



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**October 8, 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.

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday to Friday**  
**9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

### **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.

Rest  
in  
Peace



John E. O’Neil

### **Sunday, October 8**

9:30 a.m. — Joseph Alberigo  
Salvador Zoleta Jr. (Harry & Luz Gaviola)

11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

### **Monday, October 9**

9:00 a.m. — Nicola Ardilla (Grace Ardilla)  
Concettina Lattanza (Evelyn O’Sullivan)

### **Tuesday, October 10**

9:00 a.m. — Josephine Uy (Lorna Aquila)  
Anthony Joseph Pollio (Rick & Joann Narroyo)

### **Wednesday, October 11**

9:00 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of Romeo & Wolz Families  
Maria & Inacio de Sousa (Family)

### **Thursday, October 12**

9:00 a.m.. — Matthew Borkowski (Family)  
Joseph Alberigo (Ferrara Family)

### **Saturday, October 14**

5:30 p.m.— Dawne Hearne (Rose Picariello)  
Joseph Brode (Mr. & Mrs. James Ross)

### **Sunday, October 15**

9:30 a.m.— Alan Materazo Sr. (Materazo Family)  
Michael Kennedy (Kennedy Family)

11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

**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: \$8,156**  
*(includes Faith Direct)*

**Last Year’s Collection: \$8,560**  
**Thank You!**

**Good News Reflection****The fruits of Heaven in our lives today**

"The kingdom of God is given to those who produce its fruit." That's the moral of the story that Jesus gives us in this Sunday's Gospel reading. And what is this kingdom of God, given to us while we're still on earth? What are its fruits, which we produce during our earthly lives?

Anything we do in imitation of Christ is a fruit that has grown as a result of following Christ on our journey toward heaven. If we love as he loves, forgive as he forgives, minister to others, teach the truth, and heal the hurting, we are living in the kingdom of God now.

When I ask Catholics if they believe they're going to heaven, most feel very uncertain, either because they're afraid they might lose their salvation through some future grave sin, or because they're afraid it's not humble enough to answer with a firm "yes."

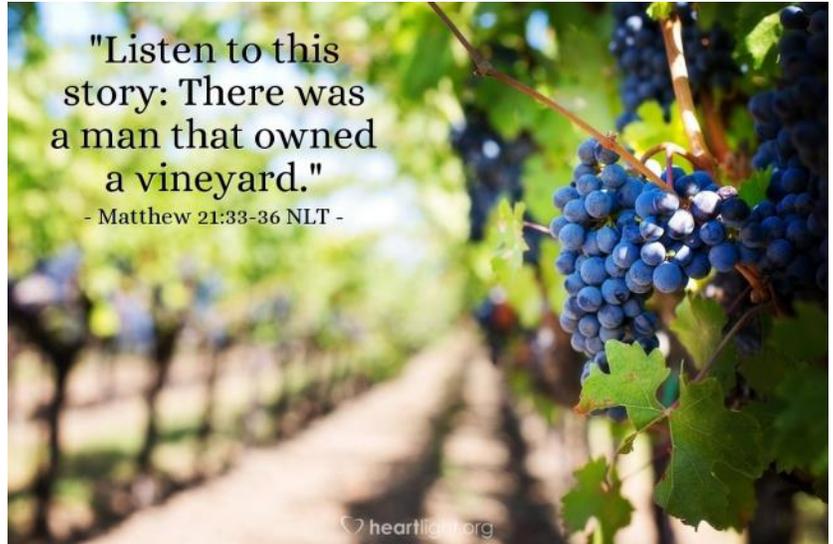
Granted, we do not imitate Christ perfectly. Most of us will need to spend time in Purgatory being purged of whatever is unheavenly about us, but when the purging is finished, we'll be fully alive in the wonderfulness of God. If we make it to Purgatory, of course we'll reach the glories of heaven. And if our desire to be Christ-like is genuine, then of course our sins will never be so "grave" that we turn completely away from Christ. Of course we'll gladly embrace him when he comes for us at the moment of our death.

