



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**March 5, 2023**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**Mass Intentions  
for the week**

**Sunday, March 5**

9:30 a.m. — Joseph Alberigo (The Baier Family)  
Diane Pozzi (Lorraine Amato)  
11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

**Monday, March 6**

9:00 a.m. — Resurreccion Sayo Leon (Robles Family)

**Tuesday, March 7**

9:00 a.m. — Diane Pozzi (Nugent Family)

**Wednesday, March 8**

9:00 a.m.—Michael Foley (Joan Reid)

**Thursday, March 9**

9:00 a.m. —

**Friday, March 10**

9:00 a.m. — Inez Spindler (Melissa Ferrara)

**Saturday, March 11**

5:30 p.m.— Marie Scottaline (Sue & Alan Holtz)  
Maria & Inacio de Sousa

**Sunday, March 12**

9:30 a.m.— Joseph Vetrovec (Riggs Family)  
Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)  
11:30 a.m.—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 website [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.

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

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**  
**Last Week’s Collection \$9,186**  
(includes *Faith Direct*)  
**Last Year’s Collection \$9,508**  
**Thank You!**

Rest  
in  
Peace

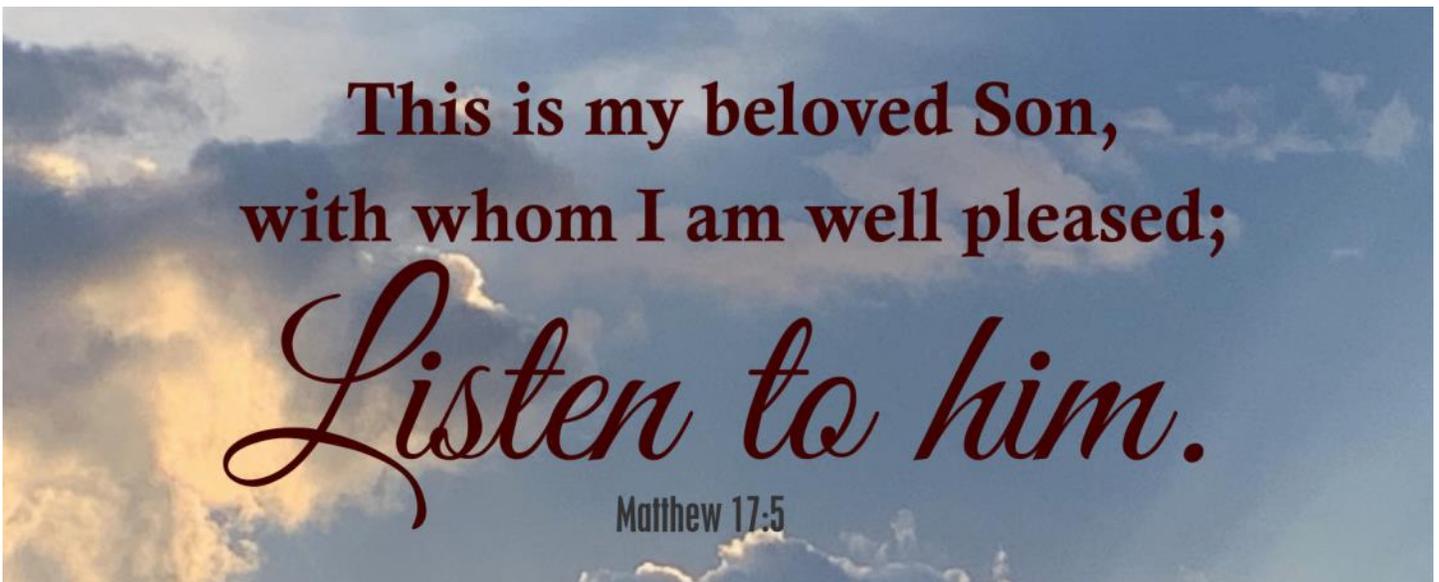
Rosemarie Dragotta

**Good News Reflection*****The Transfiguration for your life today***

Atop Mount Tabor, the pure light of Christ was revealed, as seen in this Gospel reading. The Father said, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

The transfiguration is repeated every time we listen to him and allow our faith to be enlightened more today than it was yesterday. Now it is we who are transfigured! We are transformed into our true identity. What is our true identity? It's our innermost being, which was created in the image of God and baptized into the likeness of God.

