



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**May 28, 2023**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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# Mass Intentions for the week



## Sunday, May 28

9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)  
Maria & Inacio de Sousa (Family)  
11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

## Monday, May 29

9:00 a.m. —

## Tuesday, May 30

9:00 a.m. — Frank Buquicchio

## Wednesday, May 31

9:00 a.m.— Patrick Joseph Kearney (Kearney Family)

## Thursday, June 1

9:00 a.m.. — Noreen LoConte (Jim & Debbie Harris)

## Saturday, June 3

5:30 p.m.— Judy Carlson (Anthony & Melissa Ferrara)  
Kevin Rivers (Joe & Louise Ferrara)

## Sunday, June 4

9:30 a.m.— Frederick C. Lingen Jr. (Family)  
Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)  
11:30 a.m.— Floyd J. Johnson (Meola 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 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 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.



**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**  
**Last Week's Collection \$10,354**

(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$7,824**  
**Thank You!**

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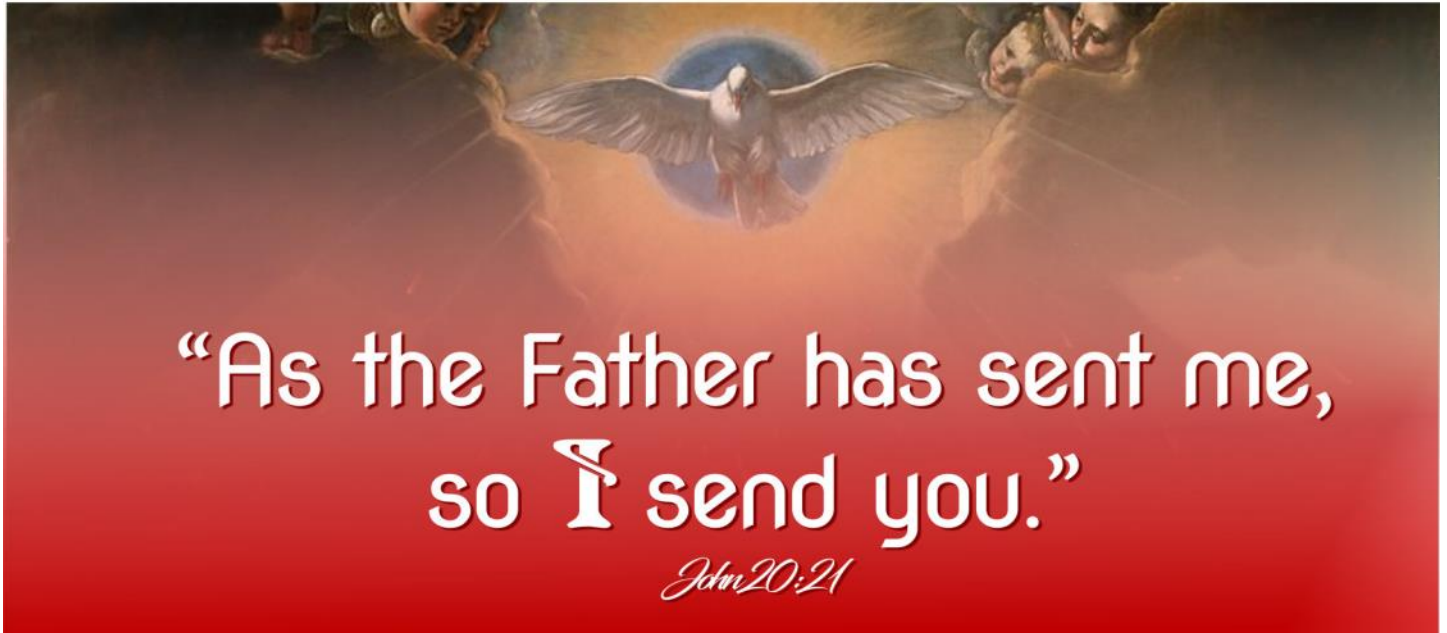


Deceased Brothers & Sisters of our Parish

**Good News Reflection****Renewal in our lives, the Church and the world**

"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." This is our prayer in the responsorial Psalm for Pentecost. It's the reason the Church can exist and continues to exist. We live in the age of the Holy Spirit.

Without the power and presence of the Spirit of Christ, Christianity would have been unable to change the world and sustain itself during two millennia of persecutions, scandals, and obstacles.