Whatever you do because of Christ and out of love for Christ, this is evidence that you are living in and will eternally live in God's kingdom.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:** What good fruits are you producing in your life now? List them; get out a pen and start writing them down. During the week, as you think of more good fruits, add those to the list.

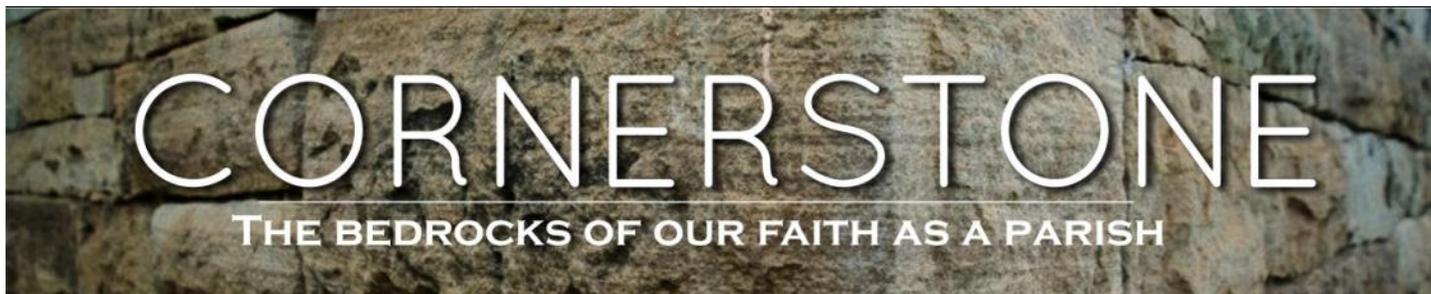
**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:** Look at the list you produced for the above question. How do these fruits give evidence of God's goodness within you? How do they provide the kingdom of God for the benefit of others? How do they assure you that you are truly a heaven-bound follower of Christ?

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**Brand New Message Series begins on  
Sunday, October 15**

In this series we will look at the power of commitment and the steps we invite to take as a church. We will talk about both the commitments and the benefits of those commitments. You can't be committed to everything but important to be committed to the right things.

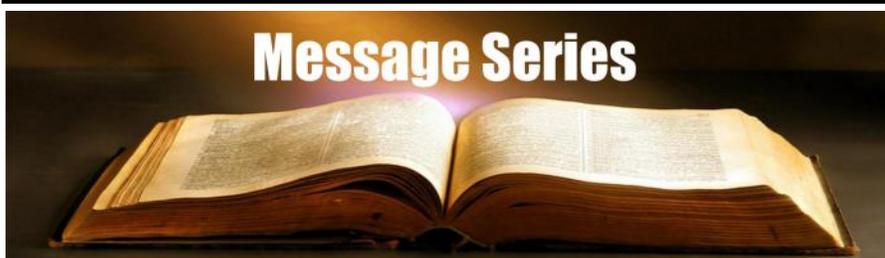


We will end our series by looking at the passage from Matthew in which Jesus says, “The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.” We will delve deeper into the meaning of this phrase as a way to sum up the series. We will look at Jesus as the cornerstone of our faith. He is wonderful in our eyes. Our faith is not founded on human beings but on Jesus who was rejected at the crucifixion and rose from the dead to become the cornerstone.

And as his church we get to bring people into a growing relationship with him. We will also in some way play on the theme of rejection.



We grow by the commitments we make and fulfill. Committing to a marriage, a job, a friendship allows us to grow. Committing to take a class in a foreign language or to dance classes or to martial arts and fulfilling that commitment helps us to grow in our ability to do those things. Likewise we come to mature as Christians, in Christ-likeness by the commitments we make and keep. In this series we will look at the power of commitment and the steps we invite people to take as a church. These are commitments or habits that must be practiced over and over again. Commit to a life-long journey of growth. We will talk about both the commitments and the benefits of those commitments. You can't be committed to everything but important to be committed to the right things.



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.



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!



