



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

November 5, 2023

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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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 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.

*Rest
in
Peace*

Deceased Brothers & Sisters
of our Parish

Sunday, November 5

9:30 a.m. — All Souls
11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

Monday, November 6

9:00 a.m. — All Souls
Kathleen Sanacore

Tuesday, November 7

9:00 a.m. — All Souls
Living & Deceased Members of Rosary
Altar Society

Wednesday, November 8

9:00 a.m.— Arnold Hoffman (wife & children)
Marie Tandy (Pat Rivers)

Thursday, November 9

9:00 a.m.. — Nilda Zecca (Zecca Family)
Louella Docteur (Gochan Family)

Saturday, November 11

5:30 p.m.— Joseph Friscia (Materazo Family)
Fr. Chris Aridas (Materazo Family)

Sunday, November 12

9:30 a.m.— Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)
Maria & Inacio de Sousa (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: \$7,549
(includes Faith Direct)
Last Year’s Collection: \$9,287
Thank You!

Good News Reflection**Equally loved, equally important**

Today's Gospel reading contains a verse that, when taken literally, has been used by some Protestants to condemn Catholicism because we call our priests "Father." By that logic, when Jesus said, "Call no one on earth your father," he meant our dads, too, right? Did he never call St. Joseph by the title father? Perhaps when Jesus as a lad had a question about carpentry he said, "Hey dude who's married to Mom!" I don't think so.

To understand what Jesus means in this scripture, we need to read the whole passage: This singled-out verse is actually part of a teaching about equality. He is telling us that we must not consider anyone to be superior to ourselves -- no one but God is superior to us.

Jesus says here: "The greatest among you must be your servant." At other times in other scriptures, Jesus says that if we want to be greatest, we have to be the servant of all, because we must not think of ourselves as superior to others. But in today's lesson he's telling us not to think of ourselves as inferior, either. He's trying to cure our low self-esteem.

Do you know, for example, that as a person you are not inferior to the pope? This is why he's called the servant of the servants of God. As Christ's representative in Church leadership, he serves us in everything he does, whether it's presiding at Mass or writing a Church document or making authoritative decisions.

No matter what someone's credentials are, no matter how much authority God has given to our priests and other Church leaders, and no matter how rich or famous or well-liked anyone is, we are all equally loved by God. We're all equally important to God. To see our worth, we must learn to see ourselves through God's eyes.

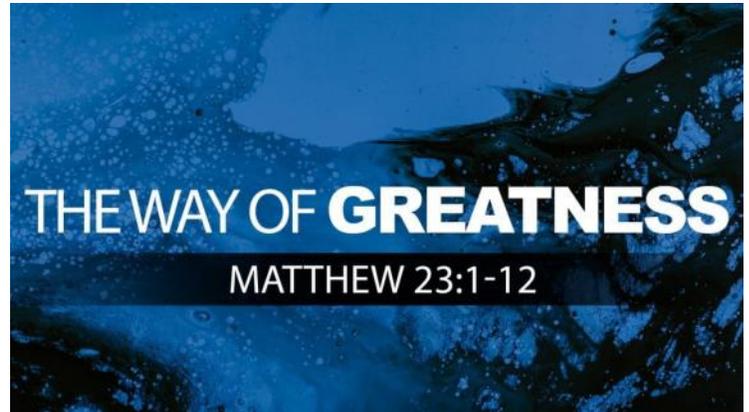
Questions for Personal Reflection:

Do you feel served by those who have higher status? Why or why not? When you don't, how much of this is your own attitude of assuming that you're inferior? What will you do to shift your thinking and accept your own value according to God's perspective?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

When someone's job or talents or position in the family or church seems greater than yours, how do you overcome your feelings of inferiority? How does Jesus convey to you that you are inferior to no one? Describe a time when you felt inferior but then became aware of your equal value. (This story will help others who are struggling to overcome their own feelings of inferiority.)

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STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND

November 18-19, 2023

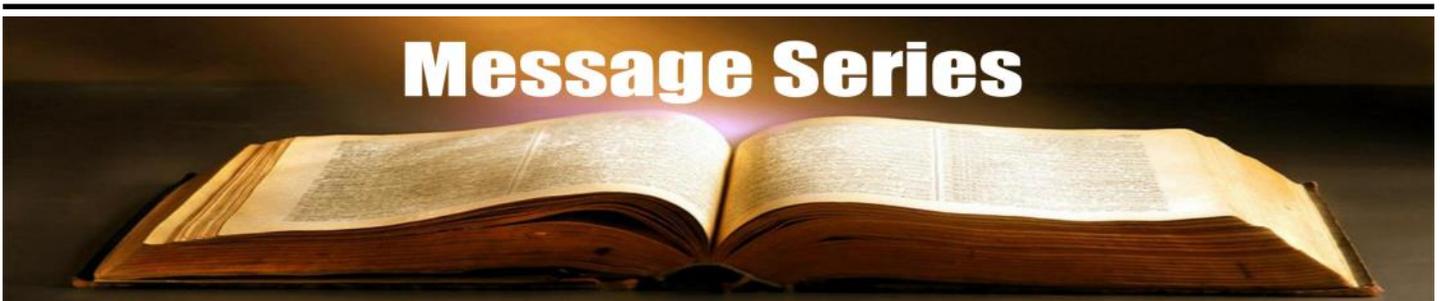
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**The power of Commitment
and the Steps
we invite to take as a church.**

