



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

May 7, 2023

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, May 7

9:30 a.m. — Rosemary O'Connor (Josephine Scala)
Steven E. Gruber (O'Toole Family)
11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

Monday, May 8

9:00 a.m. — Anna Joseph Alenchery (Linda Luppy)
Deceased Members of Dias & Fernandes
Families (Family)

Tuesday, May 9

9:00 a.m. — Kevin Rivers (Angela Nugent)
Clifford E. Semler (Family)

Wednesday, May 10

9:00 a.m.— Fr. Thomas Alenchery
Diane Pozzi (Family)

Thursday, May 11

9:00 a.m.. — Living & Deceased Members of Romeo &
Wolz Families
Michael Kennedy (Kennedy Family)

Saturday, May 13

5:30 p.m.— Mother's Day

Sunday, May 14

9:30 a.m.— Mother's Day
11:30 a.m.—Mother's Day

*Remember not the events of the past,
the things of long ago consider not;
see, I am doing something new!*

Isaiah 43:18-19

STEWARDSHIP
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
Last Week's Collection \$9,792

(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$9,117
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 631-585-3938.

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.

Rest
in
Peace

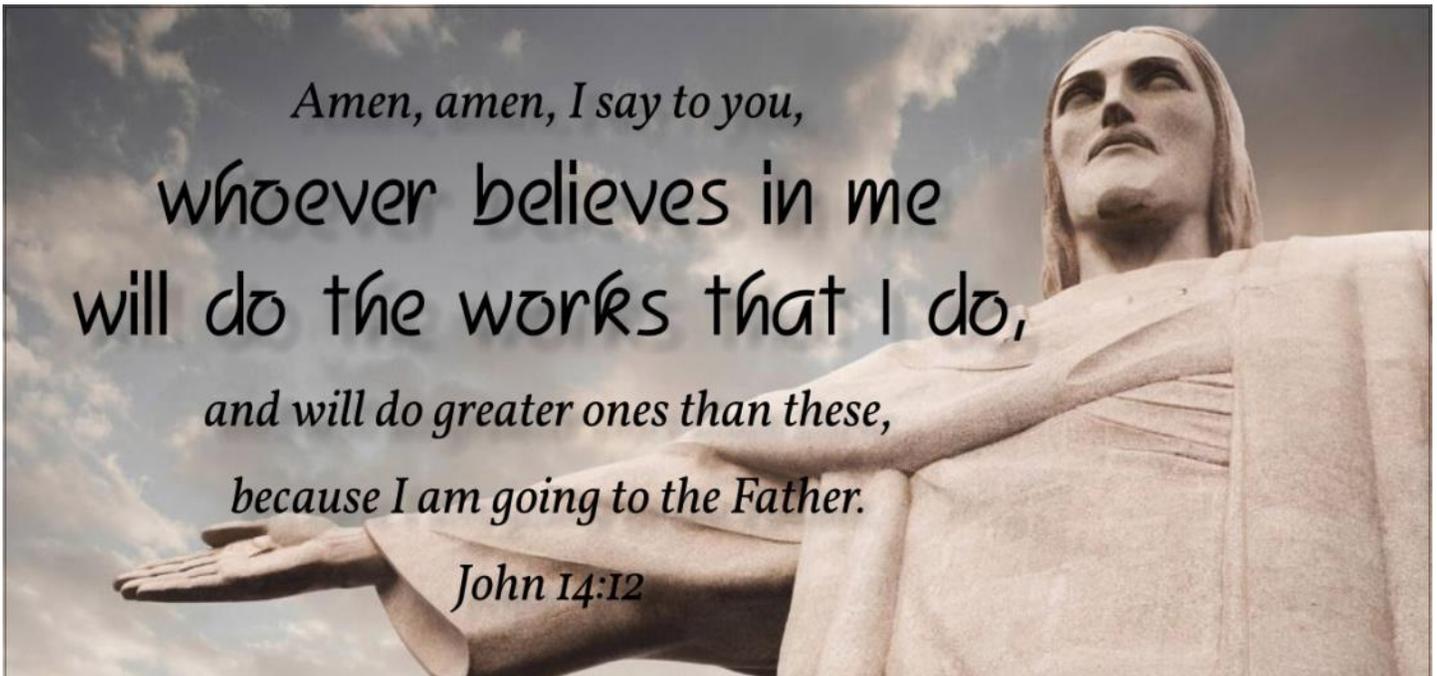


Deceased Brothers &
Sister of Our Parish

Good News Reflection**Why we can do greater works than Jesus**

This Sunday's Gospel reading ends with a very astounding verse: "Whoever believes in me will do the works I do, and greater far than these." What does he mean? How can we do the same -- and greater -- miracles than Jesus himself did?