Without the Spirit of Christ, we Christians would be unable to be Christ in today's world. We'd be unable to do what the Father asks of us.

Pentecost Sunday re-lives the birthday of the Church, and as it does, it also re-lives our spiritual birthdays, i.e., our initiations as members of the Church. It's a community-wide celebration of the impact that our baptisms have had on our lives and it's a reaffirmation of the Sacrament of Confirmation when the bishop confirmed that we truly received the Holy Spirit during baptism.

Pentecost reminds us that through these sacraments we received God's power and presence so that we can overcome sin, live in holiness, and change the world around us.

How does God "renew the face of the earth"? Through us! First, God the Father gave his Holy Spirit to Jesus the Son so that he could successfully fulfill his mission on earth. Jesus then gave his Holy Spirit to us, so that we can grow in holiness and to continue the work of renewal that he began.

If you feel inadequate for any holy task, you're correct: You are inadequate. But the Spirit of God who dwells in you is more than adequate. Proceed forward trusting in this partnership!

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

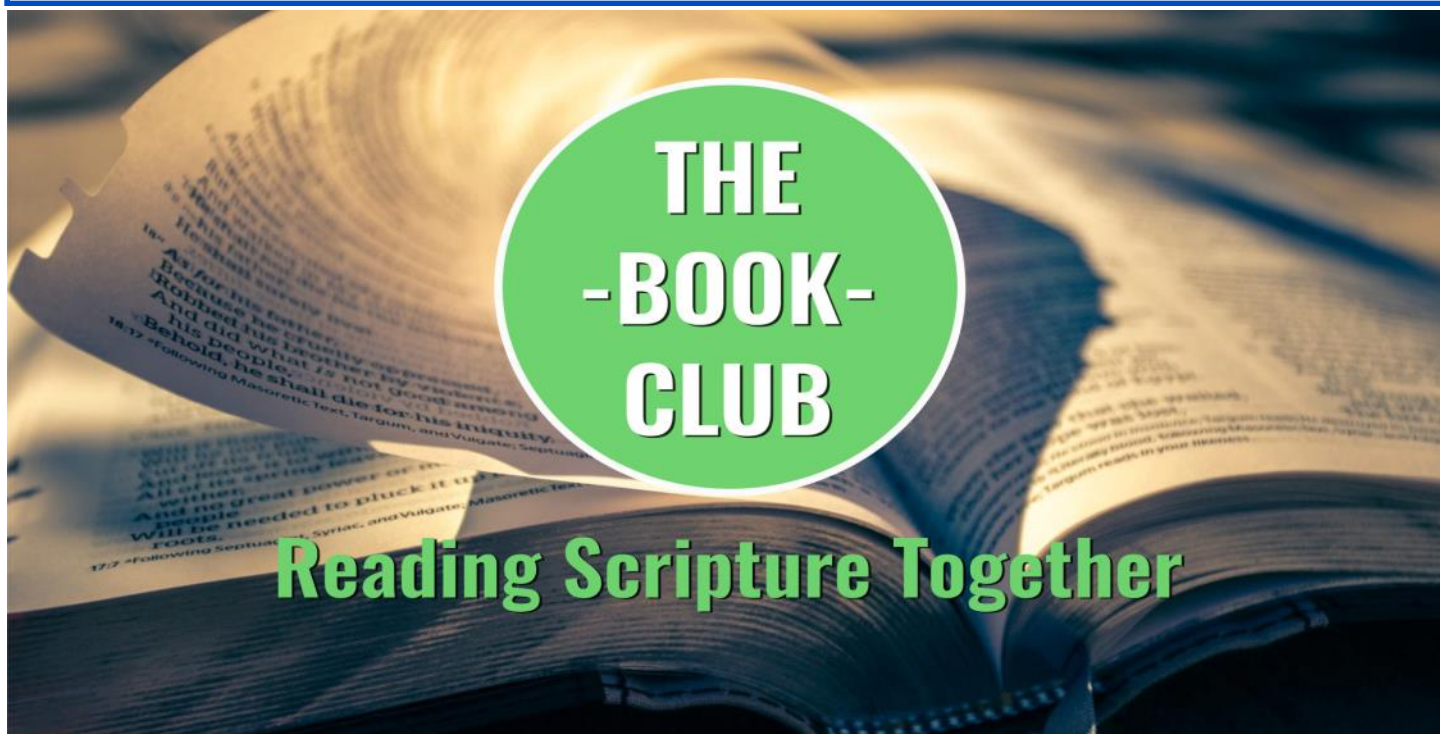
Are you making a difference on the earth because of the Holy Spirit living in you and working through you? What is the Holy Spirit doing -- or wanting to do -- through you? Answer this first regarding your home life, then your job, then your parish, then your recreational activities, in that order of priority.

