



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

July 9, 2023

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Sunday, July 9

9:30 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)
 Ramoncito Armarnento (Greta Ella)
 11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

Monday, July 10

9:00 a.m. — Dorothy Rudnicki (Bourdeau Family)

Tuesday, July 11

9:00 a.m. — Leonie Seneus (Marcelle Estriplet)

Wednesday, July 12

9:00 a.m.— Stephen Dentrone (Nancy Dentrone)

Thursday, July 13

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Saturday, July 15

5:30 p.m.— Kevin Rivers (Fran Zarcone)
 Ramoncito Armarnento (Emma, Luz & Harry)

Sunday, July 16

9:30 a.m.— Maria & Inacio de Sousa (Family)
 Norma Geraghty (Maureen Reilly)
 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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Thursday
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Friday: CLOSED

Sacraments

For more information on Baptism, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick, please visit our parish website 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.

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:
 the old things have passed away;
 behold, new things have come. 2Corinthians 5:17

STEWARDSHIP
 GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
Last Week’s Collection: \$8,261
 (includes *Faith Direct*)
Last Year’s Collection: \$8,299
Thank You!

Rest
 in
 Peace

Shirley Theresa Cardno

Good News Reflection**How to make burdens feel light**

Does the yoke of Jesus weigh you down or does it feel light? His yoke -- according to what he exemplified with his life -- is servanthood, a ministry that cares for others, a love that makes sacrifices.



We feel weighed down by personal struggles; we have so many of our own crosses to carry and so many people need our attention that we're exhausted from it all. We need a vacation, an escape, time out! So why does Jesus tell us that his yoke is easy? Why does he say that the burdens of servanthood are light?

How can sharing in the ministry of Jesus be restful?

When the burdens of life wear us down and tire us out, it's usually because we've taken on more responsibility than God has actually given to us.

Or else it's because we're expending energy trying to get rid of a cross after Jesus has yoked us to it. If the burden leads to burn-out, God lets us get tired, because he's warning us: "Slow down! Simplify your life! Make a change! Spend more time in prayer!"

If it leads to anger and resentment, God is showing us that our selfish desire for an easier life is, in reality, making our lives more difficult.

In other words, when we strain and pull against the yoke -- against our union with Christ -- we suffer from our own mistaken ideas of what we should be doing. It is when we remember that we're yoked to Someone who is infinitely stronger and wiser than we are that the burden becomes light. The yoke becomes a source of joy.

Jesus offers us everything we need for plowing the fields that God assigns to us. When we cooperate with him, the burden is indeed light. We find rest in Jesus and we benefit from his strength. Our anger and resentment and weariness disappear. We experience holy pleasure in our tasks, because we're yoked to the goodness and the energy of Jesus himself.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What are you doing that seems like a good idea but is wearing you out? What part of it is not God's idea for you? What can you do to slow down, simplify, make a change, and become more aware of the strength of Jesus?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Become accountable for the answer to the above personal questions by speaking of it to friends in your faith community: What changes are you going to make to allow Jesus to refresh and renew you? How might this make a difference?

Message Series:

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



Scripture - Proverbs 4:10-19

Solomon tells his son to stay off the path of the wicked and of evil man. He then tells them why: the path of the wicked gets darker and darker, more and more difficult to navigate, while the path of righteousness gets clearer and clearer. In this message we will look at the temptations to get on the evil path and at the importance of avoiding them. Will also address those who may already find themselves down a path they didn't want to travel.

The path of goodness, while difficult, is ultimately easier to walk. Identify temptations to wickedness. Turn off those paths if you have started walking them.

Vacation Bible School 2023

JULY 31ST - AUGUST 4TH

9AM - 12:30 PM

For Children K to 6th Grade

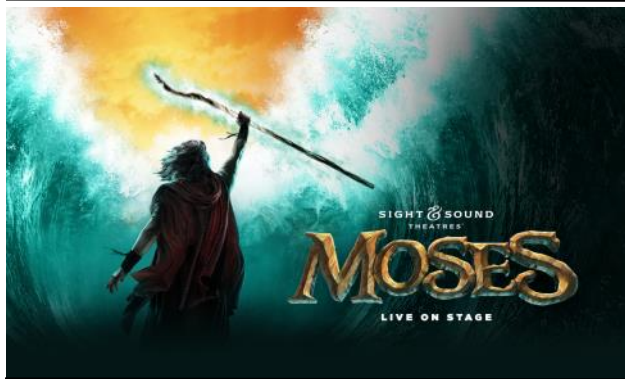
Junior Counselors Grade 7 and Up

Registration open online at www.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 in the Summer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 AM to 1 PM. Kleenex, Razors, Liquid Hand Soap, Laundry Detergent, Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Muffin Mix, Jell-O Mix, Syrup, Instant Potatoes, Canned Potatoes, Canned Tomatoes, Peanut Butter, Canned Dog Food, Canned Cat Food.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Ct. St Gerard #1920 is sponsoring a trip to Lancaster, PA to see The Story of Moses at the Sight and Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA on Thursday September 14th. The cost is \$215 per person which includes transportation, lunch at Miller's Smorgasbord and the show. Please contact Rose 631-676-2855 for sign-up and payment by Tuesday, August 1st.