The answer is found in the context of the entire chapter. Jesus is explaining his close relationship with the Father. Remember, Jesus was (and still is) both human and divine. We need to look at these verses with that in mind. How did he serve the Father as the Son of Man? And how did he serve the Father as the Son of God?



The "works I do" come from his human nature: He loved, he taught, he conversed with a listening heart, he dined with others, he worked hard at his job, he took his ministry very seriously. "Whoever believes in me will do the works I do" -- he is our example of what it means to be a holy human. We will love others as he loves them, teach the faith to others, listen to those who need someone to understand them, work hard at our jobs, offer a helping hand when we see a need, etc. There's nothing supernatural about it. It's being who we are: human children of a loving Father.

The "greater" works come from his divine nature: He did the supernatural works of his Father. "Whoever believes in me will do the works of the Father." We are called to be the Father's conduits of miracles in our world today.

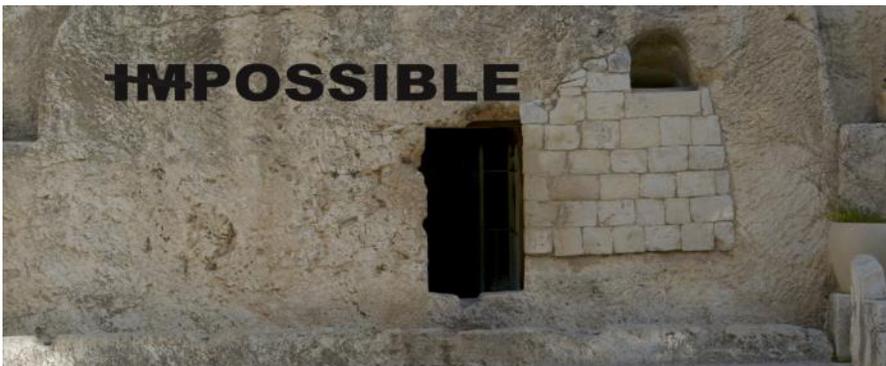
When Jesus united himself to us as a human, he showed us how to rise above our human limitations. Now, through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation, we are united to Christ's divine nature so that we can continue the works of the Father. Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, any disunity is removed. We can love the unlovable after they've pushed us past our human limits. We can be conduits of the supernatural. We can do everything that God asks of us, despite our inadequacies.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Make a list of your gifts and talents. Then reflect on how each of these are the human works of Jesus for the world today. How has the Father also worked through you supernaturally?

