



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**July 16, 2023**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**Mass Intentions  
for the week**

**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](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 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](mailto: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](mailto:rtbhuntington@yahoo.com) or Anita Wolf at [hwolf96@aol.com](mailto: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.

**Sunday, July 16**

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

11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

**Monday, July 17**

9:00 a.m. — Patrick Thomas Kearney (Kearney Family)  
Antonio Salgado (Maria Salgado)

**Tuesday, July 18**

9:00 a.m. — Ed Banschbach (Janet Helmig)

**Wednesday, July 19**

9:00 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of Romeo & Wolz Families  
Mary Cullon (Patti Campanelli)

**Thursday, July 20**

9:00 a.m.. — Mildred Murtagh (Wolz Family)  
Intentions of William Schultz (Family)

**Saturday, July 22**

5:30 p.m.— Judy Carlson (Pozzi Family)  
Kevin Rivers (Calestini Family)

**Sunday, July 23**

9:30 a.m.— Joseph Molick (Family)  
Raymond John Dlag (Carla Dlag)  
11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart,  
and do not lean on your own understanding.  
In all your ways acknowledge him,  
and he will make straight your paths.”  
Proverbs 3:5-6

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

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**

**Last Week’s Collection: \$10,761**  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year’s Collection: \$9,115**

**Thank You!**

Rest  
in  
Peace



James Gary Franklin



**Good News Reflection*****The seed sown on rich soil***

This Sunday's readings are about sowing seeds. The important thing to remember about seed sowing is that the effort is worthless if the seeds are not changed by being cast to the ground. Each seed must give up its former self, dying in the dirt while new life stirs within it. Only then can it send out a tender, first root, which will multiply and grow stronger and deeper to support upward growth. Even so, it has to be properly nourished to survive.



If all this takes place, the end result is a plant that looks nothing like the seed, which as it grows develops the ever-more important mission of benefiting the wider world of Nature beyond itself.

As we listen to Jesus explain the parable, we say yes, we want to be seeds that become fruitful lives. But desiring it does not automatically transform us. What is it that makes the soil of our lives rich and growth-producing?

The reading from Isaiah tells us that it is God himself who is the rich soil -- God and his Word. Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that suffering is part of creation (seeds must fall in the dirt and die in order to produce a fruitful life). Redemption grows from suffering and death.

We will never feel truly fulfilled until we've surrendered to the soil and have allowed God to nourish our growth.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What tender, new roots do you have that are sprouting from times of suffering and loss? What blessings are springing up from them? What ministry (what benefit to others) could be a fruitful gift of these blessings?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

Share what it means to give up your former self to allow new life to stir and grow. What is the will of God (what does the Word say) regarding the end result? Give examples from your life or from the lives of others.

**Message Series:**

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



Scripture - Proverbs 15:10 (accept reproof and correction); 15:22 (seek counsel); 19:20 (listen to instruction)

Proverbs tells us to continually seek wisdom and insight. We seek wisdom through our relationship with God and through our relationship with others. Proverbs tells us that if we want wisdom that helps us succeed, we must surround ourselves with good counsel, walk with the wise, and be open to reproof or correction. We will look at how we can do all three.

Seek counsel, walk with the right people, and accept correction.

**ADOREMUS**  
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION  
WITH CONTEMPORARY AND TRADITIONAL MUSIC

**Friday, July 21, 2023 - 7:30 - 8:30 PM**

in the church & **LIVE** Streaming

PRAISE AND WORSHIP \* SILENT ADORATION \* BENEDICTION



### 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, Liquid Hand Soap, Household Cleaner, Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Jell-O Mix, Pudding Mix, Syrup, Canned Potatoes, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Peas, Salad Dressing, Rice-A-Roni, Oatmeal, Icing, Canned Dog Food, Canned Cat Food.



## Assumption Faith Formation

### K to 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Registration 2023-24

Begins on July 22<sup>nd</sup> and ends on September 11<sup>th</sup>

Register Online at [abvmcentereach.com](http://abvmcentereach.com)



## 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

### 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



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**Sunday, Jul 16, 2023****Pause before speaking**

Words are deeds, as theologian Peter Kreeft astutely reminds us. When we speak our thoughts into the air, we are doing something. So many words circulate in the machinery of our media that we tend to take them for granted and view them as cheap or even meaningless. But words matter. They take root in our minds and hearts, as well as in the thoughts and feelings of people who receive them from us. Before you utter the response, make the call, or hit the send key, pause to contemplate what impact your words may have on someone else.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23 (103). *"My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it."*

