



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

November 6, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, November 6

9:30 a.m. — All Souls

11:30 a.m.— Lois Watson

People of the Parish

Monday, November 7

9:00 a.m. — Kathleen Sanacore

Nora Charles (O'Connor Family)

Tuesday, November 8

9:00 a.m. — George Leverock (Rosary Altar Society)

Arnold Hoffmann (Wife & Children)

Wednesday, November 9

9:00 a.m.— Thomas Spillane (Family)

George Leverock (O'Connor Family)

Thursday, November 10

9:00 a.m. —David & Kathleen Worrell

Margaret Aloisio (Lorraine Laeny)

Saturday, November 12

5:30 p.m.— Fr. Chris Aridas (CDA Ct. St. Gerard
#1920)

Joseph Friscia (Materazo Family)

Sunday, November 13


9:30 a.m.— Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)

Louis Garafalo (Kathie & Tom Ford)

11:30 a.m.— Diane Pozzi (Joe & Arlene Angland)

People of the Parish

Rest
in
Peace



Edward W. Cappetta
Gary Kreidler

STEWARDSHIP
 GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last Week's Collection \$7,864

(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,406

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 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..

Good News Reflection**Why is there no marriage in heaven?**

Do you believe in the resurrection? That's the question that Jesus indirectly poses when he challenges the Sadducees in this Sunday's Gospel reading.

As Christians, we believe that someday we will experience a resurrection like Christ's after we depart from this present earthly "age" or stage of life. All believers who follow Jesus will live as the angels do. This is why Catholic funeral Masses are Resurrection Masses and use white instead of black as the liturgical color.

But do you believe in the resurrection of love? Jesus explained the resurrection in terms of marriage. A marriage is supposed to be a reflection of God's radical love for his people. Marriage is supposed to unite a man and a woman in an enduring love that is the very presence of God. It gives witness to the world that God's faithfulness and commitment to us is real.

So why would Jesus say that marriage is not a part of the resurrection of the dead? Why won't today's marriages become perfect and continue forever after both husband and wife have entered heaven?



Here on earth, love is imperfectly given and imperfectly received. Therefore, it's constantly dying and being resurrected again, every day, to the extent that each spouse repents and forgives. (The same is true of any friendship.)

Perfect love is God. We live as true children of God when we love our brothers and sisters the way he loves them. Marriage does not exist in heaven because it's an imperfect love: We love our spouses more than we love others. In heaven, we will love our spouses fully (yes, even our ex-spouses!) and we will love everyone else just as much. And those who have loved us poorly will love us better than the best spouse could love us now.

Marriage is only an earthly foreshadowing of the divine, faithful, creative love that we will share with everyone in heaven.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Who has failed to love you enough? Who has caused you pain? How would you feel if that person were to greet you at the entrance of heaven at the moment of your death? Do you have enough love for that person to get you through the door?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

How is a marriage like God's love? Describe the ways that God loves us, and relate these signs of true love to what you've experienced in good friendships. How is this a foretaste of heaven?



Jesus is questioned by the Sadducees about the resurrection. He deftly answers their questions. He tells them that God is the God of the living and not of the dead. The Good News is that this life is not the end. God will raise us from the dead.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND

GIVING to our parish is an act of WORSHIP

As I mentioned a few Sundays ago, we will discuss stewardship two weeks from today. On the weekend of the **19th and 20th**, we celebrate Stewardship weekend. God has given us abundant gifts in our lives, including our financial resources. All that we are and everything that we have belongs to God. He has appointed us as stewards of His blessings. Giving to God by giving in my place of worship is an act of worship and giving to the poor is a sure and certain way to grow my faith right now and invest in my future by building up treasure in heaven.

Between now and November 20th, you will receive a mailing with more information. If you haven't received the mailing or are new to the parish and haven't registered yet, please pick up a brochure at the door or at our Welcome Desk for more details. Next weekend our parish's financial report for 2021-22 will be available in the bulletin. Thank you very much for your commitment to our parish as we journey together rebuilding our parish by Loving God, Serving Others and Growing Disciples.

-Fr. Joe

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.

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.



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.**



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

APPLEBEE'S® LOCATION	DATE & TIME
1935 N. Ocean Ave, Farmingville, NY	Saturday, November 12th, 2022
Tickets: \$10.00	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 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!