We enjoy life much more when we live according to our true identity. For example, how do you feel when you're impatient? Not so good, right? That's because God is patient (see 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 for a description of his true identity and yours), and when we are patient, we are much happier.



During Lent, by humbly examining how Christ-like we are and repenting from our sins, we let his light consume the darkness within us.

Jesus left his mountaintop experience to fulfill his calling. Following Christ, we too leave our mountaintops to do what God has gifted us to do. Although there is, as the reading from Timothy points out, hardship in living a holy life, we can be comforted by the fact that after every Calvary there is always an Easter. We can rely on "the strength that comes from God."

Listen. Can you hear what God is saying about you? It's the same words he spoke about Jesus on Mount Tabor: "This is my beloved child; listen to him/her." What are you saying as Christ's partner in ministry?

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What's going on in your life that you would like Jesus to transfigure? What will you do this week to expose it to Jesus' healing light?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

1. As you read the passage from Genesis, how does it feel to think that others could "find a blessing in you"? How does Jesus bless others through you?
2. Timothy reminds us of our holiness. Recall a time when you were enlightened by a new understanding of the faith. How did that change your behavior?
3. In the Gospel story, because the Father was so pleased with his Son, he affirmed him publicly. How do you know when the Father is pleased with you?

# I'M FINE

...and neither are you

## New Lenten Message Series



The transfiguration foreshadows the cross. Jesus takes Peter, James and John up the mountain to pray to bolster their faith during his Passion. The Father tells the apostles to listen to Jesus. Jesus is the wounded healer. He can heal us because he has entered totally and completely into our human condition, even experiencing death, death on the cross. In Jesus we have someone who is both human and divine. Humans know our suffering and pain. Divine he can do something about it. Our role is to listen to him.

Jesus entered into our experiences. He knows our wounds from the inside out. Since he experienced the same wounds as a human being, he understands us. Since he is the Son of God, he knows how we can be healed if we listen to him. Listen to Jesus.

### Catholic Ministries Appeal 2023

Diocese of Rockville Centre

*One Family - Journeying together in Communion, Participation and Mission*

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Please make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

I/we agree to make a gift of:

\$500    \$250    \$100    \$50    \$25    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Initial Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reminders will be send each month for the next 10 months. Thank you very much for your generosity. Your gifts make a difference in the lives of others!

### 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: Dog Food, Household Cleaner, Paper Towels, Tea, Coffee, Box Milk, Fruit Juice, Hot Chocolate, Jell-O, Pudding Mix, Syrup, Jelly, Canned Chicken, Cake Frosting.**



CREATIVE MINISTRIES PRESENTS

# JOURNEY

CROSS & CRUCIFIXION

A live dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross

**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2 at 3:00 PM in the Church**

## SAVE THE DATE



Vacation Bible School 2023

July 31<sup>st</sup> to Aug 4<sup>th</sup>




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



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit [faithdirect.net/NY563](https://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, Mar 05, 2023****Honor the unnamed**

The Bible is full of unnamed actors. Many are women: identified simply as mothers, wives, and daughters. While seven blessings promote the name of Abraham, it's the rare woman like Mary who's called blessed "for generations" in her canticle. Today we recall the unnamed wife of Chief Patricio de Hinachuba, an Apalachee laywoman among 57 martyrs in the Florida territory missions between 1549-1715, all currently up for sanctification. These martyrs included priests and catechists, native peoples, soldiers, and children. For all faithful, nameless women, we give thanks.

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 12:1-4a; 2 Timothy 1:8b-10; Matthew 17:1-9 (25). *"I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing."*

**Monday, Mar 06, 2023****Read up!**

Could your Catholic school library need some new picks? How about your book club for the adults? This Women's History Month, learn more about a remarkable Catholic black woman writer, Ellen Tarry (1906-2008). She attended Catholic school as a girl and converted to Catholicism and later became a journalist and author who was part of the Harlem Renaissance. Her writing included producing the first African-American picture book, writing a newspaper column on racial injustice and racial pride, and penning her memoir *The Third Door: The Autobiography of an American Negro Woman*. She also wrote biographies for youth and adult readers of Catholic saints Katherine Drexel and Martin de Porres and the Venerable Pierre Toussaint. You might be reading Tarry beyond March!

