



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 28, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Sunday, August 28

9:30 a.m. — Sheila Leonard (McGuinness Family)

Robert Aridas

11:30 a.m —Perla Rondilla (Ed Uy & Family)

People of the Parish

Monday, August 29

9:00 a.m. —Dawn Hearne (Angela Nugent)

Tuesday, August 30

9:00 a.m. — Joseph Hallinan

Wednesday, August 31

9:00 a.m.— Fr Chris Aridas (Bea Hallinan)

Thursday, September 1

9:00 a.m. — David & Kathleen Worrell

Saturday, September 3

5:30 p.m.— Florence Talluto (Josephine Scala)

Iris Hernandez (Sisters & Cousins)

Sunday, September 4

9:30 a.m.— Mark Kessenger (Reilly Family)

George Dowling (Patti & Nick Campanelli)

11:30 a.m.— Patricia Berndt (Gerry Toth)

People of the Parish

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
the old things have passed away;
behold, new things have come. 2Corinthians 5:17

Rest
in
Peace

Marzorie Demidow

STEWARDSHIP
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
Last Week's Collection \$9,980
(includes Faith Direct)
Last Year's Collection \$6,432
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 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..

Good News Reflection***Doing good for the sake of -- what?***

This Sunday's Gospel reading raises the question: What are my expectations (my motivations) when I do good? How other-centered are they? How self-centered?

If benefiting others is done for the sake of receiving something in return, our motive is not Christ-like.

Jesus explains this with the example of inviting to a banquet those who cannot return the favor. He's not saying that we have to do this to be holy. That interpretation would be too literal; it misses the point.

The real message is that whatever we do, we should do it for the sake of love, rather than for repayment, i.e., for our own gain. We should do good to others for the sake of the benefit it will give to them. This seems like a no-brainer, but stop for a minute to think



about how much you'd like to be thanked and appreciated. What else do you hope to get from the good you do?

Even when someone sins against us and we pray for them to repent, our prayer should be offered out of concern for their souls. Sure, we also wish they would change so that our own lives will be easier, but that should not be our primary concern.

As followers of Christ, if we receive any blessings in return for the good we do, that's our bonus, not our motive. We can rightly look forward to such bonuses, but our joy does not depend on them.

By becoming aware of our motives and expectations, we gain the freedom to choose to be more like Jesus. As he promised, "You will receive your reward at the resurrection of the righteous." The fulfillment of this promise begins now, in the moment that we decide to be like the Resurrected One, our Lord Jesus.

The reward he gives us here and now is the grace that enables us to do whatever he asks and to do it generously and cheerfully. We'll receive other blessings besides, but that's not our main motive.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How upset do you get when others treat you unkindly after you've been nice to them? When the give-and-take in a relationship is unequal, do you withhold goodness from that person? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you notice your selfish motives this week. Take your anger to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and ask Jesus to empower you to care more about those people who have been upsetting you.

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Describe a situation when you gave more than you received. How did God bless you in that? How was your sacrifice an example of Christ?

**Brand New
Message Series
begins on
September 11th**

8th Grade Faith

Many of us grew up going to Catholic School and attending CCD, where faith was taught as a subject, rather than as a relationship with Christ. In this “kickoff” message series of our ‘new year’ (starting in September), we will look at how our religious education experience was (and sometimes continues to be) viewed at as a checklist, and often “stopped” after Confirmation. We will look deeper into what God wants for our life and discipleship as mature, growing Christians, and discuss practical methods to help us grow in faith. After all, can you imagine doing your job, if you stopped learning at 8th grade? It’s the same for your 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: Paper Towels, Cooking oil, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Ketchup, Fruit Juice, Biscuit Mix, Tea, Coffee, Instant Potatoes, Snacks, Jelly, Cat Food, Canned Chicken and Canned Vegetables**



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



STEWARDSHIP WORSHIP OFFERING GIVING to our parish is an act of worship



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!



