



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

July 23, 2023

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Sunday, July 23

9:30 a.m. — Joseph Molick (Family)
Raymond John Dlag (Carla Dlag)

11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

Monday, July 24

9:00 a.m. — Kevin Rivers (Rivers Family)

Tuesday, July 25

9:00 a.m. — Joanne F. Smith (Frank Bonaro)

Wednesday, July 26

9:00 a.m.—

Thursday, July 27

9:00 a.m.. — Harold Russell (Family)

Saturday, July 29

5:30 p.m.— Lillian Lang
Michael Hogan (Family)

Sunday, July 30

9:30 a.m.— Mary O’Brien Reilly (Maureen Reilly)
Patrick Bonavise (Ferrara 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.

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.

“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: \$8,842
(includes Faith Direct)
Last Year’s Collection: \$9,576
Thank You!

Rest
in
Peace

Mary Lou Morales

Good News Reflection**Three layers of evangelization**

Go and Make Disciples: A National Plan and Strategy for Catholic Evangelization in the United States (published in 1992) names three important layers of evangelization: (1) Nurture your own faith-growth, (2) invite others to conversion, and (3) transform society through true Christian living. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus teaches us these same three strategies, using parables.

(1) Nurture your own faith-growth: In the kingdom of God, we are like good wheat growing amidst weeds. This takes effort; the weeds will take over if we're not working daily at growing in holiness. What have you been doing to prevent the weeds around you from taking over and strangling your holiness? How is your faith life benefiting from living in the midst of non-believers and evil? Your Father-Creator is empowering you to



grow.

(2) Invite others to conversion: In the kingdom of God, we are like the tiniest of seeds that grow into a bush so large that others benefit from our growth. Who is benefiting from your faith? How is your spiritual growth inviting them into a closer relationship with Jesus? The Holy Spirit is empowering you to evangelize others if you're willing to minister to them using what you've learned from your experiences.

(3) Transform society: In the kingdom of God, we are like yeast that helps the whole batch swell up and mature into the bread of life that nourishes others. What are you involved in, as a Christian, that improves the world? Is your faith making a difference in your workplace, your community, and your parish? During Mass, as you receive the nourishment of the Eucharist, you are empowered to become Eucharist for the world. Mass ends with Christ commissioning you, through the presider, to be the yeast of goodness that affects those around you.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Maybe you never saw yourself as an "evangelist", but you are! This is your calling as a baptized Christian. Which of the above three areas of evangelization are you most actively doing? Which needs more of your attention?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Give an example from your own life (or from the life of someone you know or have heard about) that illustrates one of the three goals above. What about the other goals? Make sure that, in your discussion as a faith sharing group, examples are given for all three goals of evangelization.

Message Series:

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



Proverbs describes essentially three different kinds of people: the wise man, the fool, and the scoffer (or evil person). In this message we will describe those three kinds of people, how we are to handle them, and how those designations can help us to deal wisely with people.

Be aware of the wise man, fool, and scoffer, and deal with these people wisely.

BIBLE BUDDIES



TUESDAYS

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!

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, Bar Soap, Laundry Detergent, Household Cleaner, Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Canned Vegetables (potatoes, tomatoes, carrots & peas), Salad Dressing, Rice-A-Roni, Instant Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Canned Dog Food, Canned Cat Food.**



Assumption Faith Formation

K to 8th Grade Registration 2023-24



Begins on July 22nd and ends on September 11th

Register Online at abvmcentereach.com

Drug Crisis Assistance

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS? CATHOLIC CHARITIES / Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. For more information, please call: 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Sliding scale fees, Medicaid, Medicare, and other third-party insurance accepted.