## 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, Kleenex, Toothpaste, Bar Soap, Shampoo, Razors, Deodorant, Liquid Hand Soap, Laundry Detergent, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Jelly, Cake Mix & Frosting, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Fruit Juice, Coffee, Tea, Box Milk, Hot Chocolate, Chili, Baked Beans, Canned Potatoes, Instant Potatoes, Canned Chicken, Snacks, Noodles, Cereal, Pasta Sauce, Canned Canned Pasta, Canned Carrots.**



### Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St Gerard #1920

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Fall Fundraiser November 2023</b>			01 <b>50</b>	02 <b>50</b>	03 <b>50</b>	04
05	06 <b>50</b>	07 <b>50</b>	08 <b>50</b>	09 <b>50</b>	10 <b>100</b>	11
12	13 <b>50</b>	14 <b>50</b>	15 <b>50</b>	16 <b>50</b>	17 <b>50</b>	18
19	20 <b>50</b>	21 <b>50</b>	22 <b>50</b>	23 <b>100</b>	24 <b>50</b>	25
26	27 <b>50</b>	28 <b>50</b>	29 <b>50</b>	30 <b>50</b>		

Tickets are 1 for \$10.00 Or 3 for \$20.00. Each ticket gives you multiple times to win within the month. Proceeds will be used for charitable purposes. Winner will receive their money by check mailed directly to them.

For tickets please contact: Rose Picariello 631-676-2855 or Jennifer Orlic



Renew and Refresh your relationship With a weekend away to focus on your spouse. 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.

Our next weekend experience will be on **November 10-12** Held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Huntington, Long Island

Register at WWME.org or contact: Kevin & Regina Hickson (516) 554-3835

## Assumption Prayer Team is praying for you.

We pray for every request in the prayer Petition Books, from Adoremus and those given to us in person.

What are your prayer needs? Prayer Petition Books are in the back of the church.

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16*



**PRAYER TEAM**



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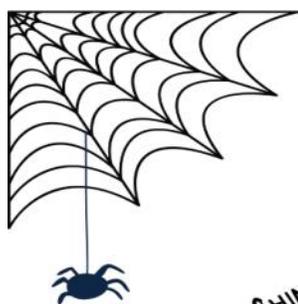


Children's  
Liturgy of the Word  
**Sprouts**

Sprouts is our Children's Ministry for ages FOUR to SECOND grade on Sundays during 9:30am Mass.

Begins on Sunday, OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup>

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 engage during the Mass at 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 weekly, year after year, that our Father is madly after their hearts. If God puts in your heart to help at the Sprouts, please leave your name and phone number at the Welcome Desk or contact the Office.



RAIN OR SHINE!  
INCLEMENT WEATHER  
WILL MOVE  
EVENT INDOORS!

NON-SCARY  
COSTUMES  
ONLY!

JOIN US FOR SOME FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21  
12 NOON TO 2 PM  
ASSUMPTION CHURCH PARKING LOT



DEADLINE  
TO SECURE A  
TRUNK SPOT/TABLE  
IS  
OCTOBER 8!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP MAKE THIS  
A GREAT EVENT FOR THE CHILDREN!!

LOOKING FOR PARISHIONERS & MINISTRY MEMBERS TO HOST A TRUNK OR TABLE!

ALL TRUNK THEMES WILL BE BIBLE-BASED AND MUST BE APPROVED.

PLEASE CONTACT MELISSA AT ABVM OFFICE - 631-585-8768 / MFERRARA@ABVMCENTEREACH.COM  
TO SECURE YOUR SPOT AND FOR THEME APPROVAL.



Coffee  
*in the*  
Courtyard

in the Parish Center Hall

Coffee  
Conversations  
Community

After  
9:30 AM  
& 11:30 AM  
Masses

**Sunday, Oct 08, 2023****To the greater good!**

Our country's second poet laureate, Richard Wilbur (1921-2017), fought in the Second World War. It convinced him that writing verse was serious business: "One does not use poetry ... to organize oneself and the world, until one's world somehow gets out of hand." Wilbur explained: "I feel that the universe is full of glorious energy ... and that the ultimate character of things is comely and good. I am perfectly aware that I say this in the teeth of all sorts of contrary evidence, and that I must be basing it partly on temperament and partly on faith." Believe in the ultimate goodness, regardless of any evidence to the contrary!

