



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

November 13, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Sunday, November 13

9:30 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)
Louis Garafalo (Kathy & Tom Ford)
11:30 a.m.— Diane Pozzi (Joe & Arlene Angland)
People of the Parish

Monday, November 14

9:00 a.m. — Nora Charles (O’Connor Family)
Rosemary O Connor (O’Connor Family)

Tuesday, November 15

9:00 a.m. — Maria & Inacio de Sousa (Family)
George Leverock) (Gochan Family)

Wednesday, November 16

9:00 a.m.— Living and deceased members of Romeo
& Wolz Family
Living and deceased members of Rosary
Altar Society

Thursday, November 17

9:00 a.m. —Joseph & Florence Talluto (Sal Stingo &
family)
Barbara Sabatino (Jerry & Michele
Randall)

Saturday, November 19

5:30 p.m.— James Wiegand (M/M G. Van Schaick)
George Leverock

Sunday, November 20

9:30 a.m.— Mark Kessenger (Sheila Wessels)
Timothy & Molly Connolly (Connolly & Licari
family)
11:30 a.m.— Jaime Riutort (Colleen Navarra)
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. Meetings are held on every first Tuesday
of the month from September thru June.



Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
Last Week’s Collection \$9,287
(includes Faith Direct)
Last Year’s Collection \$11,284
Thank You!

Rest in Peace		Loret Bengtson Sharon Elizabeth Fleischmann
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Good News Reflection

The temporary and the divine

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus says that the day will come when not one stone of the temple will be left mortared to another, because it will all be torn down. He's reminding us that everything here on earth is temporary.

Think of what you enjoy here on earth. It's temporary. What causes you to suffer? It too is temporary. What of this world do you depend on? It's temporary. What do you admire, trust, save, hope for, spend working hours to achieve and plan relaxation hours for a reward? It's all temporary -- unless we are using it for the Kingdom of God.

We know that we're supposed to focus on the things of God, things that will last for all of eternity, but we're uncomfortable with the blind faith that this requires. We are like the disciples who looked for God's vindication against injustices and immorality in the temporal world: wars, earthquakes, plagues and famines. We wish that Jesus would hurry up with his Second Coming and stop all the evils and hardships.

In our daily lives, we seek God's help, but we look for something tangible upon which to base our faith. We want to know the future; we don't like the insecurity of not knowing what God has planned. We depend on what we can see more than we depend on God whom we cannot see, so we ask God to give us signs.

However, the best way to walk forward with God is to raise one foot in air, preparing to take the next step, and -- while that foot is still in the air - - ask God: "Where do You want me to place my foot next?"

This takes balance; if we don't remain centered in God, we teeter and fall. If God doesn't show us immediately where to put our foot down to move forward, we can either fall away or fall into his hand.

God's hand is never temporary! God's hand provides true security based only on his endless, all-powerful, all-knowing love. It doesn't always feel that way, but his love and protection never fail.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What help from God are you currently waiting for? What wars and insurrections are plaguing your life? Do you believe that your problem is temporary or do you fear that it's permanent? What will you do this week to entrust yourself to the wisdom and guidance of Jesus?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

When waiting for God's guidance, how do you stay centered on God? How do you find and hold your balance while you've got one foot wavering in the air? What if you were to put your foot down in the wrong place and move in the wrong direction? Does God protect you then? How?





In the Gospel, Jesus warns the disciples that trouble is on the way. When we go through times of trouble, it does not catch God off guard. God knows of our problems. Jesus warns us to persevere through those times.

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.



ADOREMUS
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, November, 18, 2022 - 7:30 - 8:30 PM

in the church & **LIVE** Streaming

PRAISE AND WORSHIP * SILENT ADORATION * BENEDICTION



*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

Parish Social Ministry (Food Pantry) Needs for the Holidays

Thanksgiving Donations: Thank you to all made our Thanksgiving Drive a huge success! Because of your donations, we were able to give Thanksgiving baskets to families in need that are living in our Parish. The generosity of our Parishioners is inspiring!

GIVING THANKS GIVING BACK

Thanksgiving
DRIVE

Gift Cards for Christmas: In a couple of weeks, the Parish Social Ministry will start our Christmas Drive to provide Christmas baskets for our clients.

Gift cards for \$25 to local stores such as Walmart and Target are very helpful in providing those in need with the ability to purchase gifts for their children. We are also happy to accept gift cards from local supermarkets to help provide a great Christmas dinner for our clients, allowing them the dignity to choose their favorite holiday foods. If you choose to donate gift cards, either drop them off at the Welcome Desk or deliver them to the Parish Office.