**LENTEN WEEKDAY**

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 9:4b-10; Luke 6:36-38 (230). *"Give and gifts will be given to you."*

**Tuesday, Mar 07, 2023****Beyond distinctions**

Devotion to Jesus seriously conflicted with Roman rule in the second century, with citizens expected to worship the emperor instead. Thus, the fate of two young mothers, Perpetua and Felicity: forced into a public amphitheater to be killed by wild beasts, just because they wouldn't renounce Jesus. But Christian faith challenged social convention in other ways, too. Normally, Felicity—as Perpetua's slave—wouldn't be seen as her equal. But belief in Jesus, as Saint Paul writes, makes brothers and sisters of all. Take Perpetua's final words to heart: "Stand fast in the faith, and love one another, all of you."

**MEMORIAL OF PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS**

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 1:10, 16-20; Matthew 23:1-12 (231). *"Do not be called 'Master'; you have but one master, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant."*

**Wednesday, Mar 08, 2023****A brother called to heal**

On this day, the church commemorates Saint John of God, a Portuguese religious brother who—like Saint Ignatius of Loyola—was a military man who experienced a sudden conversion. In fact, the two men (along with Saint Teresa) shared a spiritual mentor in Saint John of Ávila. A sermon from the priest moved John of God to repent of his former excesses, so much so that it was mistaken for a mental health crisis; he was quickly institutionalized. Later

engaging in work with the poor, he founded the Brothers Hospitallers in 1572, who continue to care for the sick around the world—including as official caretakers of the pope. In an age of increased mental health awareness, may we always remember John's holy life and recognize our call to serve those in need.

**MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS**

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 18:18-20; Matthew 20:17-28 (232).

*"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me."*

**Thursday, Mar 09, 2023****Priceless service**

It's entirely appropriate that the Memorial of Frances of Rome coincides with a gospel that tells us in no uncertain terms to care for the poor. Frances of Rome was a wealthy Italian married woman in the early 1400s, a time of great instability and poverty in Italy. She poured her family treasure into efforts to feed and heal the poor. She was recognized for her piety and compassion and founded a religious order dedicated to serving suffering people, now known as the Oblates of St. Frances of Rome. Upon her husband's death, she became superior of the order. What can you do for the poor or sick in your corner of the world?

**MEMORIAL OF FRANCES OF ROME, RELIGIOUS**

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 16:19-31 (233). *"Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores."*

**Friday, Mar 10, 2023****Celebrate sisters**

During Catholic Sisters Week, we celebrate the good works of Catholic sisters collectively and individually; tell stories of Catholic sisters we love, respect, admire; and share information about becoming a Catholic sister, including directing people to [VISION VocationNetwork.org](http://VISIONVocationNetwork.org). But, most of all, we focus on the truth that a religious vocation reveals: God is all we need. As Catholic nun and Doctor of the Church Saint Teresa of Ávila observed: "Whoever has God lacks nothing; God alone suffices."

**LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE**

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a; Matthew 21:33-43, 45-46 (234). *"The Kingdom of God will be . . . given to a people that will produce its fruit."*

**Saturday, Mar 11, 2023****Confession heals the soul**

Catholics are encouraged to partake of the sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) as much as possible, but especially during Lent, because confession is good for the soul. None of us is perfect, and all of us carry burdens that could be lightened through honest reflection and repentance. Other religions include a confessional practice as well, attesting to the universal need: Jews confess "We have sinned" in the Yom Kippur service. Confession is part of the Hindu *Prāyaścitta*. In Islam, the act of seeking forgiveness from God for sins is called *Istighfar*. Buddhist monks confess their sins to other monks. Check the bulletin, and find time for Confession. You'll feel better for it.

**LENTEN WEEKDAY**

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 7:14-15, 18-20; Luke 15:1-3, 11-32 (235). *"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you."*

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



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