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

How did you first discover that the Holy Spirit was making a difference in the lives of others through you? Describe a recent time when God partnered with you. How do you feel about the Spirit of God renewing the world through you? What are your hopes and dreams for this?

**Message Series:**

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



God leads out Ezekiel out to the valley of dry dead bones. Prophecy to these bones. As we speak God's word to the dry places of our life on a consistent basis, we will see the dry dead bones come back to life. The Scriptures have a power to change and transform our lives as we speak it to the dead areas of life and call on God's promises. Memorizing Scripture gives us the skill and ability to speak God's word

God's word has the power to bring back to life the things that are dead. Memorize Scriptures that speak to an area of life you want to breathe God's life into it.

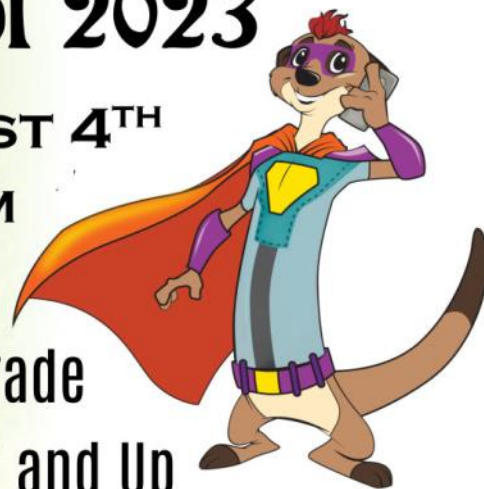
# Vacation Bible School 2023

JULY 31<sup>ST</sup> - AUGUST 4<sup>TH</sup>

9AM - 12:30 PM



For Children K to 6<sup>th</sup> Grade  
Junior Counselors Grade 7 and Up



Registration open online at [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com) or at the office

## 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](mailto:outreach@abvmcentereach.com). The Outreach Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM. **Paper Towels, Tissues, Toothpaste, Tea, Ketchup, Salad Dressing, Snacks, Macaroni & Cheese, Instant Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Canned Chili, Pasta Sauce & Peanut Butter.**



Attention married couples, want to make this a SUMMER to remember? Fall in love again. Here's a chance to get away for the weekend and focus on your spouse to renew and refresh your relationship.

To help your good marriage be great!! Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage? Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage on a **World Wide Marriage Encounter**

**Weekend.** Every relationship is a journey. The grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This experience will help you listen, share and connect more deeply.

Next weekend experience will be - **June 23-25, 2023** At the **Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Huntington**. Register at [WWME.org](http://WWME.org) or contact: Chuck & Maria Reiss (631) 486-8607

Our parish subscribes to a revolutionary online platform which provides the best in Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks, and video-based studies from trusted providers. This allows you, **free of charge**, to access online resources in bible study, apologetics, Christian entertainment, family catechesis, etc. at your convenience. It's available 24/7 thus allowing you to put time aside when it's best for you. To access please visit [abvmcentereach.formed.org](http://abvmcentereach.formed.org). Our parish code is P8DGG8



## 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.



## Nocturnal Adoration

Come and be in the presence of the Lord in the Holy Eucharist. Silent Adoration, readings and benediction.

**Next Adoration is on Friday, June 2**

**In the church 1:00—2:00 PM**



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit [faithdirect.net/NY563](http://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 28, 2023****I, the Lord of wind and flame**

The Spirit of holiness enters the gathering in driving wind and burning flame. It also comes more gently, as Jesus breathes on his friends and wishes them peace. How can the Spirit be so forceful, yet soft as a breath? The same way love is impassioned in some hours, light as a caress in others. Sometimes our loving presence is required in bold, dynamic, and powerful action. At other times, presence alone is enough: a hand held or silence shared. The more fully immersed in Spirit we are, the more we'll know what to do when the time comes.

## SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; Veni Sancte Spiritus; John 20:19-23 (63). *"There came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind.... Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire."*

**Monday, May 29, 2023****Waiting for your call**

"Mother of the Church" is one of Mary's many titles, first appearing in the writings of Saint Ambrose in the fourth century. But it wasn't until 1964 that the title was made official by Pope Paul VI. Pope Francis made this title a movable feast in 2018, placing it the day after Pentecost, as a reminder that Mary was with the disciples as the Holy Spirit descended. As the mother of Jesus, the head of the church, and given to humanity as a mother by Jesus at the foot of the cross, her presence at the event that is known as the "birthday" of the church affirms her role as mother to the church as a whole and to each Christian individually. You can call on Mary.

## MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; John 19:25-34 (57A). *"Then he said to the disciple, 'Behold, your mother.'"*

**Tuesday, May 30, 2023****A Christian's job description**

On this day in 1937, 10 unarmed demonstrators died in the Memorial Day Massacre in Chicago as police opened fire on a parade of workers and their families. Catholic writer Dorothy Day was there. "We look upon our work, our lives, and we say, 'How do these things square with Christian teaching? Can we go on making money at the expense of our brother?'" she would later [ask, echoing Catholic social teaching on the dignity of work and workers. "If we wish to follow Christ, we will be workers like Jesus, like Saint Joseph, like Saint Paul. We will think of the dignity of labor, we will respect the worker, will bear our share of responsibility toward making that new social order wherein justice dwelleth."](#)

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 35:1-12; Mark 10:28-31 (34B). *"To refrain from evil pleases the LORD, and to avoid injustice is an atonement."*

**Wednesday, May 31, 2023****Mary in living color**

Mary of Nazareth wears many different mantles—literally and figuratively. In images honoring Mary's Immaculate Conception, Mary wears a baby blue cape evoking calmness and purity. As Our Lady of Mercy, Mary protects the people beneath a brilliant bold red cloak. As Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe, Mary wears a cerulean *tilmahtli* emblazoned with gold stars, rebelling against death and oppression and promising hope and new life. Mary is all

these things: quiet and comforting, strong and protecting, rebellious and life-giving. As we celebrate the Visitation, let us reflect on the unique ways that Mary has visited us in our own lives.

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY  
TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56 (57Z). *"Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth."*

**Thursday, Jun 01, 2023****Suffer for the Kingdom**

Justin Martyr was a significant philosopher and Christian apologist who was not born Christian but experienced a conversion to Christianity. His writings are still published, and one of his better-known sayings—aimed at the Romans who persecuted and killed Christians—is, "You can kill us but you cannot harm us." The blood of many courageous martyrs has strengthened the church. Do you know anyone who has suffered in order to follow Christ? Pray for them today.

## MEMORIAL OF JUSTIN, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 42:15-25; Mark 10:46-52 (350). *"So they called the blind man, saying to him, 'Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you.'"*

**Friday, Jun 02, 2023****Little known but never forgotten**

Not much is known about the fourth-century martyrs Marcellinus and Peter. Like other martyrs, stories about their faithfulness were remembered more so than hard data about their lives. Such stories were salve to a church suffering under an oppressive Roman empire, and martyrs often became saints by public acclaim. Though lacking the thoroughness of today's canonization process, the Early Church recognized the importance of lifting up unknown martyrs as well as well-known ones. For in them, the people could see a reflection of their own suffering and faithfulness and know that they were not forgotten by the church. What can you do to ensure that the martyrs of our own age are remembered by the church?

## MEMORIAL OF MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 44:1, 9-13; Mark 11:11-26 (351). *"Yet these also were godly; their virtues have not been forgotten."*

**Saturday, Jun 03, 2023****You don't need permission to act for justice**

Martin Luther King Jr. wrote his famous "Letter from Birmingham Jail" in 1963 in response to a "Call for Unity" statement from white clergy of Birmingham criticizing King's nonviolent protests for civil rights, encouraging him to settle things in the courts, not take to the streets. Those in authority do not like folks who don't follow the rules they themselves have established to protect their authority. But faith-filled prophetic leaders, from biblical times down to the present, act on higher authority. The God of justice calls us to question authority.

TODAY'S READINGS: Sirach 51:12cd-20; Mark 11:27-33 (352). *"By what authority are you doing these things? Or who gave you this authority to do them?"*

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



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