



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

September 3, 2023

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week



Sunday, September 3

9:30 a.m. — Angela Giustipiazza (Jackie & Andrew Acevedo)
John Anthony Correa (Bamonte Family)

11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

Monday, September 4

9:00 a.m. — Arnold Hoffman (wife)
Manuel Roaquin (Maria Freund)

Tuesday, September 5

9:00 a.m. — Camilo Cuarteros (Ed Uy & Family)

Wednesday, September 6

9:00 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of RAS
Hilda Manitta (Rosary Altar Society)

Thursday, September 7

9:00 a.m.. — Hilda Manitta (Lucy Quirk)

Saturday, September 9

5:30 p.m.— George Leverock (Leverock Family)
Grace Rose Soricelli (Mr. & Mrs. George VanSchaick)

Sunday, September 10

9:30 a.m.— Peter George Avalos (Blanche Werner & Family)
Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Famiy)
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.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday to Friday
9:00 AM to 2:00PM

**CLOSED LABOR DAY
MONDAY 9/4/23**

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: \$6,056
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year’s Collection: \$6,800
Thank You!

Rest
in
Peace



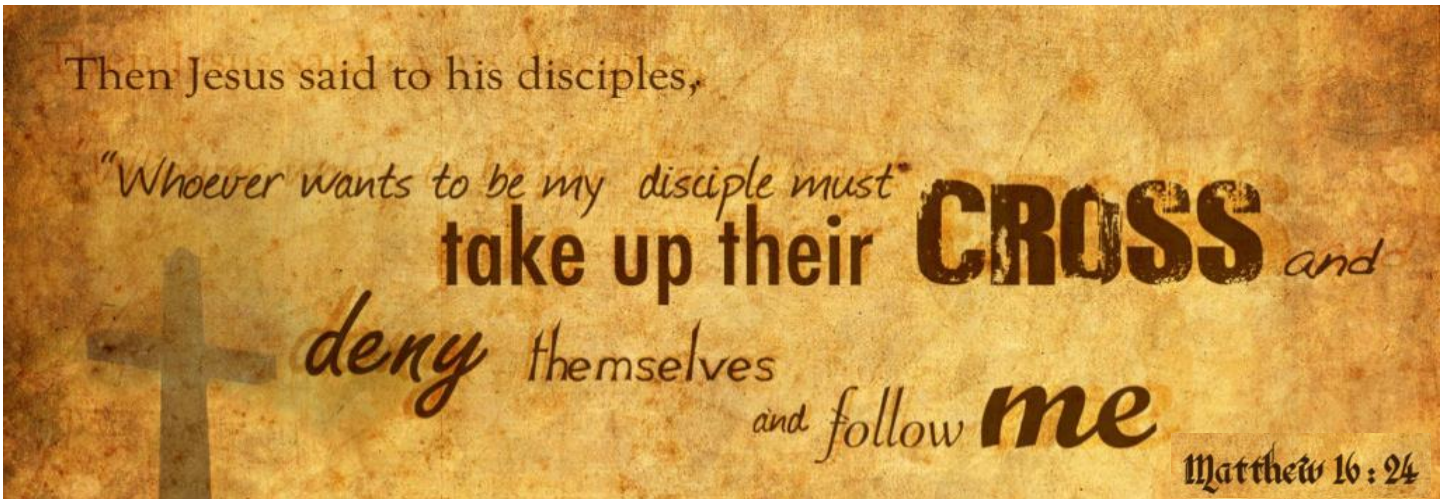
Augustine Alenchery
Hilda Manitta

Good News Reflection

You duped me, Lord!

This Sunday's first reading is one of my personal favorites. I have often felt the way Jeremiah does here. I have yelled at God, "You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped!" And I allow it again and again. "You knew this would happen, Lord! Why did you lead me into this trial?" Have you ever felt that way?

Why do we let him do this to us? Why do we trust God even though he leads us into difficult situations? Why do we follow Jesus into giving our help and love to others even though it's going to feel very uncomfortable if not downright painful?



Walking with God and serving his kingdom is an adventure. We can expect the unexpected, and unfortunately in this world that includes suffering - denying ourselves the opportunity to pursue self-centered agendas, taking up crosses, and following Jesus all the way to Calvary (but then of course, all the way to resurrection, too, as explained in the Gospel reading).

Because we love God, we are willing to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, like the second reading asks us to do. This is the highest form of worship; it's a spiritual communion that we experience outside of the Eucharistic liturgy of Mass. In union with Jesus, we are the Eucharist.

As Jeremiah's complaint shows us, we can safely complain to God. We can tell him, without getting punished, that we do not like working for him. Complaining to others, however, is a sin because it causes gossip and prejudices and makes God look bad.