We grow spiritually by committing to other followers of Christ. This means we must commit to a local church and to a small group of people who know us and can care for us. Drifting around from church to church and simply being part of the universal church does not help us grow. To go deeper we need some relationships where people can hold us accountable and encourage us in spiritual growth. Our main verse for this week will be taken from Thessalonians which says, "We determined to share with you not only the Gospel of God, but our very lives because you had become so dear to us."

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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.

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; 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 rectory@abvmcentereach.com to sign up.



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!



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: Pancake Mix, Syrup, Rice-A-Roni, Coffee, Pudding Mix, Jell-O Mix, Hot Chocolate, Boxed Milk, Canned Tuna, Canned Chicken, Liquid Hand Soap, Household Cleaner, Dog Food, Muffin Mix, Toothbrushes. We are also in need of any paper or plastic shopping bags.



Parish Social Ministry (Food Pantry) Needs for Thanksgiving

Gift Cards: With the Holidays just around the corner, we're getting ready to prepare Thanksgiving baskets for our clients. In addition to the food items listed below, please consider donating gift cards to local supermarkets. These are very helpful in providing those in need with a great Thanksgiving dinner, allowing them the dignity to choose their favorite holiday foods. Please drop off gift cards at the Parish Office or in the collection basket.

GIVING THANKS GIVING BACK

Thanksgiving
DRIVE

Pantry Needs: Boxed Milk, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Yams, Canned Vegetables, Stuffing Mix, Instant Potatoes and any other non-perishable food items. Please place these donations in our bin in the Church.

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In anticipation of our upcoming annual celebration of Stewardship Sunday, I invite you to pray and reflect upon your financial support of our parish in the year ahead. As always, we encourage electronic giving – it is the most helpful way to give.

When you give in your place of worship as an act of worship, you are becoming more of the person God wants you to be. When you give, you are tangibly making a difference in someone's life. Marriages are restored, lives are healed, and people meet Jesus.

Stewardship faith Commitment card will be available this coming weekend.

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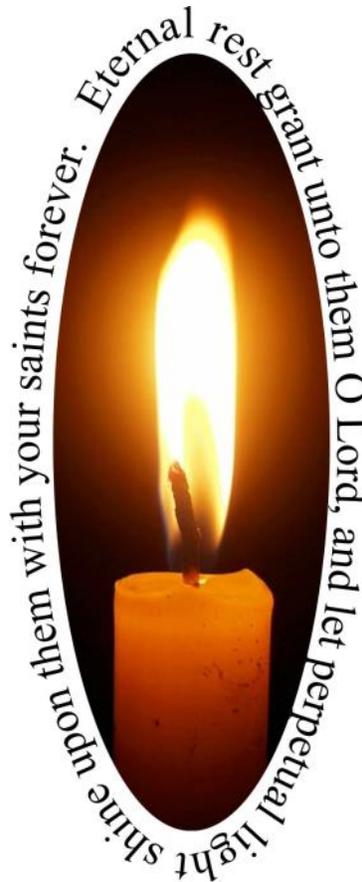
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November 2nd All Souls Day

Listed below are those loved ones our parish family has given back to God during the past year.
(Nov 2, 2022 to Nov 1, 2023)

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord; and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Edward W. Cappetta
Gary Kreidler
Loretta Bengtson
Sharon Elizabeth Fleischmann
Marian Capuano
Susan B. Fitzgerald
Margaret Arlene McGuire
John E. Metzger
Shirley Vezzi
Patricia Pennachio
Joseph Alberigo
Frank Furnari
John Kump
Cecilia R. Davila
Paul Brazezicke
Gregory Stenger
Judy V. Carlson
Joseph A. Nieckarz Sr.
Kevin Rivers
Ignatius (Natt) Surinaga
Rosemarie Dragotta
James Glynn
Frances Ehresman
Camille Rose James
Mary E. Ross
Liduvina Espino
Anthony DiLaurenzio
Elizabeth O'Neill
Brigid Furnari
John P. Viserto



Joseph G. Carpentieri Jr.
John Ricciardi
Irena Maria Nowosiadlo
Joan G. McGuigan
Josephine Napoletano
Linda Montebello
Angela Basso
Eleanor Criscuolo
Coleta Bartolomeo
Maria L. Ambrose
Grace Rose Soricelli
John Draghi
Dorothy Rudnicki
Regina Duncan
Shirley Theresa Cardno
James Gary Franklin
Mary Lou Morales
Carmela Camarda
Anna Costa
Raymond F. Greene
Hilda E. Manitta
Joseph DelaRosa
Nicholas Peragine
Diana Mary DeRosa-Poliseno
John V. Sokolowski Jr.
John G. Joseph
John E. O'Neil
Kathryn Noonan
Sebastiano Vultaggio
Charles James

SPROUTS

Children's Ministry for ages
FOUR to SECOND Grade on
Sundays during 9:30 AM 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 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.

