



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

October 9, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Sunday, October 9

9:30 a.m. — Maria & Inacio (de Sousa Family)
George Leverock (Calestini Family)

11:30 a.m. — Fr. Charles Srion (Angland Family)
People of the Parish

Monday, October 10

9:00 a.m. — Cathy Zemalkowski (Maria & John)
Vito Nicola Andilla (Grace Andillo)

Tuesday, October 11

9:00 a.m. — Florence Talluto (Annette Wolz)
Ann Simon (Celebre Family)

Wednesday, October 12

9:00 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of the
Rosary Altar Society
Gerald Rosenfeld (Josephine Scala)

Thursday, October 13

9:00 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)
Michael Kennedy (Fiore Family)

Saturday, October 15

5:30 p.m.— Dawn Hearne(Encore Community)
Michael Kennedy (Kennedy Family)

Sunday, October 16

9:30 a.m.— Alyssa Batista (Ester Eby)
Florence Talluto
11:30 a.m.— Alan Materazo Sr. (Materazo 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. Meetings are held on every first Tuesday of the month from September thru June.

Scouting (Cub Scout, Boy Scouts)

Contact Denise Materazo at dmfl121@yahoo.com for more details..

Rest
in
Peace



Deceased Brothers &
Sisters of the Parish

STEWARDSHIP
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last Week's Collection \$8,156
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$9,174

Thank You!

Good News Reflection**Give to God what he cannot give to himself**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, why do nine out of ten healed lepers not return to Jesus to thank him? Maybe they had run off to tell their families and friends about the miracle. Perhaps they were busy trying to convince their families and friends that they really had been healed and were now safe to be around. Or maybe they were preoccupied getting jobs to support themselves, now that they could no longer live in the charity-funded leper colony.

All good and valid reasons.

What was different about the Samaritan leper, the one who did return? The difference was in his spirit. His faith in Jesus saved not only his body but also his spirit. He appreciated the healer, not just the healing. He didn't seek help from the Lord only for his own sake; he went to him for God's sake. He had something he could give to Jesus -- his appreciation, his praise, his worship -- and he wanted to give it.



Are we like that?

When we go to Mass, do we go only for our own sake? Or do we also go for God's sake? The best experiences in church happen when it's both. Do you give Jesus your appreciation when he comes to you in the Eucharist? Do you delight him with the way you worship? Does it look like you're glad to be there?

When we pray for our needs, do we make our requests only for our own sake? Or do we want our prayers answered for God's sake, too? Think about what you're seeking from him: How helpful could that be to God's kingdom?

When we accomplish a goal, does God benefit from it? When he helps us through a trial, what is his reward?

We all have something that God cannot give to himself: our praise and our worship. Please don't ever underestimate the value of these important gifts!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What was the most recent prayer that God answered for you? Have you been too busy to kneel at the feet of Jesus and thank him? When was the last time you praised him while still waiting for his help?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Describe your favorite method of thanking Jesus. What are other ways that people show their gratitude for the Lord's help? What's the evidence that God truly appreciates this type of worship?



Personal faith: It's always an exchange. We give Him our mistakes and failures, and He gives us a clean slate. We give Him our neediness and brokenness, and He gives us healing and wholeness. We give Him our will and our way. We give Him our pride, and He gives us His peace. Faith becomes personal as we enter into this exchange. And, through it, we come to know God's hope and healing in a whole new way, that's a personal way. And that can change everything because that can change our life.



Small Group is where our large church gets small. Groups are 6-10 people who meet to discuss faith, go deeper in the weekly message, and support one another in their relationship with Christ. This is the place to care for others and be cared for; a place to impact our community and the world. Assumption small groups are open to accept more people anytime during the year to help your faith journey. If you like to join a small group, stop by at the Welcome Desk in the church lobby on Sunday or email rptak@abvmcentereach.com to sign up.

Join us for some Family-Friendly Fun
 Saturday, October 29
 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM
 Assumption Church parking Lot

RAIN OR SHINE!
 INCLEMENT WEATHER
 WILL MOVE
 EVENT INDOORS!

NON-SCARY
 COSTUMES
 ONLY!

THANK IF YOU
 LOVE JESUS

SAVE THE DATE

DEADLINE
 TO SECURE A
 TRUNK SPOT/TABLE
 IS
 OCTOBER 14!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP MAKE THIS
 A GREAT EVENT FOR THE CHILDREN**

LOOKING FOR PARISHIONERS & MINISTRY MEMBERS TO HOST A TRUNK OR TABLE

Coffee in the Courtyard
 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.

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: Cat Food, Fruit Juice, Dishwashing Liquid, Paper Towels, Cleaning Products, Liquid Hand Soap, Deodorant, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Hot Chocolate, Tea/Coffee, Snacks, Dry Soup Mix, Mac & Cheese, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Canned Chili, Baked Beans, Pasta Sauce & Jelly.



Diocesan Missionary Cooperative Appeal



Mission and Ministry: Last year, when we reflected on service, we distinguished between Ministry and Mission. Ministry is our service at our parish, and Mission is our service outside our parish. Not all of us can go to other countries or states to do mission work. This weekend is our opportunity to help the Missionaries who do great work for God and His people worldwide. We used to have Missionaries come to our parish for Mission Appeal. It did not happen for the last two years because of the pandemic. This year we have Bro. John Blazo will be at the parish for the annual missionary cooperative appeal and collection for the



Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Brother John Blazo will speak at all the Masses today. Maryknoll is the popular name for the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, which was founded in 1911 to follow Christ's command to preach the Gospel to all the nations. They serve principally among the poor in places where the Church is unknown or in great need.

Parish Center Boiler and the walkway in front of the church.