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 5:1-7; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43 (139). *"Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious ... think about these things."*

**Monday, Oct 09, 2023****Going the distance for faith**

In the third century, Saint Denis evangelized the country that would come to be France (then called Gaul), and he is thought to have been the first bishop of Paris (then called Lutetia). He was so successful at making converts that the Roman governor beheaded him on the highest hill in the city, now known as Montmartre. It was said he picked up his head and kept preaching while walking many miles before reaching his burial site in a town later named after him. He is the patron saint of France and one of the Fourteen Holy Helpers. Call on him for a missionary zeal that just won't quit.

MEMORIAL OF DENIS, BISHOP, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 1:1—2:1-2, 11; Luke 10:25-37 (461). *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind."*

**Tuesday, Oct 10, 2023****Don't shortchange charity**

In 2021, Pope Francis used today, [World Mental Health Day](#), to pray for those "affected by mental disorders and also the victims, often young, of suicide." This June, Francis mentioned teen suicide again, decrying a "culture that leads young people to think that they are 'losers.'" Francis also emphasized the basic human right to medical care and social services—so critical for mental health—but he also pointed to us individual Christians, who in our "haste" don't often stop long enough to care for each other. "It is easy to delegate charity to others, yet the calling of every Christian"—according to Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan—"is to become personally involved." His advice? [Learn from Saint Thérèse of Lisieux, who said, "charity must not remain locked in the depths of one's heart."](#)

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42 (462). *"The Lord said to her in reply, 'Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things.'"*

**Wednesday, Oct 11, 2023****A shrine for the ages**

In America's "first city," St. Augustine, Florida, many Catholics today will celebrate the feast of Our Lady of La Leche, dedicated to a Marian apparition first recognized during the time of the Spanish colonial empire. The devotion, depicting Mary nursing the infant child Jesus, traveled with settlers to Florida in the 16th century, and a shrine to her was built at Mission Nombre de Dios in the

new colony of St. Augustine. The shrine is the oldest in the United States, having received canonical coronation in 2021, and is a popular pilgrimage site for those seeking intercession related to a pregnancy. Maybe today is the day for you to offer a special prayer for someone in your own life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4 (463). *"All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O Lord, and glorify your name."*

**Thursday, Oct 12, 2023****Come as you are**

Christians whose personalities would never be called pious or meek might take heart in Caryll Houselander (1901-54), whose death we commemorate today. She smoked, drank, and was said to have a sharp tongue. But people were drawn to her for good counsel, and Houselander's spiritual writing persists. A sample: "Love is most likely to spring from another's need for us, and the fact of spending ourselves for another always generates new life in us." With your own God-given personality, warts and all, take a step today toward building the Kingdom.

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13 (464). *"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find."*

**Friday, Oct 13, 2023****The devil doesn't have a prayer**

In an interview in *Exorcists against Satan* by Italian journalist Fabio Marchese Ragona, Pope Francis was asked about the devil. "It is possible that I get on the Devil's nerves," he said, "because I try to follow the Lord and do what the Gospel says. And that annoys him. At the same time, he is certainly happy when I commit some sin. He seeks man's failure, but he has no chance if there is prayer." It is a great mystery that God should permit diabolical activity, says the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "but we know that in everything God works for good with those who love him" (CCC 395). Take the simple steps of daily prayer and good works to keep the devil at bay.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26 (465). *"If Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand?"*

**Saturday, Oct 14, 2023****Redeeming qualities**

There was a profound division in the church during the third-century pontificate of Callistus I. The pope believed and taught that even the most serious sins like murder and adultery could be absolved in a sincere confession. His position scandalized many church leaders in Rome who didn't agree. They believed that some sins were too serious to be forgiven, and they accused Callistus of laxity and sympathizing with heretics. Eventually Callistus prevailed and Confession became the healing sacrament for all sin, even the most serious. Thank our merciful God for guiding the church toward an ethic of redemption.

MEMORIAL OF CALLISTUS I, POPE, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28 (466). *"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."*

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



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