Asking for prayer support during our trials is important, and we must keep doing this, but complaining to others shows how little we trust God. Eventually, we will see the good that comes from our sacrifices, and this is what we should communicate to others.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How do you feel when you do a good deed and it later works against you? Have you said "no" to allowing it to happen again? What brings the healing love of Jesus to you to help you recover?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

What unexpected sufferings have you encountered while giving someone a gift of unconditional love or while doing some other service for the kingdom of God? How did you feel about God at that time? Was the cross you carried worth all the hardships? Explain.

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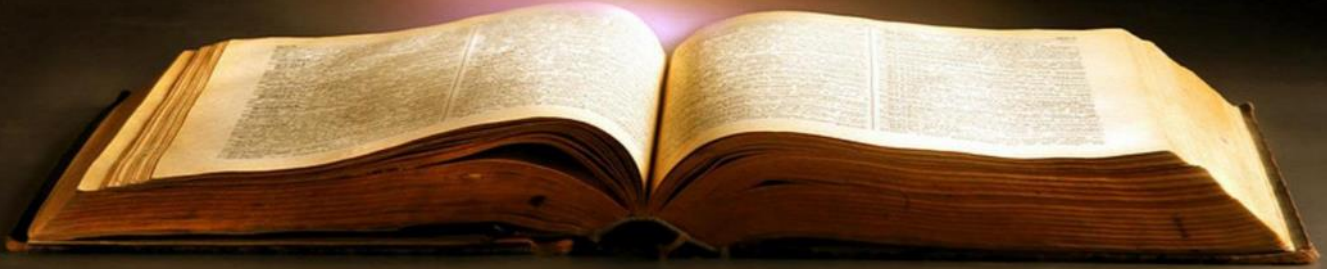


CORNERSTONE

Brand new Message Series begins on September 10th

As we launch our new season we will look at some of the cornerstones or foundational beliefs we have as a parish and how they help form the strategy of our Church. The purpose of this series is to remind us of what our church is about as we move into the new church year. Vision leaks and this is a great chance to remind ourselves about our vision, mission and core strategies.

Message Series



At Assumption, we preach in message series. Over several weeks, we will look at a topic and go deeper into it. We select a topic based on the weekend's scripture readings and dive deeper. These are the three questions we ask as we prepare each message series. What do we want the people to feel? What do we want the people to know? What do we want the people to do? This way, the message you hear in the church is not some head knowledge or something that flies over your head but touches the hearts and has practical applications for our daily lives. That's why I always mention "homework" in my messages. God speaks to us at every moment, especially in a community setting, when His people come together on Sundays and listen to the Word of God as we celebrate, pray, praise, and thank God. Then the discussion continues in the Small Groups and goes deeper. Our message series usually runs from September to July. Our mission continues to Love God, Serve Others, and Grow Disciples.

Our next brand new message series begins on the weekend of September 9-10, as we welcome back everyone after the summer. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Small Group is where our large church gets small. Groups are 6-10 people who meet to discuss faith, go deeper in the weekly message, and support one another in their relationship with Christ. This is the place to care for others and be cared for; a place to impact our community and the world. Assumption small groups are open to accept more people anytime during the year to help your faith journey. If you like to join a small group, stop by at the Welcome Desk in the church lobby on Sunday or email rptak@abvmcentereach.com to sign up.

SMALL GROUPS

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



Sunday September 10th
9:30am & 11:30am Masses
Students of all ages are invited

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 on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 10AM to 1PM. **PANTRY NEEDS: Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Cake Mix, Cake Frosting, Fruit Juice, Jell-O Mix, Hot Chocolate, Rice, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Peas, Canned Carrots, Canned Dog Food.**



WELCOME BACK

Sunday

Weekend of September 9 & 10

Assumption Faith Formation

K to 8th Grade Registration 2023-24

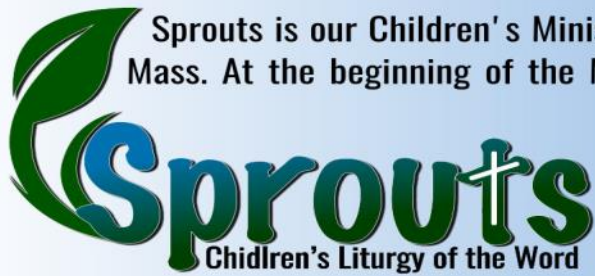
Begins on July 22nd and ends on September 11th

Register Online at abvmcentereach.com



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!





Sprouts is our Children's Ministry for ages three and up on Sundays during 9:30am Mass. At the beginning of the Mass, children will be dismissed with catechists and assistants downstairs to the church basement to reflect and share the scriptures read at the Mass. A presentation is given, and then the children share in their small groups. This is an excellent opportunity for our youngest to get engaged

during the mass in their own level. We are ready to hear and be part of the stories of our parish's youngest disciples and 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.



MEMORIAL OF THE UNBORN

Prayer service on National Day of Prayer for the unborn is on **Saturday, September 9th, 9:30 a.m.**, at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Route 112 Entrance Coram. It is sponsored by the Long Island Coalition For Life. Questions and information contact Tom (631) 588-4590

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.