Pantry Needs: Kleenex, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Liquid Hand Soap, Deodorant, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, Mustard, Cooking Oil, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Noodles.

STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND

November 19-20, 2022

GIVING to our parish is an act of WORSHIP

As I mentioned a few Sundays ago, we will reflect and celebrate Stewardship weekend on **19th and 20th**. 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 by then 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. This weekend our parish's financial report for 2021-22 is 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

Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 AM

As in the past, our parish will celebrate one mass at 9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day. There will be refreshments after the Mass in the Parish Center, sponsored by our Catholic Daughters of the Americas (Court St Gerard). A big thank you to the Catholic Daughters.

FAITH DIRECT
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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!



Financial Report: September 2021 through August 2022

As the pastor, it is my responsibility to make sure that the parish remains up to date as to our financial situation. What follows, therefore, is our parish's financial report from our last budget year. Rather than give a list of incomprehensible numbers, I've divided income/expenses into recognizable categories, e.g., Sunday collections, program fees, parish offices, etc. Hopefully, this gives a clearer idea of where the money comes from and where it went. Note that such items as utilities, salaries, etc., have been divided proportionately into several categories, Parish Office, Faith Formation, Church, and Rectory, so these items could be distributed to all areas depending upon a percentage of the total activity.

The goal, of course, is to have our operating expenses covered by our regular income without using our savings or interest to cover operating expenses. Operating expenses are just what the term indicates. I've listed a couple of our annual bills so you get a sense of how much must be spent just to keep the doors opened: Gas, \$21,616; electric, \$19,720 water, \$2,867; insurance, \$57,197; grounds, \$57,265. As you can see from the Income/Expense chart below, we have a slight deficit in our operating budget. This was partly due to an increase in our expenses as we started up many programs again that were curtailed or put on hold in response to the pandemic.

For the parish to thrive, we must continue growing as disciples who embrace the STEPS of Discipleship: Serve, Tithe, Engage, Prayer and Sacraments, and Share. Thankfully, our online giving has increased over the past year. One way of improving and stabilizing our financial situation would be for more families to participate in Faith Direct, our parish's Electronic Giving program. It's a great way to "take a step" toward a stewardship way of life. I use this for my weekly parish offering.

Together we rely on God's abundance. I remain convinced that the Lord is much more prepared for us than we are receiving. The following Income/Expense chart gives us an idea of where we've been over the past fiscal year. If anyone wishes further information or explanation, do not hesitate to contact me at the rectory to set up an appointment. -Fr. Joe

Income		
Amount our parishioners contributed to the parish	\$512,844	Sunday, Christmas, Easter collections.
What the parish received from Catholic Ministries Appeal Rebate	14,408	This is the diocesan rebate the parish receives because of your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal.
What the parish collected from program fees	32,962	Faith Formation, AYM, VBS, Adult Ed, etc.
What the parish received from auxiliary sources	45,956	Baptisms, weddings, funerals, Outreach donations, bulletin in-come, candles, miscellaneous donations.
What the parish received for diocesan collections	17,279	All the monies collected are given directly to the diocese. None stays in the parish.
Capital Gain & Extraordinary Revenue	(19,358)	Non-operating revenue. This includes Capital Campaign, insurance claims, investment income/loss.
TOTAL received by the parish to carry on its mission.	\$623,449	Love God, Serve Others, Grow Disciples.
Expenses		
What it costs to maintain our Rectory Office	\$158,865	Includes salaries, utilities, supplies, etc. Also includes Outreach.
What it costs to maintain our Faith Formation programs	212,971	Includes salaries, utilities, supplies, etc. used for the ongoing formation of our adults and children
What it costs to use our Church for liturgy	111,789	Includes salaries, utilities, supplies, etc.
What it costs to maintain our priests' residence	45,676	Includes food, utilities, maintenance
What our parish contributes to our Catholic Schools Subsidy	60,656	The diocese taxes all parishes 12% of a parish's collections to support Catholic schools.
What our parish paid the diocese for services rendered/owed	59,425	Diocesan assessment, Diocesan collections.
Capital improvement	0	Not part of operating expense.
TOTAL Operating Expense:	\$649,382	
Total operating surplus/deficit	(\$25,933)	Does not include capital expenses or capital gains/investments