**Monday, Jul 17, 2023****Heartfelt holiness**

Like any family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph experienced misunderstandings, disagreements, and hurt feelings within the family unit. Some of those experiences are told in the gospels, but there were surely others we never learned about. The Holy Family is a model for all families in the struggles and joys of family life. There are many devotional prayers to the Holy Family, including a litany and even a devotion to the hearts of the Holy Family. Most Catholics are familiar with the images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, but perhaps less so with the Chaste Heart of Joseph. Consider adorning your family home with artwork of all three.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 1:8-14, 22; Matthew 10:34-11:1 (389). *"Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."*

**Tuesday, Jul 18, 2023****Instituting a better bedside manner**

Hospitals in Rome and throughout Europe were abysmal in the 1500s, when Camillus de Lellis was admitted—twice—with an infected leg. Hospital workers were poor, often beggars and prisoners, who showed up mostly for free meals. Some even stole food from patients! Saint Camillus was so disgusted by this treatment that he got up from his bed to provide comfort—and cleanliness—to other patients. Thus his vocation was born, along with the Servants of the Sick, the religious institute Camillus founded after becoming a priest. A great Catholic tradition was likewise born: not just spiritual solace but clean and professional care as well. Visit the [Catholic Health Association](#) website to pray for hospital workers.

MEMORIAL OF CAMILLUS DE LELLIS, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 2:1-15a; Matthew 11:20-24 (390). *"She was moved with pity for him."*

**Wednesday, Jul 19, 2023****Mercy me**

Our tradition contains a variety of words to describe "missing the mark" when it comes to personal conduct: sin, transgression, and iniquity, a word used hundreds of times in scripture. Iniquity describes willful harming, where we choose to hurt or act with malice. It gets at the character or quality of our intentions. In a sense, our actions are all we really ever own. We carry them with us and we fall short at times. Thankfully, God's mercy is greater even than our iniquity. Examine your conscience, make amends

where possible, and call upon the Lord's mercy. Ask God to crown you with kindness and compassion, as today's psalm promises.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 3:1-6, 9-12; Matthew 11:25-27 (391).

*"The Lord is kind and merciful. He pardons all your iniquities, he heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, he crowns you with kindness and compassion."*

**Thursday, Jul 20, 2023****Inspiration for a dangerous mission**

Today's saint, Apollinaris, was a bishop during the first century of the church, a dangerous time to be a Christian. Roman authorities and others disliked the followers of Jesus for disrupting social norms and threatening a social order that gave Roman emperors God-like authority. Christianity was also a new movement, making it even more untrustworthy. Apollinaris was bishop of Ravenna, Italy, and for that public role he was savagely beaten, later dying of his wounds. His martyrdom inspired early disciples. Who inspires you to live dangerously in faith?

MEMORIAL OF APOLLINARIS, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 3:13-20; Matthew 11:28-30 (392). *"Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart."*

**Friday, Jul 21, 2023****A beautiful work in progress**

God is the creator par excellence and invites all of creation, especially human beings, to share in the gift of creating. God enables us "to be intelligent and free causes in order to complete the work of creation, to perfect its harmony" ([Catechism §307](#)). There is a beauty in the incompleteness or "unfinishedness" of creation. Not only does it give us the opportunity to follow God's lead, but, according to distinguished professor and theologian Sister Anne Patrick, S.N.J.M., it reveals a beauty of its own and stirs us to gratitude for creation's patient unfolding. What gifts do you find in your own acts of creating?

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 11:10—12:14; Matthew 12:1-8 (393). *"I say to you, something greater than the temple is here."*

**Saturday, Jul 22, 2023****Who do you say she is?**

No biblical figure is surrounded by more mystery than Mary Magdalene. Who was she, really? What we know from the texts, says Catholic writer James Carroll, is that she was a leader in the community of Jesus' followers. While the men abandoned Jesus in his hour of need, Mary was one of the women who stayed with him even through the Crucifixion. She was the first person to whom Jesus appeared after his Resurrection and the first to preach that Good News, and her status as an apostle in the early church rivaled even that of Peter. Over time, her status was questioned, her reputation tarnished. Powerful women have contended with such treatment throughout the ages. Mary Magdalene stands as a symbol for gender equity and justice as well as faithful witness.

FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE, APOSTLE TO THE APOSTLES

TODAY'S READINGS: Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; John 20:1-2, 11-18 (603). *"On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb."*

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



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