



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**October 31, 2022**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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### Sunday, October 30

9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)  
Living & Deceased Members of Romeo Wolz  
Family

11:30 a.m.— Angelina Carlisi (Rose Chibbaro)  
People of the Parish

### Monday, October 31

9:00 a.m. — George Leverock (Uy Family)  
Herminia Santos (Uy Family)

### Tuesday, November 1

9:00 a.m. — All Souls  
7:00 p.m.— People of the Parish

### Wednesday, November 2

9:00 a.m.— All Souls

### Thursday, November 3

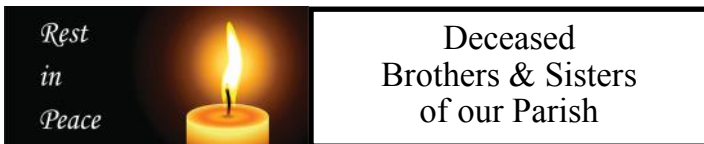
9:00 a.m. —All Souls

### Saturday, November 4

5:30 p.m.— All Souls

### Sunday, November 5

9:30 a.m.— All Souls  
11:30 a.m.— Lois Watson (McGuinness Family)  
People of the Parish



### Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last Week's Collection \$8,195  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,264

**Thank You!**

### 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](mailto:rptak@abvmcentereach.com)

### Sacraments

For more information on Baptism, Marriage and  
Anointing of the Sick, please visit our parish web-  
site [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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:rtbhuntington@yahoo.com) or Anita Wolf at  
[hwolf96@aol.com](mailto: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. Meetings are held on every first Tuesday  
of the month from September thru June.

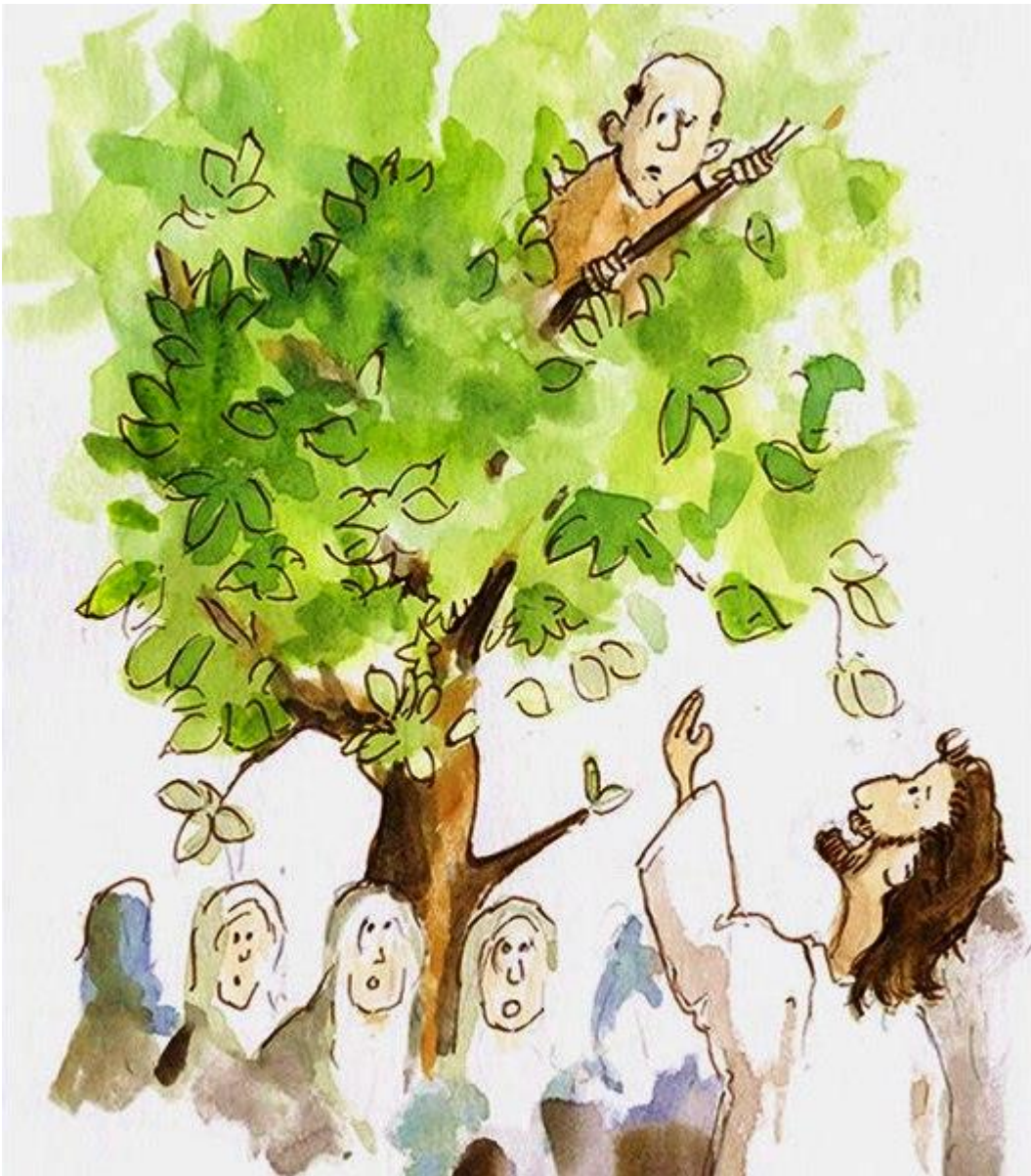
### Scouting (Cub Scout, Boy Scouts)