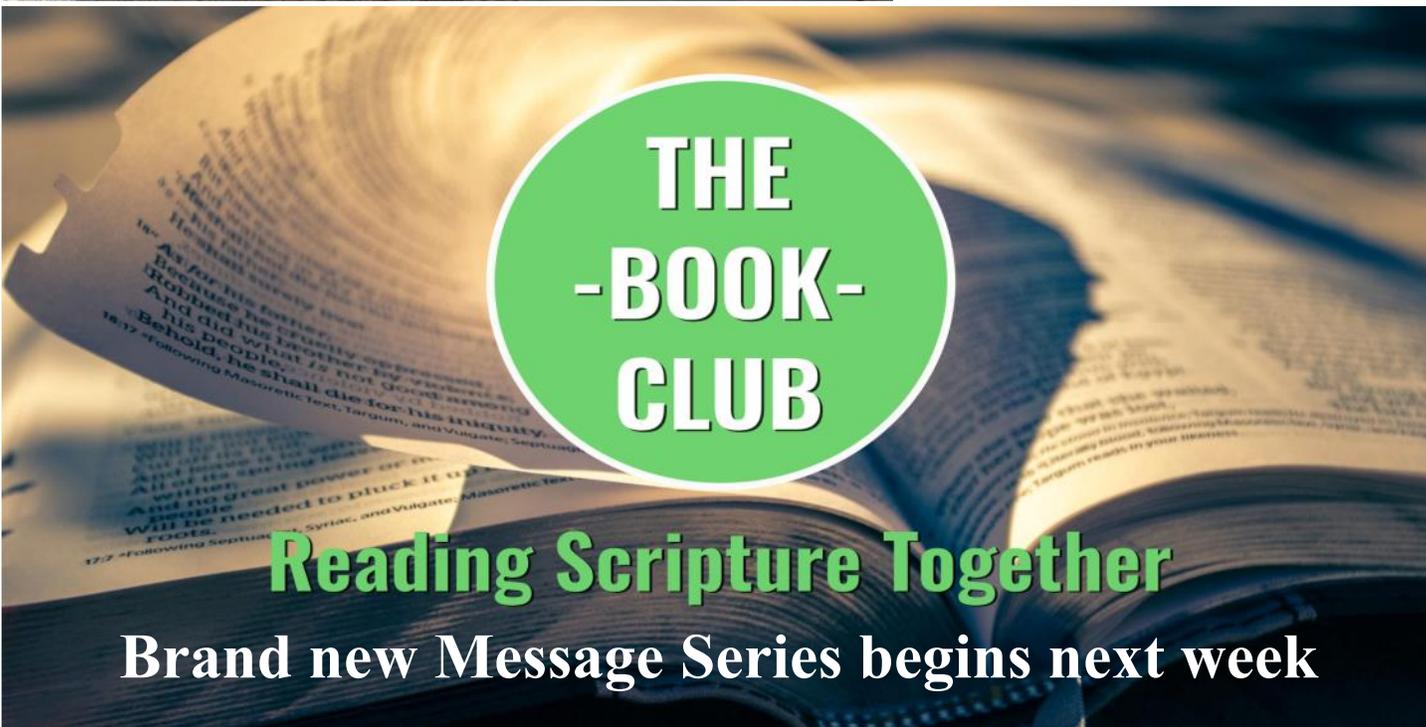
Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Name some of the good works being done in your parish or group: How do these reflect the human nature of Jesus? Name some of the ways that your parish or group shows the Father's supernatural nature to the world. How can we become better able to do the "greater works" of the Father?



Jesus did some amazing works. And yet Jesus said that those who believe in him will do even greater works. We will look at what he means by that and how we can see the fruit in our own lives.

Message Series: At Assumption, we preach in message series where we dive into a topic over several weeks.



We will take five weeks to encourage everyone to invest more time in Scripture and God’s word through the course of the series. We will present it as a key way to grow spiritually and mature as fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ. To that end, while we will give some background information on Scripture, our bigger goal is towards engagement with the Scripture. We especially will encourage the following ways to engage Scripture:

Read it—Study it—Memorize it— Apply it— Meditate on it



New Altar Server Training

All those children who are receiving First Communion and up are invited to be altar servers. This is a very special call to assist the priest to celebrate the Holy Mass on Sunday and other holydays. To become an altar-server you must have received First Communion, and to participate in the training that will be offered in the Church **from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** **You are required to participate in all the training days.**

Following are the training dates:

Tuesday, May 23, Thursday, May 25, Tuesday, May 30, Thursday, June 1. For more info and to register

Please call Melissa at 631-585-8760 ext 100 or email rectory@abvmcentereach.com

Parish Social Ministry

The Outreach Food Pantry is available for individuals and families that are struggling to stretch their food budget. 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. The Outreach Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM. **Paper Towels, Laundry Detergent, Dishwashing Liquid, Liquid Hand Soap, Cooking Oil, Tea, Ketchup, Coffee, Shelf Stable Milk, Fruit Juice, Syrup, Snacks, Noodles, Rice, Pasta Sauce, Canned Chili, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Dog Food & Cat Food.**



Sprouts

Sprouts is a children's ministry for ages three and up on Sundays after 9:30 am Mass during Coffee in the Courtyard. We are ready to hear and be part of the stories our youngest disciples of our parish are living and

to invite them to the most incredible adventure of their lives, reminding them week after week, year after year, that our Father is madly after their hearts.