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 23, 2023**God's kind of justice**

Our exercise of justice can be remarkably heartless. Too often we confuse justice with judgment, imagining justice is only served by lowering the boom on the offending party. The writer of the book of Wisdom describes God's justice as both mighty and clement: that is, powerful and merciful at the same time. Among the loveliest recommendations in the Old Testament is this: "Those who are just must be kind." Written 50 years before the time of Jesus, Wisdom demonstrates why Jesus came to heal, forgive, and rescue—not destroy, condemn, and disown. Make kindness your partner in justice.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19; Romans 8:26-27; Matthew 13:24-43 (106). *"And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind."*

Monday, Jul 24, 2023**Unburden yourself**

With so many things to do, places to go, and people to see, how could the average busy person these days possibly relate to contemplative hermits? Maybe the holy example of hermits, like Sharbel Makhlūf, is exactly what our hectic times need to help us detach from all that consumes us. This 19th-century Lebanese saint was a shepherd-turned-priest who later became a monk and then a hermit. After his death, miracles were attributed to his intercession. At his beatification in 1965, Pope Paul VI said: "May he make us understand, in a world largely fascinated by wealth and comfort, the paramount value of poverty, penance and asceticism, to liberate the soul in its ascent to God."

MEMORIAL OF SHARBEL MAKHLŪF, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42 (395). *"She came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon."*

Tuesday, Jul 25, 2023**Walk this way**

Annually an estimated 350,000 pilgrims walk the Camino de Santiago—the Way of Saint James. The Camino has a series of medieval routes, but the French Way is most popular. On foot it takes 30 days, crossing foothills of the Pyrenees and many fields, towns, and villages before traversing Galicia. Each route leads to the city of Santiago de Compostela with its magnificent cathedral, believed to be the final resting place of Saint James the Greater, who brought Christianity to Spain. Pope Callixtus II declared in 1122: "The city of Compostela, through the support of Blessed James, has been made sacred for the faithful and a help for those coming to it." Visit the [American Pilgrims](#) website to be inspired.

FEAST OF JAMES, APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 20:20-28 (605). *"The Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve."*

Wednesday, Jul 26, 2023**Honor your ancestors**

Though we only know of Joachim and Anne from early Christian writings, not biblical texts, it is logical to give a place of prominence to those who, after all, were Jesus' grandparents. It is said they struggled greatly to give birth until God, seeing their holiness, granted them the supreme privilege of parenting Mary, the mother

of God. In the Orthodox Church of America, they carry a title of great respect: Holy Ancestors of God. Think of the sacrifices your own grandparents likely made in raising your parents. Let your life honor them.

MEMORIAL OF JOACHIM AND ANNE, PARENTS OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Matthew 13:1-9 (397). *"And he spoke to them at length in parables."*

Thursday, Jul 27, 2023**Help build a church with a conscience**

Many Catholics take for granted the existence of a robust Catholic social service network. But back in the early 20th century, that was not the case. Poverty was common and social work was emerging as a profession. The social-concerns encyclical [Rerum Novarum](#) (1891) and Father William J. Kerby, co-founder of what became Catholic Charities USA, were two important influences that helped develop social consciousness among U.S. Catholics. Thanks to Kerby, who died on this date in 1936, and other activists and thinkers, the American church now includes many anti-poverty efforts. What can you do to further this critical social legacy?

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b; Matthew 13:10-17 (398). *"Prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it."*

Friday, Jul 28, 2023**Blessed are those who hear the word**

Blessed Charlie Stanley Rother is on the path to sainthood, a surprise for many who knew him as a rather shy and grumpy lad. Stanley grew up in Oklahoma. He was skilled at farming and could fix practically anything. He also felt called to the priesthood. After ordination, another calling came, this time, to go to Guatemala. There, Stanley used his gifts as he lived and worked among the people. With them, he too faced the terror of the raging Guatemalan civil war. He was martyred on July 28, 1981. Befriend Blessed Stanley and ask him to accompany you as you listen for God's calling.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23 (399). *"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold."*

Saturday, Jul 29, 2023**Even the savior of the world needs friends**

Martha, Mary, and Lazarus held a privileged place in Jesus' heart. As a wandering preacher who had "no place to lay his head," Jesus knew he always had a place to call home in visiting his three dear friends. Each gifted him in a special way, as the 2021 decree combining their veneration from the Congregation for Divine Worship and Sacraments points out: "Martha generously offered him hospitality, Mary listened attentively to his words, and Lazarus promptly emerged from the tomb at the command of the one who humiliated death." Cherish and nurture your dearest friendships; they are a treasure through thick and thin.

MEMORIAL OF MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS, FRIENDS OF JESUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 24:3-8 (400); John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42 (607). *"Many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother [Lazarus, who had died]."*

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



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