In the early spring, I let you know that our parish center boiler died, and we need to replace it. We are in the process of replacing it. Before we replace it, we needed to take care of the issue of asbestos. It is taken care of now, and we are moving forward with installing the new boiler.

Also, another work we need to take care of is the front of the church. I am not sure those who come through the side doors ever noticed the cones in the middle of the walkway in front of the church to let people know to be careful. The concrete is showing its age. I remember someone telling me that it is more than 40 years old. It has many cracks, and it becomes very hazardous if we wait. The price tag on that will be close to \$29,000. Our parish family is very generous in giving, especially embracing the GIVING to our parish as an act of worship. I thank God and you for your generosity, love, and care for our parish as we LOVE GOD, SERVE OTHERS, and GROW DISCIPLES.



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!



Scan. Pay. Go.

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 09, 2022**The price we're willing to pay**

He failed at many things: marriage, business, sobriety. He was involved in dark dealings: espionage, black market trading, opulent living, the Nazi party. Yet we know Oskar Schindler mostly for his mantle of protection over some thousand Jewish workers in his enamelware factory. Schindler originally hired Jews because they were cheap labor. In the long run those cheap workers cost him a fortune. What changed an amoral businessman into a celebrated humanitarian? Schindler saw through the lie of his culture and it repulsed him. As his grateful beneficiaries put it: "Whoever saves one life saves the world entire."

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 5:14-17; 2 Timothy 2:8-13; Luke 17:11-19 (144). *"But the word of God is not chained."*

Monday, Oct 10, 2022**Help foster sound minds**

Today, on World Mental Health Day, we can look to Catholic teaching on mental health for help in raising awareness of mental health issues, eliminating stigmas surrounding it, and supporting those who need help. Pope Saint John Paul II said, "Christ took all human suffering on himself, even mental illness," and "it is everyone's duty to make an active response" of charity to those who suffer from mental illness. Pope Benedict called for better medical treatment for the mentally ill as people made in the image and likeness of God. Want to start a mental health ministry in your parish? Visit the Association of Catholic Mental Health Ministers at catholicmhm.org for guidance.

TODAY'S READINGS: Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Luke 11:29-32 (467). *"Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation."*

Tuesday, Oct 11, 2022**Happy birthday, Vatican II**

Sixty years ago today, Pope Saint John XXIII opened the Second Vatican Council—that watershed gathering that gave us Mass celebrated in our own languages, a deeper respect for other religions, and the epiphany that laypeople are as vital to the church as its most lauded saints and clerics. In the words of Saint John XXIII, the church "allow[s] all who are enlightened by the light of Christ to understand well" their "lofty dignity and their purpose." But also, she "spreads everywhere the fullness of Christian charity . . . promoting concord, just peace, and the brotherly unity of all." Ask Saint John's intercession for our church, still in the midst of growing pains.

TODAY'S READINGS: Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41 (468). *"In Christ Jesus, neither circumcision nor uncircumcision counts for anything, but only faith working through love."*

Wednesday, Oct 12, 2022**Always move on faith**

On this day in 1932, Xavier University of Louisiana—founded seven years prior as the nation's first black Catholic university by Saint Katharine Drexel—moved to its current location in the Gert Town neighborhood of New Orleans. Facing similar racist scrutiny as when she and her Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament originally established the school, Saint Katharine purchased the new property through an agent to avoid detection. Today the campus boasts a main building, convent, and library complex listed on the

National Register of Historic Places, and an administration building that is a city of New Orleans landmark. May we all display such holy boldness in our work for justice.

TODAY'S READINGS: Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46 (469). *"For the LORD watches over the way of the just, but the way of the wicked vanishes."*

Thursday, Oct 13, 2022**Forgive us our trespasses**

It has now been a few months since Pope Francis apologized in Canada for the church's role in running boarding schools that profoundly hurt indigenous people. His message was both embraced for its acknowledgement of wrong and criticized for not being enough. Papal apologies are relatively new, beginning with Pope John Paul II apologizing in the 1980s for the church's role in the slave trade. Since then, popes have asked forgiveness for sexual abuse, treatment of Jews, and inaction during the Holocaust. An apology is a first step toward repairing a wrong. Reflecting on your own life, have you taken that step when needed?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 1:1-10; Luke 11:47-54 (470). *"Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge."*

Friday, Oct 14, 2022**Hints of heaven**

On crisp fall days, walking through a path of fallen leaves, looking up at a bright blue sky, many a wayfarer has contemplated what heaven will be like. "Will I be reunited with loved ones? Will I feel joy? Will I receive justice? Will all my questions be answered? Will I meet the heroes of history and understand the mysteries of the universe? Will I see the face of God?" Of course, the specifics aren't clear, but what we do know is that Jesus promises us peace (John 14:27) and rest (Matt. 11:28); has prepared a place for us (John 14:2) that is filled with rewards (Matt. 5:12); and has assured us that "there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed." Sounds like the right place to be. Keep up the good work and you are well on your way!

MEMORIAL OF CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7 (471).

"Whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light."

Saturday, Oct 15, 2022**Two saints for two centuries**

It's not hard to confuse the two Carmelite saints who have similar names. There is Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus, a doctor of the church, who lived in the 19th century. Also known as Thérèse of Lisieux or, affectionately, as the Little Flower, she was a French Discalced Carmelite nun. Then there is today's saint, Teresa of Jesus, a Spanish Carmelite nun and influential mystic, known as Teresa of Ávila, who lived in the 16th century and is also a doctor of the church. She was instrumental in the reform of the Carmelite order, which eventually resulted in the establishment of the Discalced Carmelites, to which the Little Flower belonged some 300 years later. They both would be happy to hear from you in prayer today.

MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS, CARMELITE NUN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12 (472). *"I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God."*

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



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