for what?

Throughout the Gospel, Jesus gives us the answer to that: We must be perfect in love. That does not mean that mistakes and other imperfections will lock us out of heaven. The key that opens the gate to heaven is love, and if we throw love away, we throw that key away.

It's very unlikely, however, that we will ever completely throw love away, even though we sin. But we are told to be perfect in love. This means loving fully. Always. Unconditionally. Sacrificially. Radically.

To be perfect in love, we need to have the Lord's own love. We need Jesus to dwell in us and reach others through us. On our own, we cannot love fully, but when we rely on God to give us his love for others, we have perfect love.

To rely on God's love and feel confident in it, we have to get rid of anything that blocks his love: unforgiveness, vengeful attitudes, lingering resentments and cynicism, and the apathetic ignoring of the needs of others.



The reading from Hebrews tells us not to disdain the discipline of the Lord. No matter what causes our hardships and trials or who's to blame, God uses them to perfect us in love. If we recognize these as opportunities to grow in love -- if we seek God in them and let him stretch our ability to love -- we become more like Jesus. We make the path toward heaven straight, and what is lame and disjointed in our spirituality is healed.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Who in your life is difficult to love? (Don't forget to consider the unloving behaviors you have toward yourself.) How might God be using these hard-to-love people to strengthen your ability to love more perfectly?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

People who are difficult to love are saint-makers, because they give us opportunities to identify and overcome (with God's help of course) the imperfections in our ability to love. What happens if we give God permission to change us when we wish someone else would change? How is this a key to heaven?

Brand New Series begins on September 11th



8th Grade Faith

Faith Formation

Registration 2022-23

Began on July 18th and ends on September 12th

Register ONLINE at www.abvmcentereach.com

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



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: Dishwashing Liquid, Laundry Detergent, Liquid hand soap, Deodorant, Conditioner, Cooking oil, Mayonnaise, cake mix/ frosting, Jello mix, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, and Household cleaner.**



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, September 11

9:30 & 11:30 AM Masses

Students of all ages are invited

MEMORIAL OF THE UNBORN

Prayer service on National Day of Prayer for the unborn is on Saturday, September 10th, 10:00 a.m., at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Route 112 Entrance Coram. It is sponsored by the Long Island Coalition For Life. Questions and information contact Tom (631) 588-4590



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Important DRVC Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use, can be found on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>

Sunday, Aug 21, 2022**Don't leave home without it**

If you've ever been locked out even once because you forgot your key, chances are you now check your pockets before you step outside the door. Being on the wrong side of a barred door is tough when it's due to hapless error. It's positively brutal when a door remains shut in your face because of something you did or failed to do. We've all received the key to a warm welcome at the threshold of God's realm: love. Church-going and check-writing may be basic but not *key*. The door opens to those whose hearts are open. Wherever you go today, check your pockets for love.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 66:18-21; Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13; Luke 13:22-30 (123). *"I do not know where you are from. Depart from me, all you evildoers!"*

Monday, Aug 22, 2022**A throne on high**

In many ancient cultures, including Israel's, it wasn't the wife of the king who was queen. Rather, the mother of the king was queen. And while her son was the unquestionable ruler, she often had tremendous influence over him. The same goes in heaven. Today's memorial is eight days—an octave—after celebrating Mary's Assumption. Pope Pius XII, who declared the dogma of the Assumption, said of his instituting the feast of Mary's Queenship, "so that all may recognize more clearly and venerate more devoutly the merciful and maternal sway of the Mother of God." Remember to hail your queen, Mary, today.

MEMORIAL OF THE QUEENSHIP OF MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 11-12; Matthew 23:13-22 (425). *"One who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who is seated on it."*

Tuesday, Aug 23, 2022**It's your serve**

Saint Rose of Lima—like her saintly role model before her, Catherine of Siena—proved that you didn't need to become a nun to live a notable life of Christian piety and service. Both women were drawn to holiness at a young age, both resisted their parents' pressure to marry, both even took measures to make themselves less attractive to suitors. Each joined the lay Dominicans. Rose sought a sacrificial life as she brought home needy people to care for, saying, "When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus." How will you serve Jesus today?

MEMORIAL OF ROSE OF LIMA, THIRD ORDER DOMINICAN

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3a, 14-17; Matthew 23:23-26 (426). *"Cleanse first the inside of the cup, so that the outside also may be clean."*

Wednesday, Aug 24, 2022**As I lay dying**

Elisabeth Kübler-Ross died on this date in 2004. Early in her medical training, she was horrified to see the term "hopeless patient" commonly applied to the terminally ill, who were often overly sedated and neglected. She went on to transform the way we look at terminal illness. A pioneer in hospice and palliative care, bioethics, and near-death research, she led the movement to "treat the dying with dignity" and her 1969 classic *On Death and*

Dying changed the way we look at grief. Perhaps appropriate that today is also the feast of Saint Bartholomew, the apostle famed for his painful death as a martyr. We can all play a part in bringing comfort and dignity to the dying process.

FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51 (629). *"Philip said to him, 'Come and see.'"*

Thursday, Aug 25, 2022**Be resilient in the face of resistance**

Saint Joseph Calasanz is now widely recognized for his devotion to educating needy students. However, during his 17th-century lifetime Joseph encountered strong resistance. His family opposed his becoming a priest, and after he had founded innovative schools for the poor and the Piarist religious community to tend those schools, enemies attacked. In his 80s, the church removed Joseph from education leadership, and dissolved the Piarists. After his death, the Piarists were restored, and they continue their education ministry around the world today. If you struggle with a seeming failure, look to the life of Saint Joseph of Calasanz for a model of faithfulness and endurance.

MEMORIAL OF JOSEPH CALASANZ, PRIEST, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Matthew 24:42-51 (428).

"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come.'"

Friday, Aug 26, 2022**Dialogue to break new ground**

There's a lot of talk right now. Talk about gun control, women's rights, dismantling racism—or not. The conversations are urgent yet often feel futile. What we need, writes Father Raimon Panikkar, whose anniversary of death is today, is not talk, but dialogue. Dialogue "is not a simple conversation, not a mere mutual enrichment by the supplementary information that is contributed; it is not exclusively a corrective of misunderstandings . . . It is the joint search for the shared and the different." How can you foster this kind of dialogue that nourishes what each person contributes?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 1:17-25; Matthew 25:1-13 (429).

"Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish?"

Saturday, Aug 27, 2022**Don't stop believing**

At some point or another, each of us loses our way in life. Some only briefly, others for a long time. Sadly, some never find their way home. But if we are blessed with someone as special as Saint Monica, we might be fortunate enough to share the fate of her famous son, Saint Augustine. He wrote in his *Confessions* that she had "brought me to birth, both in her flesh, so that I was born into this temporal light, and in her heart, that I might be born into eternal light." Give thanks for the people in your life who never stopped believing in you.

MEMORIAL OF MONICA, MOTHER OF AUGUSTINE

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 1:26-31; Matthew 25:14-30 (430).

"His master said to him, 'Well done, my good and faithful servant.'"

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



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