Contact Denise Materazo at [dml121@yahoo.com](mailto:dml121@yahoo.com)  
for more details..

**Good News Reflection****Let nothing stop you from seeing the Lord!**

Notice the determination of Zacchaeus in this Sunday's Gospel reading. His view of Jesus was obstructed, but that didn't stop him from seeing Jesus. He had an obstacle (the crowd) and a handicap (his short stature), but he refused to allow any of this to prevent him from reaching his goal of getting a clear view of Jesus.

In fact, Zacchaeus was so eager to experience Jesus that he did something drastic: He climbed a tree! Maybe he felt embarrassed hanging onto a tree limb; maybe onlookers thought he was odd. Maybe someone tried to talk him down. Maybe the tree was rough and tore his clothes and scratched his skin. None of that stopped him.



We all have handicaps -- prejudices, misconceptions, bad training, spiritual laziness, fears and doubts, and so on -- which obstruct our view of Jesus. And we all have short stature: we are much smaller than God and cannot see the goodness that he sees in and beyond our hardships. In our short-sightedness, we conclude that Jesus has abandoned us, and we feel so very alone.

Instead, we should be like Zacchaeus. In our desire to see Jesus fully, as he really is, we should do everything possible to find a way around all obstacles and overcome all spiritual handicaps.

Notice that once Zacchaeus climbed the tree, Jesus zeroed in on him and gave him personal attention and affirmation. How did Zacchaeus respond? He quickly descended from the tree and welcomed Jesus with delight. He had so much enthusiasm that he wanted to quadruple the penance for his sins!

Do you see Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass? If Zacchaeus' reaction to Christ's presence isn't our reaction, it means our view is still partly obstructed. We need to climb higher.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What are you "short" on? What in your faith life is too small? What is crowding your life and obstructing an enthusiastic relationship with Jesus? And how can you overcome this handicap so that you can see Jesus and recognize his nearness and hear his affirmation?

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

Name some signs of spiritual determination that you've seen in others. Why are we able to see Jesus better when we pray more fervently, sing in Mass more enthusiastically, serve others more eagerly, immerse ourselves in scripture more hungrily, care about others more cheerfully, or donate our treasures more generously?



We all get lost sometimes. We lose our way and make poor choices and decisions. God does not abandon us in those times. Instead God seeks us out when we have made poor choices and decisions. In this message we will look at how Jesus sought out Zacchaeus and how he still seeks us when we are lost.

**Tuesday, November 1, 2022**

**Masses**  
**9:00 AM & 7:00 PM**

***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, Kleenex, Mustard, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Muffin Mix, Oatmeal, Baked Beans, Canned Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Jelly & Canned Chicken.**



**in the plaza between the church and the parish center**

**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.

### Parish Social Ministry (Food Pantry) Needs for Thanksgiving

**Gift Cards:** With the Holidays just around the corner, we're getting ready to prepare Thanksgiving baskets for our clients. In addition to the food items listed below, please consider donating gift cards to local supermarkets. These are very helpful in providing those in need with a great Thanksgiving dinner, allowing them the dignity to choose their favorite holiday foods. Please drop off gift cards at the Parish Office or in the collection basket.



**Pantry Needs:** Boxed Milk, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Yams, Canned Vegetables, Stuffing Mix, Instant Potatoes and any other non-perishable food items. Please place these donations in our bin in the Church.

**Believe  
Serve  
Belong**



**ASSUMPTION  
YOUTH MINISTRY**

**Jeremiah 29:11**

### Opening Night

**Thursday, November 3, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**in the Parish Center Hall**

**All Middle School & High School Students are invited**

**We can't wait to see you for fun, games, food, friendships....**

**For more info please contact [rptak@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rptak@abvmcentereach.com)**



You're invited to a Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to support **CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

APPLEBEE'S® LOCATION

1935 N. Ocean Ave,  
Farmingville, NY  
Tickets: \$10.00

DATE & TIME

Saturday,  
November 12th, 2022  
8:00 am - 10:00am

CONTACT: Maria 631-648-3142, Louise 631-648-8396



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!



