



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

July 17, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Mass Intentions
for the week**

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

Monday, July 18th

9:00 a.m. — Fred Dale (Janet Helmig)
 John Catergerone (Maureen Reilly)

Tuesday, July 19th

9:00 a.m. — Catherine Molick (Mr. & Mrs. J. Randall)

Wednesday, July 20th

9:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of the
 Romeo & Wolz Family
 John DiBona (DiBona Family)

Thursday, July 21th

9:00 a.m. — Doris Marciante (Wolz Family)
 Florence Talluto (Sal Stingo & Family)

Saturday, July 23rd

5:30 p.m.— Sarafina Bracco (Andrew, Mary Ann &
 Bracco Family)

Sunday, July 24th

9:30 a.m.— Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)
 11:30 a.m.— Samuel Siegel (Theresa Silvestri)
 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 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*

Gregory Francis Hughes

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

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week’s Collection \$9,115
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year’s Collection \$8,640

Good News Reflection**Don't worry, be fearless**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks to us about our anxieties and worries. They distract us. They're harmful to us if we let them control our lives, because they take our eyes off of our Lord and focus us on what's going wrong and how it might get worse.

Mary chose the "better part"; she didn't let anything distract her from being a disciple learning avidly from Jesus. When we make the time to put aside the busyness of life to sit quietly and learn from Jesus, we discover reasons why our worries aren't really so worrisome.



Only as we sit quietly at the feet of Jesus do we find hope that overcomes despair, peace that conquers anxiety, and wisdom that gets us through trials. Even the littlest worry, such as Martha's concern that her kitchen chores wouldn't get done, is a sin when it takes our eyes off of Jesus. Nothing that distracts us from Jesus is ever good for us.

We cannot grow in holiness when we're not watching Jesus and learning from him how to be holy. We cannot love as he loves nor receive all the love he gives us unless we have a prayer life that includes quiet time alone with him, drinking up his lessons and his loving embrace. Prayers said while driving and while listening to homilies isn't enough.

Anxieties and worries are varying degrees of fear: We're afraid that something bad is going to happen. Even when there's a legitimate reason to worry, fear blocks our view of Jesus, because it turns us away from him. We need to recognize fear as a warning flag telling us to slow down, quiet down, and sit down with Jesus for a good discussion on whatever it is that's bothering us. He's got the answers, the encouragement, and the affirmation that will bring us peace.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What has been worrying you lately? What are you anxious about? What are you fearing might happen? Write them on a list and take them to Jesus in a quiet prayer time. What lessons is Jesus trying to teach you in those situations? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn from Jesus. Search the Bible for additional inspiration.

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

What are some of the ways we can slow down our lives and improve our prayer times? Tell the story of an experience you had when quiet prayer relieved an anxiety or solved a problem.

WE DARE TO SAY

55 WORDS YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW

Week 4: God's kingdom was ushered in through the surrender and self-sacrifice of its king. The name of Jesus has been placed above every other name. May we come too see that putting God first truly is best. May we have the faith to believe that as we desire God's will more in our lives, the more we submit to his rule and reign, the more we may receive joy and blessing in turn.

Did you know a 401k can help our Parish do God's work?

You worked hard for your 401k, IRA or other retirement plan. If you leave it to anyone besides a spouse, a good portion of that savings may go to taxes. But if you leave it to our Parish, the entire value will be put to good use because we are a tax-exempt organization. Simply fill out a *change of beneficiary form* and name our parish as a full or partial beneficiary. To learn more contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or bkilarjian@drvc.org.



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

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.**

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: Deodorant, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup, Salad Dressing, Fruit Juice, Peanut Butter, Noodles, Canned Corn, Baked Beans, Tea, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Cat Food, Kleenex and Paper Tow-**



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 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 17, 2022**You're welcome**

The guest room is a modern convenience. It's often a place for shoehorning out-of-town relatives amid the exercise equipment and stored off-season decorations. In the world of the Bible, hospitality meant more—extending welcome was a religious act, most frequently offered to strangers passing through town. Jesus urges his followers to practice radical hospitality to the poor, sick, prisoners, strangers, and socially marginalized: to all who are, like us, just passing through this life. How does your parish practice visible hospitality? How do you personally make the stranger and outsider feel welcome?