Travel Ministry—Pilgrimage to Rome

The Assumption Travel Ministry is organizing a trip to Rome this coming September. Discover your faith as you walk through the steps of Saint Philip Neri, in small intimate and private groups of no more than 12 people, all in search of a deeper understanding of Christ and the Church. For more information please contact Carlo at 631-680-9719 or pick up a brochure at the Welcome Desk in the church on Sunday.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Gerard #1920

COUNTRY LINE DANCING FUNDRAISER

"No experience necessary"

**Saturday, June 3rd, 2023, 7:00 PM
in the Parish Center Hall**



Cost \$25.00, Children under 10 \$12.00

Country BBQ & Desserts | For more info: Contact Jennifer 516-909-9589 - RSVP by May 20, 2023



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, May 07, 2023**Appointed to the task**

We see them in some of our parishes standing near the presider at Mass: men dressed sort of like priests but with a diagonal or odd-looking stole. What are deacons for, we may wonder? Deacons assist priests in visiting the sick and provide service in the parish community. They can preach, witness marriages, perform Baptisms, and preside at funeral services outside of Mass. While they're ordained clergy, they may also be married and serve without pay. The permanent diaconate is a special call for those "filled with the Spirit and wisdom." Know someone who fits this description? Encourage him to apply.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12 (52).

"Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task."

Monday, May 08, 2023**Sanctity can't be rushed**

Of the approximately 10,000 canonized saints, there are only 11 from the United States, and only three of those were U.S.-born. Of course, part of the reason is that the United States is a relatively young country. Give it time, Blessed Teresa Demjanovich would likely say, because she believed her calling was to remind everyone that they are called, regardless of vocation, to be a saint. Born in New Jersey in 1901, Demjanovich is one of a growing list of American candidates for sainthood and the first to be beatified on American soil. She was a Sister of Charity for only two years before dying at the age of 26. Take to heart her message that everyone is called to a life of holiness and aspire to join her on that list.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 (285). *"We will come to him and make our dwelling with him."*

Tuesday, May 09, 2023**Advantage from adversity**

On this day in 328, 30-year-old Saint Athanasius was elected the new bishop of Alexandria. If that seems young, it was. Even though he helped win the day at the Council of Nicea—taking on Arius and others who denied Christ's full divinity—his elevation as bishop instigated years of struggle with political and ecclesial foes. At issue: Athanasius' stubborn refusal to water down anything in the Nicene Creed. Thus, in the 45 years Athanasius served as bishop, he was exiled a total of five times, 17 years in all. May Athanasius provide a lesson for us all about turning adversity into advantage. While in exile, he did much writing—including a definitive biography of Saint Anthony that would influence other future saints, including Augustine.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286). *"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the Kingdom of God."*

Wednesday, May 10, 2023**A mighty pen**

On this day in 1990 the famed Southern writer Walker Percy died, one of the clarion voices of reason in the troubled climate of his day. He lived through Jim Crow, being born near the height of it, and wrote with the power of his deep Catholic faith to issues of the day. A graduate of medical school, Percy would in the end become

one who probed minds and hearts with the pen—including his own. He famously said, "A fine writer's thoughtful analysis of his own trials and errors is valuable indeed." May we emulate his admirable introspection.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287). *"Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing."*

Thursday, May 11, 2023**Rejoice and be glad!**

Doesn't everyone seek a bit of joy? Jesus tells his disciples, "Remain in my love ... so that ... your joy may be complete." Our tradition uplifts those who are joyful even amid setbacks. The concept of the Paschal Mystery points to resurrection—joy—hidden in even the darkest times. Pope Francis often encourages church leaders to show some joy, and he reminds the faithful that God "created us because he wants us to be happy." Jesus' first miracle enabled wedding guests to drink wine and celebrate. Does your faith in God bring you joy? Let others see it.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11 (288). *"I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete."*

Friday, May 12, 2023**Here's to good friends**

Saint Teresa of Ávila had a deep understanding of the value of friendship, not only with God but with one another. "What a great favor God does to those he places in the company of good people," she wisely wrote. Negative people can actually affect your well-being on every level: spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically. Numerous studies conclude that surrounding yourself with good people boosts self-esteem, helps you bear stress and grief more effectively, encourages healthy behavior, and increases your chances for a longer and happier life. Your time is a valuable—and limited—resource. Surround yourself with friends and associates who will do you good. Then return the favor.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289). *"I have called you friends."*

Saturday, May 13, 2023**Holy East and West**

When's the last time you called a priest "Swami" instead of "Father"? If the priest was today's commemorative, Benedictine Father Bede Griffiths, you would be correct using the title. Griffiths (1906-93), a British-born priest, was sent to India in 1955 to establish a Benedictine monastery. There he studied Indian spirituality and incorporated into the monastery cultural elements of a Hindu ashram. He became known to his congregants as Swami Dayananda, a name that means "bliss of compassion." Watch a three-minute trailer of the film documentary of Father Bede's life and teaching, [A Human Search](#).

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290). *"Because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you."*

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



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