



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**November 20, 2022**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**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

**Monday, November 21**

9:00 a.m. — Diane Pozzi (Nancy Dentrone)  
 Margaret Flynn (Marie Salvietti)

**Tuesday, November 22**

9:00 a.m. — Feliman Guillermo (Ed Uy & Family)  
 Marilyn Huether (Nancy Dentrone)

**Wednesday, November 23**

9:00 a.m.— George Leverock (Zoldak Family)  
 Marilyn Huether (Calestini Family)

**Thursday, November 24**

9:00 a.m. —People of the Parish

**Saturday, November 26**

5:30 p.m.— Diane Pozzi (Colleen Navarra)  
 Mary Ellen Shaw (Rich Thienel)

**Sunday, November 27**

9:30 a.m.— Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)  
 Diane Pozzi (Annette Wolz)  
 11:30 a.m.— Michael Kennedy (Kennedy 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 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

**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 McMahan 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.

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.  
 Psalm 107:1

**STEWARDSHIP**  
 GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**  
**Last Week’s Collection \$8,470**  
 (includes Faith Direct)  
**Last Year’s Collection \$9,401**  
**Thank You!**

Rest  
 in  
 Peace

Deceased  
 Brothers & Sisters  
 of the Parish

**Good News Reflection****What the authority of Jesus looks like**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, one of the criminals hanging next to Jesus on the cross represents us. Jesus is our king and we want to spend eternity with him in his kingdom. As long as we have this attitude, there is no reason to doubt that when we die we will join Jesus in Paradise.



As the king of heaven, Jesus has the right and the authority to choose who is allowed into his kingdom. And as this Good Friday thief shows us, Jesus says, "Yes, come in, welcome!" to anyone who recognizes his authority.

Let's look at what the authority of Jesus is like. At the Last Supper, when he washed the feet of his disciples, he made it clear that the heavenly king exerts his authority by serving those who belong to his kingdom.

The next day, he took a crown of thorns instead of a crown of gold, because the glory of his kingship is not represented by earthly treasures but by riches that are given to others, the personal sacrifices that are motivated by love, even for those who don't deserve it.

After his resurrection, although he'd been healed from the destruction of death, his five crucifixion wounds were not healed. To this day, he still bears those wounds as a continual reminder to us that he does not use his authority for his own benefit, but for ours. Earthly kings wear expensive rings on their hands; our heavenly king wears the marks of sacrifice.

We belong to God's kingdom when we lovingly serve others with Christ, when we understand the glory of giving generously to others, of making personal sacrifices, and of loving those who don't deserve our love.

If we offer to Jesus our sufferings because we realize that they have value, we wear the five wounds of Jesus in our souls. Of course we will join Jesus in Paradise -- we have already united ourselves to him!

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Reflect on a time when you submitted yourself to Christ's authority by obeying a difficult teaching of the Church or by doing something Christ-like that you didn't want to do. Did you feel loved by God? Did you feel served? What will you do to become more aware of his service to you? What are you holding onto today that does not belong to his kingdom? What will you do this week to allow Jesus to be your king in every area of your life?

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

Name some of the ways that Jesus serves us. Does he do it directly to you or through other people in his kingdom? When you serve others, how is this a recognition of the kingship and authority of Christ?



Light is a necessary part of life. It provides clarity and direction so we can make our way. It provides safety and security. At this time of the year we feel the absence of light. In this series we will look at our need for light and Jesus is the true light of the world.



### ***Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 AM***

As in the past, our parish will celebrate 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.



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 45 families in need that are living in our Parish. The generosity of our Parishioners is inspiring!

**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 \$25 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, Canned Pasta, Syrup, Pancake Mix, Canned Chili, Deodorant, Toothbrushes, Mustard, Cooking Oil, Noodles.

**STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND**  
November 19-20, 2022  
**GIVING to our parish is an act of WORSHIP**

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but have eternal life.” - John 3:16

2022 has brought us many fantastic opportunities as we move forward, Loving God, Serving Others, and Making Disciples here at Assumption parish family. Thank you for your great support. I am very excited about what God has in store for us this coming year.

Your giving will make a more excellent investment in our volunteer ministries, resources, and staff, so that we welcome even more people to fill the pews and get to know their Savior.

With your faith commitment, we can:

- Grow and strengthen our student and kids programs, investing in the next generation like the new program we launched this fall called Sprouts.
- Expand adult ministry, pastoral care, and small group fellowship
- Invest in new staff and the professional growth of our existing lay staff.
- Shape a better future with our parish social ministry for those who are struggling.
- Much-needed repairs around the buildings; the walkway in front of the church, new boilers in the parish center, etc.

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.

I hope that you prayerfully consider making a faith commitment for this coming year using the commitment card you have received in the mail or available at the door.

Thank you for completing your 2023 Stewardship Card.

-Fr. Joseph Alenchery, Pastor

**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

<b>Income</b>		
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.
<b>Expenses</b>		
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	<b>Not part of operating expense.</b>
TOTAL Operating Expense:	\$649,382	
<b>Total operating surplus/deficit</b>	<b>(\$25,933)</b>	Does not include capital expenses or capital gains/investments