Sunday, Nov 05, 2023

Vocation 101

It's National Vocation Awareness Week! What's your parish or Catholic organization doing to promote the call to ordained and religious life in your community? Consider the threefold tasks of "prayer, invitation, and education": to *pray* for vocations, *invite* likely candidates to consider them, and *educate* others about the joy of service to Christ and his church. Also check out the website of the [National Religious Vocation Conference](#). They offer Conversation Cards to keep handy: business-style cards that say "You would make a great priest/ sister/ brother/ nun" on the front. The back reads: "Imagine the possibilities."

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 1:14b—2:2b, 8-10; 1 Thessalonians 2:7b-9, 13; Matthew 23:1-12 (151). "With such affection for you, we were determined to share with you not only the gospel of God, but our very selves as well."

Monday, Nov 06, 2023

All paths designed to lead to holiness

Some people hear their call early in life, and it's loud and clear. Others grapple longer and harder with figuring out their vocation. Regardless of where you fall on that spectrum of discernment, and no matter what state of life God intends for you, keep in mind during this National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov. 5-11) that we are all called in essence to the same thing. Let the words of Carmelite nun Saint Thérèse of Lisieux to her friend upon her marriage reassure you: "The road we are following is different, however, the goal is the same purpose: to become holy in the way God has traced out for us."

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 11:29-36; Luke 14:12-14 (485). "You will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Tuesday, Nov 07, 2023

Honor wise council

On this day in 680, the Third Council of Constantinople convened. Ecumenical councils summon a representative constituency of church leadership to settle important questions and fine-tune church teaching. Earliest councils, beginning in 325, solidified basics of Christian faith, often tackling heresies about the true nature of Jesus Christ. Later councils wrestled with institutional growing pains. Let us be grateful that our ancestors cared about the deposit of faith enough to gather and debate at length in order to hand down to future generations such as ours the best the tradition has to offer.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 12:5-16b; Luke 14:15-24 (486). "We, though many, are one Body in Christ and individually parts of one another."

Wednesday, Nov 08, 2023

Act decisively for justice

Today, we remember our forebear Joseph Rummel, the longtime archbishop of New Orleans during the era of Jim Crow segregation in the Deep South. As head of the diocese with one of the largest black populations in the nation, Rummel set out to desegregate local Catholic parishes and schools, including the archdiocesan seminary, beginning in 1948. After a letter from local segregationist Catholics to the pope was rebuffed by the holy father, Rummel declared all parochial schools desegregated in 1962. Famously, he later excommunicated several vocal holdouts

who protested his move. Where is such decisive action against racism among bishops today? We are all responsible for opposing injustice. How will you act for the common good?

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 13:8-10; Luke 14:25-33 (487). "You shall love your neighbor as yourself. Love does no evil to the neighbor; hence, love is the fulfillment of the law."

Thursday, Nov 09, 2023

Let the good times roll

Catholics have lots of words with their own twists, and one of them is "feast." While we don't all sit down to a giant meal for every "feast," in some corner of the world, Catholics may well be doing just that. In church language, "feast" means something special is celebrated on a particular day. Feasts range from the death days of saints, to events in Jesus' life, to the foundation of a church with a special history (such as today's feast of the [Lateran Basilica](#)). Many feasts have special followings in particular cultures. Let feast days remind you that sometimes devotion also calls for a good party!

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). "His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, Zeal for your house will consume me."

Friday, Nov 10, 2023

You are simply divine

Known for his accessible preaching style, Pope Leo I helped his fifth-century flock and Christians down through the ages understand more fully the true nature of Christ and his saving gifts. By becoming human, explains Leo, "Jesus assumed the form of a servant without the stain of sin—enhancing what was human, not detracting from what was divine." As children of the light, we share in God's own nature. Therefore, our heads and hearts should reflect this holy inheritance. Or put simply by Leo: "Christian, remember your dignity."

MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 15:14-21; Luke 16:1-8 (489). "I will not dare to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me."

Saturday, Nov 11, 2023

A veteran worthy of his day

Because Saint Martin of Tours (c. 320-397) was the son of a Roman army officer, he was required by law to serve in the Roman military. Two years after his conversion to Christianity he announced, "I am the soldier of Christ: it is not lawful for me to fight." He was arrested and charged with cowardice. So he volunteered to go into battle unarmed. Before he could make good on his offer, he was discharged from the military. This Veterans Day, we can remember those, like Saint Martin and Venerable Emil Kapaun, Army chaplain, who, for the sake of Christ, go into battle armed only with the love of Christ.

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 16:3-9, 16, 22-27; Luke 16:9-15 (490). "No servant can serve two masters."

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



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