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. Our parish code is P8DGQ8

Joining Our Catholic Community

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) might be what you are seeking if:

- You were never baptized or
- You were baptized in another religious tradition, or
- You were baptized Catholic but have not celebrated Confirmation or Eucharist.



Our parish desires to share our faith with all who wish to discover the beauty and power of a shared life in Christ the Lord. If you are interested, therefore, contact the office by email, rectory@abvmcentereach.com, or phone at 631-585-8760 at the office to get additional details.

Sunday, Sep 03, 2023**It's a wonderful life**

Our days are engulfed in chaos, conflict, and dispiriting news. Then along comes a director like Frank Capra (1897-1991), churning out what have been called "fantasies of good will," imposing order with his ragged little messiahs who take meaningful stands against king-sized injustices. A self-described "Christmas Catholic," Capra fought his moral battles on the silver screen. He believed each person is "essentially good, a living atom of divinity.... Films must be made to say these things, to counteract the violence and the meanness, to buy time to demobilize the hatreds." Take your stand. Tell a story of hope.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:7-9; Romans 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21-27 (124). *"Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind."*

Monday, Sep 04, 2023**Come aside and rest awhile**

In a [Prayer for Labor Day](#), the U.S. bishops invite us to ask God: "Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities." Labor has always held a place of dignity within our faith. Scripture tells us that the laborer is worthy of his hire (1 Tim. 5:18), and many a church document, including *Rerum Novarum*, outline the value of workers and their work: "Justice, therefore, demands that the interests of the working classes should be carefully watched over, so that they who contribute so largely to the advantage of the community may themselves share in the benefits which they create." And, today, in honor of our labor, it's time to take a break.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30 (431). *"Is this not the son of Joseph?"*

Tuesday, Sep 05, 2023**The first daughter of charity**

It's not every day that a Catholic saint is honored with a United Nations resolution. But then, Mother Teresa is hardly an everyday saint. The U.N. honored the famous nun from Kolkata, known the world over for her hands-on care of the poor, with a resolution in 2013. It declared that on the September 5th anniversary of Mother Teresa's death each year, the world would now observe an International Day of Charity. Let's take her at her word: "Love is not patronizing and charity isn't about pity, it is about love. Charity and love are the same—with charity you give love, so don't just give money but reach out your hand instead."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37 (432). *"All of you are children of the light and children of the day. We are not of the night or of darkness."*

Wednesday, Sep 06, 2023**Pray for the persecuted and forgotten**

On this day, many Christians of the Eastern tradition celebrate the feast of Saint Donatian and his companions, a group of lesser-known fifth-century martyrs driven out of North Africa by the Arian King Huneric, who persecuted a great many Trinitarians for their faith. Though we may not today face death for our confession, many of our brothers and sisters around the world do, and it is for them that we must pray with the help of Donatian and all who died

for the name of Christ. Even more, we are tasked to help them materially if we can, since—as the Lord says—whatever we do for the least of his siblings, we do for him.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44 (433). *"We have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and the love that you have for all the holy ones because of the hope reserved for you in heaven."*

Thursday, Sep 07, 2023**School days, Golden Rule days**

It's back-to-school season. Learning is foundational to our democracy and also to informed faith. In 2,000 years' time, Christianity has overcome countless heresies (a type of twisting of the belief) and accumulated many saints, martyrs, stories, and traditions. With school back in session, consider sending yourself to "school" to learn more about your own religion. Check out study materials from the [U.S. Catholic bishops](#) and [formed.org](#), a program both individuals and parishes can use for faith formation. Make a choice to grow in wisdom and understanding.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11 (434). *"Put out into deep water and lower your nets for a catch."*

Friday, Sep 08, 2023**A nativity set for the ages**

The church officially celebrates three Nativities: the Nativity of Jesus, the Son of God (Christmas); the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist (24 June); and the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary (8 September). These events tell us everything we need to know about God, faith, and the path to salvation. Through Jesus' Incarnation, we learn that God is with us—always and everywhere. Through John's witness we come to understand that we are not God—not even close—and we must prepare ourselves to welcome God's great goodness into our lives. And through Mary, we are shown the meaning of true discipleship—how to answer God's call and follow Christ through the joyful, sorrowful, and luminous mysteries of our lives in faith. Celebrate this dynamic trio by living in their light.

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 (636). *"They shall name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"*

Saturday, Sep 09, 2023**Give us this day some peace**

"Racism has been part of the social fabric of America since its European colonization. Whether it be the tragic past of Native Americans, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, or Blacks, the story is one of slavery, peonage, economic exploitation, brutal repression, and cultural neglect." This observation from the 1979 bishops' pastoral *Brothers and Sisters to Us* is why the church in the United States has established today as a "Day of Prayer for Peace in Our Communities" to promote healing of the racial divides of our nation. Make an honest examination of conscience regarding your thoughts, words, and deeds toward people of other ethnic and racial backgrounds.

MEMORIAL OF PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5 (436). *"You once were alienated and hostile in mind because of evil deeds."*

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



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