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 28, 2022**Make us meek, again**

We're trained in the art of competition early. First, we barter for our parents' attention with siblings or tasks that distract them from celebrating us. In school, we compete for grades; in sports, for victories. By the time we arrive in the workplace, in marriages, or in adulthood in general, we're primed to fight for what seems rightfully ours: the spotlight. Saint Thomas Aquinas recommends the way of humility as the virtue that "most effectively removes the main obstacle to our spiritual welfare, the preoccupation with earthly greatness." Cede the floor. Surrender the talking stick. Cherish humility.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24a; Luke 14:1, 7-14 (126). *"Rather, when you are invited, go and take the lowest place."*

Monday, Aug 29, 2022**Tough love is needed**

We have to find ways to publicly discourse—respectfully—if we are to have any hope of remaining a society. It's increasingly common to retreat to our corners out of frustration and disgust. That's the easy way out. John the Baptist, for one, proposed a harder path of standing up for beliefs but also of generously giving oneself "in love, in truth" as Pope Francis said of John on the memorial of his passion. Is it possible to have hard conversations with disagreeable neighbors, co-workers, and family—and still "love your enemy"? Could you have those conversations by treating them as you would like to be treated?

MEMORIAL OF THE PASSION OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5 (431); Mark 6:17-29 (634). *"Herod feared John, knowing him to be a righteous and holy man, and kept him in custody."*

Tuesday, Aug 30, 2022**Hot off the presses**

On this day in 1464, Pope Paul II became our 211th pontiff. While Paul II raised eyebrows over a certain Renaissance ostentatiousness that had him amassing jewels and fine clothing, along with an extravagant remodel of Palazzo Venezia, Paul II also organized relief work among the poor and promoted the preservation of antiquities. Most notably, just a few years after Gutenberg printed his famous Bible, he brought the first printing presses to Rome, which made books more affordable and accessible to all. Open a Bible today in print or online and give thanks for the inventions that have contributed to worldwide evangelization.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 2:10b-16; Luke 4:31-37 (432). *"We speak about them not with words taught by human wisdom, but with words taught by the Spirit."*

Wednesday, Aug 31, 2022**The healing power**

The laying on of hands is a practice with a long tradition in our faith. Jesus laid on hands to heal and, after in his post-Ascension appearances, to bestow the Holy Spirit on his followers. Christians ever since have done the same in Christ's name. God works through us, literally, in the laying on of hands. From a hug to a blessing to an anointing, touch has the power to heal. It is what Pope Francis means by the Christian "culture of encounter." It is an invitation to be moved with compassion toward others "and

then to draw near, to touch and to say: 'Do not weep' and to give at least a drop of life." Reach out today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; Luke 4:38-44 (433). *"At sunset, all who had people sick with various diseases brought them to him. He laid his hands on each of them and cured them."*

Thursday, Sep 01, 2022**Be creative in protecting creation**

Today is World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. These worldwide, ecumenical efforts are meant to bring together Christians in prayer, action, and advocacy for protection of the environment. One of the "great moral issues of our time [is] the preservation of God's creation," Pope Francis has stated. While the climate crisis and related issues are daunting in scale, most people can take small actions that add up: from praying for our planet, to voting for candidates who prioritize environmental issues, to running errands by bicycle. What can you do today?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 3:18-23; Luke 5:1-11 (434). *"When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him."*

Friday, Sep 02, 2022**Let the feast begin**

We all know that fasting is a common spiritual practice. But did you know that feasting is also a spiritual practice? Consider our Catholic experience. We speak of "feast days" to celebrate saints and significant church events. We call Easter the "Feast of Feasts," ending our fasts and celebrating with special meals. We proclaim the wedding feast at Cana and the many stories of Jesus feasting with friends. Feasting can be fully enjoying any experience such as being with friends or watching the sunset. How might you incorporate it as one of your spiritual practices?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5; Luke 5:33-39 (435). *"Can you make the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?"*

Saturday, Sep 03, 2022**Build upon existing foundations**

New cities rise on the ruins of former times. New traditions build on existing ones. This is how history proceeds. Gregory the Great, the leader the early church needed in 590, understood this better than most. Instead of having temples to earlier gods destroyed, he instructed missionaries to bless them with holy water and repurpose them. The same with festivals associated with other gods. He suggested that their meaning be tied to "good fellowship," with food offered not as sacrifices to pagan gods but "for the glory of God." In this way pre-Christian Europe was converted to Christianity. Build upon the past as you help shape the future church and society.

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

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 4:6b-15; Luke 6:1-5 (436). *"The Son of Man is lord of the sabbath."*

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



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