Sunday, Nov 06, 2022**Formation information**

Did you know there are more than 700 religious institutes and societies of apostolic life at work in the United States? That women religious outnumber men religious by more than three to one? That nearly three-fourths of those currently in formation for religious life are Millennials (born roughly from the early 1980s to late 1990s)? That 30 percent of newer entrants to religious life are ethnically and racially diverse, including Asian/Pacific Islander (13 percent), Hispanic (10 percent), black (6 percent), and mixed race (1 percent)? We can't list all 50 facts here, but to download your own post-able, share-worthy list for National Vocation Awareness Week (which starts today), check out [Fifty Fun Facts](#) about vocations on the National Religious Vocation Conference website.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Maccabees 7:1-2, 9-14; 2 Thessalonians 2:16—3:5; Luke 20:27-38 ([156](#)). *"Pray for us, so that the word of the Lord may speed forward and be glorified as it did among you."*

Monday, Nov 07, 2022**Until we rest in You**

National Vocation Awareness Week runs annually the first full week of November (this year, Nov. 6-12) to promote vocations to ordained ministry and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to pray and support those who are considering these vocations. Have you ever thought about a vocation to religious life? Do you know someone who could use help discerning such a vocation? Take some time this week to visit [Vision Vocation Network](#) for resources to help you discern your path, including a calendar of discernment events, a "Vocation Match" tool to find religious communities, and a treasure trove of helpful articles. This year's theme: "Pathways for a restless heart." Does that speak to you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Titus 1:1-9; Luke 17:1-6 ([491](#)). *"And the Apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.'"*

Tuesday, Nov 08, 2022**A day to vote your values**

"When it comes to labor and politics, I am inclined to be sympathetic to the left, but when it comes to the Catholic Church, then I am far to the right." So said Dorothy Day—born this day 125 years ago—voicing the struggle many U.S. Catholics feel on Election Day. Though Day, born in 1897, was a suffragette, arrested for demanding that women get to vote, she never voted in her lifetime once women finally got the right in 1920. Her reasons were complicated. But the U.S. Catholic bishops [offer guidance](#) for all who wonder about the worth of their vote, insisting that "participation in political life is a moral obligation."

TODAY'S READINGS: Titus 2:1-8, 11-14; Luke 17:7-10 ([492](#)). *"We have done what we were obliged to do."*

Wednesday, Nov 09, 2022**Build your vocation steeped in love**

For nearly a millennium, the Catholic Church has marked on this day the dedication of the Lateran Basilica, so named for the hill upon which it sits just east of the Colosseum in Rome. The cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, it is the official seat of the pope (the bishop of Rome) and is dedicated to both of the New Testament's two most famous Johns: the Baptist and the Apostle. At this halfway point of National Vocation Awareness Week,

consider the far-reaching impact of these servants honored in the Catholic Church's highest-ranking edifice. Let's dedicate ourselves as they did to spreading the Good News of love, and through our own holy vocations attain our heavenly reward!

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 ([671](#)). *"His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me."*

Thursday, Nov 10, 2022**Make peace with your vocation**

Saint Leo the Great is one of the few popes remembered as the "Great." This accomplished preacher and writer was also such a skilled diplomat that he convinced Attila the Hun to spare Rome from attack in 452 and later kept a plundering Vandal army from burning the city. We recognize Saint Leo during National Vocation Awareness Week, a time to recall that God has called us each by name to love and serve in our own way. Saint Leo used his gifts to uplift Christ. How do you use yours? Sharing God's peace is a good place to start.

MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Philemon 7-20; Luke 17:20-25 ([494](#)). *"For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you."*

Friday, Nov 11, 2022**Holiness cut to fit**

Humility and generosity are the key attributes associated with many saints, and fourth-century Saint Martin of Tours is no exception. While on patrol in Gaul as a soldier in the Roman Army, it is said that Martin took pity on a half-naked beggar by cutting his officer's cloak in half and sharing it with the shivering man. The incident is immortalized in Christian art and iconography throughout Europe and became a defining image of what it means to be Christian. Martin took to heart the words of Jesus: "Whatever you did for one of these least of mine, you did for me" (Matt. 25:45). In Martin's honor, extend your compassion beyond your comfort zone today.

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 John 4-9; Luke 17:26-37 ([495](#)). *"For this is love, that we walk according to his commandments."*

Saturday, Nov 12, 2022**Seek unity where possible**

For the first thousand years Christianity was one big, mostly happy family. But for a number of reasons the church was divided in the Great Schism of 1054. Saint Josaphat (c.1580-1623) was a Catholic bishop trying to reunite the Eastern Church with Rome. But, alas, he was a little heavy-handed. When he discovered a priest in his diocese was celebrating Mass according to the Byzantine practice, he had him arrested and thrown in jail. This angered a mob of unruly citizens who attacked and violently dispatched Josaphat, tossing his body in a river. We can honor his good intentions today, while perhaps choosing another approach to unity. Pray we unite in those things that matter most.

MEMORIAL OF JOSAPHAT, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 3 John 5-8; Luke 18:1-8 ([496](#)). *"I tell you, he will see to it that justice is done for them speedily."*

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



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