#### 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, Oct 30, 2022****Small is beautiful**

"I am only one person," we hear people say. "I'm nobody special. I don't have any power over what happens." We can all summon up plenty of reasons why our contribution to creating a more just global society is withheld. Mother Teresa of Calcutta had a different perspective. "There are no great things, only small things with great love," she said. "Happy are those." A little man named Zacchaeus once climbed a tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus. Take the small step of lifting your vision just a little higher today and you may encounter love.

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 11:22—12:2; 2 Thessalonians 1:11—2:2; Luke 19:1-10 (153). "*Zacchaeus, come down quickly, for today I must stay at your house.*"

**Monday, Oct 31, 2022****Hallowed be the Eve**

Given its association with witches, goblins, and the like, it might seem strange that Halloween is actually a Catholic holiday. Halloween, or Hallowe'en, is an abbreviation for "All Hallows Eve," a celebration the night before All Saints' and All Souls' Days (November 1 and 2). Just like on the night before Christmas or before Ash Wednesday, people make merry on October 31—with costumes and parties for kids and adults alike—before the more solemn days to come. Take a cue this week from Mexican culture's festive *Día de los Muertos* (Day of the Dead) to pay respects with a joyful heart to those who have gone before us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Philippians 2:1-4; Luke 14:12-14 (485). "*When you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you.*"

**Tuesday, Nov 01, 2022****It's the company you keep**

"It is the example of the righteous that we must make our own," instructed Pope Clement of Rome. "Seek the company of the saints, for those who seek their company shall be sanctified." Catholics believe in the communion of saints: all who have attained a place at the heavenly banquet—and from whom we seek inspiration, example, and intercession. They include Saint Francis as well as someone's Uncle Frank, Saint Gertrude the Great along with a great many grandmas. Images of both famous and ordinary saints informed the work of artist John Nava for the stunning [Communion of Saints tapestries](#) at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Angels in Los Angeles; let them grace your prayer today.

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a (667). "*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.*"

**Wednesday, Nov 02, 2022****Dressing for the dearly departed**

All Souls' Day is celebrated in many different ways, depending on one's culture. Some celebrate the season by dressing up. Others honor *Día de los Muertos* by having feasts at cemeteries, where stories are told and gifts are offered to the ancestors. Some spend

the day with doors and windows wide open as a symbol of welcoming the dearly departed. In all different ways, life is celebrated, the life we shared with loved ones who have died, and the life we continue to share with them and one another in new ways. What will be your All Souls' Day custom today?

COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED (ALL SOULS' DAY)

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 3:1-9; Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-9; John 6:37-40 (668). "*The souls of the just are in the hand of God.*"

**Thursday, Nov 03, 2022****The struggle for racial justice continues**

In 1947, the Catholic Interracial Council of Los Angeles sued the state of California to challenge the law that prohibited interracial marriages. At the time laws in 30 states made interracial marriages illegal. The challenge cited Catholic teaching to argue that racism is inherently evil and irrational. The lawsuit succeeded, a step along the long road to racial justice. Peruvian Saint Martin de Porres, born out of wedlock in 1579 to a Spanish nobleman and a formerly enslaved African woman, is patron of mixed-race people and all those seeking racial harmony. Ask Saint Martin to help us keep up the fight for racial justice.

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN DE PORRES, DOMINICAN BROTHER

TODAY'S READINGS: Philippians 3:3-8a; Luke 15:1-10 (488). "*He, the LORD, is our God; throughout the earth his judgments prevail.*"

**Friday, Nov 04, 2022****An inspiration in trying times**

Many lessons can be drawn from our experience these difficult years of the epidemic. Foremost among them is that we have to be there for each other. During the 1576-78 Plague of Milan, when many city officials fled the scene, Archbishop Borromeo stayed the course, not only organizing a wide-ranging clerical response to the temporal and spiritual needs of the people, but even selling his own possessions and borrowing funds to care for the many hungry, homeless, and dying souls. Dismissing concerns over infection, he made visitations across the diocese and personally ministered to the sick. What can we do today to honor his memory and serve those in need?

MEMORIAL OF CHARLES BORROMEO, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Philippians 3:17—4:1; Luke 16:1-8 (489). "*Prepare a full account of your stewardship.*"

**Saturday, Nov 05, 2022****Loosen that grip**

Imagine going through an entire day having left your wallet or purse at home, carrying no money of any kind (cash, credit card, or otherwise). Now imagine going through your entire life that way! More than likely, that's how Jesus lived. He had a lot to say about money, especially our relationship to it, but we never read of Jesus carrying any himself. When he's challenged about paying taxes, he asks to be shown a coin in order to respond, so he likely wasn't carrying any of his own. While Jesus did not command us to live without money, he cautioned us to use it ethically and to be careful how tightly we hold it in our hands—and our hearts.

TODAY'S READINGS: Philippians 4:10-19; Luke 16:9-15 (490). "*If, therefore, you are not trustworthy with dishonest wealth, who will trust you with true wealth?*"

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



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