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 18:1-10a; Colossians 1:24-28; Luke 10:38-42 (108). *"Let me bring you a little food, that you may refresh yourselves."*

Monday, Jul 18, 2022**Hang in there**

Relentless is a good word to describe 16th-century soldier-turned-priest and patron of hospitals Saint Camillus de Lellis, who simply could not stop caring for the sick—even getting up from his own deathbed to see if other patients needed help. He suffered from a leg disease his whole life, but it was another illness—a gambling addiction—that led to his conversion, after he literally lost his shirt and had to take work in a Capuchin friary. In his experience of sickness and healing, he discovered his calling to heal others. The order he founded continues to minister to the sick today. May you find your own vocation in your afflictions and be inspired to pursue it with passion.

MEMORIAL OF CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 6:1-4, 6-8; Matthew 12:38-42 (395). *"Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."*

Tuesday, Jul 19, 2022**Cultivate contemplation and simplicity**

Carmel gets mentioned throughout the Old Testament, as a settlement and a mountain, both named for lush vegetation that grew there. The former was the homeland of King David's wife, Abigail. The latter was the holy mountain, dotted with caves, where the Elijah confronted the false prophets of Baal. These caves also attracted early hermits who would go on to found the Carmelite religious order. Carmelite spirituality—in particular, contemplation and a simple lifestyle—was the touchstone of many influential Catholic saints, including John of the Cross, Teresa of Ávila, and Thérèse of Lisieux. How might your own spiritual life benefit from an increase in contemplation or simplicity?

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Matthew 12:46-50 (396).

"Shepherd your people with your staff, the flock of your inheritance."

Wednesday, Jul 20, 2022**Bounce back**

Years back, Timex had a popular slogan claiming that their watches "could take a licking and keep on ticking." No disrespect intended, but that truly could be an epitaph for the courageous Saint Apollinaris, who suffered endless beatings during the Roman persecutions of the early church yet refused to back down or abandon his ministry or his flock. Though his steadfastness eventually led to martyrdom, he lives on in the church's collective

memory and admiration. Next time life knocks you down, recall Apollinaris and get back into the ring!

MEMORIAL OF APOLLINARIS, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 1:1, 4-10; Matthew 13:1-9 (397).

"Some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."

Thursday, Jul 21, 2022**Overachiever for God**

We're approaching the dog days of summer, but if you're tempted to retreat from work, Saint Lawrence of Brindisi might inspire you otherwise. This overachieving saint was a brilliant linguist and preacher who held positions of leadership in his religious order, the Capuchin Franciscans. He founded multiple friaries, defended against heresies, and performed diplomatic missions. He died of apparent heat exhaustion following a diplomatic mission—working tirelessly until the end. Saint Lawrence poured his all into upholding the faith. Take a moment to consider how you, too, might uplift the faith.

MEMORIAL OF LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI, CAPUCHIN PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13; Matthew 13:10-17 (398). *"But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear."*

Friday, Jul 22, 2022**It's a paradox**

Experiencing God is awesome and incomprehensible—what Catholic theologian Karl Rahner described as "Holy Mystery" and "Infinite Horizon." And yet, this very same God draws close to us, becoming fully human to dwell with us. The experiences of Mary Magdalene with Jesus clearly demonstrate this. Having just saved the world, Jesus, in his first post-Resurrection appearance, comes not in a blaze of glory, but in the tender encounter with Mary and the very intimate calling of her name. Allow yourself to rest in this paradox, knowing that ours is not to figure the mystery out but to be embraced by it!

MEMORIAL OF MARY MAGDALENE, DISCIPLE OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 3:14-17 (399); John 20:1-2, 11-18 (603). *"Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni,' which means Teacher."*

Saturday, Jul 23, 2022**A saint for all seasons**

Bridget of Sweden did it all: born in 1303, married at the age of 13, mother of eight children she raised with loving care; widow, ascetic, and member of the Franciscan Third Order; foundress of the Order of the Most Holy Savior; pilgrim to countless shrines, model of simplicity, prophet against church abuses; counselor to king and pope alike, devoted servant of the poor, renowned mystic and author—truly a remarkable woman, a saint for all seasons. Pope Saint John Paul II rightfully proclaimed her co-patron of Europe in 1999. She is an inspiration and reminder that whatever your role or station in life, sanctity can be found.

MEMORIAL OF BRIDGET, FOUNDRESS

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 7:1-11; Matthew 13:24-30 (400). *"How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, mighty God! I had rather one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere."*

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



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