L.I. Women's Retreat Ministry Annual Retreat

At St. Joseph Villa, Hampton Bays, N.Y.
September 15-17, 2023

"Getting to the Heart of Discipleship"

Cost - \$250.00 - Single Room Commuter - \$125.00

For more info: Yvonne Bracone (631) 398-4086 or Nina McGee (516) 449-6197



BIBLE BUDDIES



Grades PreK to 3

Tuesday, July 11, 18, 25 & Aug 8, 15, 22
6:30pm - 7PM

Adopt a pet and learn stories from the Bible!

For more info contact dmaterazo@abvmcentereach.com or jmercado@abvmcentereach.com

CASE FOR CHRIST FOR KIDS PROGRAM



Grades 4 to 7

Tuesday, July 11, 18, 25 & Aug 8, 15, 22
6:30pm-7:30pm

Be an investigative reporter in the case for Christ!



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!



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Sunday, Jul 09, 2023**The unexamined life is not liberating**

Interested in ministering, healing, and caring? Intrigued by dream analysis, speaking in tongues, or miracles? Seeking transcendence or the art of meditation? Does your attention reside at the intersection of faith and psychology? If any of the above concern you, there's a Morton Kelsey book with your name on it. Episcopal priest, Jungian therapist, and prolific author, Kelsey notes that we're controlled by what we assume and have never thoughtfully considered: "You can't come to a new point of view until you realize what your brainwashing has been." Take the first step toward inner freedom. Review your assumptions.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30 (100). *"Although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones."*

Monday, Jul 10, 2023**Don't let setbacks throw you**

The first bishop of Denver, Joseph Machebeuf, who died on this day in 1889, was the basis for the character Joseph Vaillant in Willa Cather's 1927 novel *Death Comes for the Archbishop*. Machebeuf was born in France and his character's French last name means "courageous"—for promoting the faith, in his case. In real life, Machebeuf was thrown from a carriage and disabled from his injuries, but went on to found schools and hospitals while overseeing the enormous growth of the Catholic population in Colorado. May his life inspire you to be valiant in overcoming challenges in your service to God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 (383). *"Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."*

Tuesday, Jul 11, 2023**The Bible according to Benedict**

When a team of theologians, medievalists, and artists began work on Saint John's Illuminated Bible in 1995, certain core values of Benedictine spirituality served as guiding principles. The finished product—the first hand-wrought copy of the Bible since the printing press in the 1400s—embodies some undeniable basics from Benedict's Rule, such as: the holiness of ordinary objects (simple goose quills for calligraphy) and the dignity of manual labor (vellum pages were hand-sanded repeatedly). But it's the larger themes of hospitality, transformation, and justice for God's people that make it a rich text for our time. Contemplate this Bible's full significance at the [Library of Congress](#) website.

MEMORIAL OF BENEDICT, ABBOT

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38 (384). *"I have seen God face to face," he said."*

Wednesday, Jul 12, 2023**Foundation for a just society**

The Knights of Peter Claver was incorporated on this day in 1911, the fruit of a collaboration between three Josephite priests and three laymen in Mobile, Alabama. The black Catholic fraternal order was founded for African Americans in an age when much of the U.S. Church was still segregated and many Knights of Columbus councils refused to accept black members. Named for the historic Spanish Jesuit missionary to South America, the order has since gone on to incubate justice-minded Catholics in the United States and also in Saint Peter Claver's own mission base of

Colombia. The organization added a Ladies Auxiliary in 1922, which now outstrips the men in membership and activity. If you're interested in the intersection of the Catholic faith and social justice, support the Saint Peter Claver Foundation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7 (385). *"Go . . . to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

Thursday, Jul 13, 2023**Let it reign**

The kingdom of God, or reign of God, means many things to many people. The term appears in today's gospel and in fact appears in the New Testament alone well over 100 times. Theologians have discussed its meaning over the centuries. They propose that in various contexts it refers to a heavenly reward, to Jesus himself, to the faithful as they pursue righteousness on Earth, to a culture based on love, mercy, and justice, and other variations on these themes. Like any big concept, there might not be one "right answer." How do you envision the kingdom of God?

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15 (386). *"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"*

Friday, Jul 14, 2023**A touch of faith**

"She who gropes her way" is an English translation of the Mohawk name Tekakwitha, Saint Kateri's second given name. That epithet is likely related to the fact that an outbreak of smallpox left Kateri orphaned, scarred, and visually impaired at the age of 4. As Kateri felt her way through her short life, she experienced the glories of nature, the riches of Catholic teachings, and the dignity of every soul. With help from family, friends, and a host of strangers, she discovered her true calling: to dedicate her life to God and give voice to God's truths. Pray to Saint Kateri that your vocation becomes crystal clear.

MEMORIAL OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, MOHAWK

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23 (387). *"Do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say. You will be given at that moment what you are to say."*

Saturday, Jul 15, 2023**What we leave behind**

History was not kind to the remains of Saint Bonaventure (1221-74), an Italian cardinal and minister general of the Franciscans. His many works of philosophy and theology are carefully preserved. But his body? Not so much. His torso was burned by invading Huguenots in 1562. His head, discovered to be uncorrupted 160 years after his death, was lost in the destruction of a church during the French Revolution. Only a lone arm has survived, resting in a church in Bagnoregio, Italy. Though your body will not last, your legacy can. Make it a good one.

MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33 (388). *"Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."*

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



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