



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**October 20, 2024**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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## Mass Intentions for the week



### Sunday, October 20

9:30 a.m. — Sebastiano Vultaggio (Christine & James Fouskas)  
Peter Avalos (Family)  
11:30 a.m.— Emilio Lagasca (Ed Uy & Family)  
People of the Parish

### Monday, October 21

9:00 a.m.— Arthur Calabro (Pozzi & Lagasi Family)  
Sebastian Zuppari (Rosalie & Richard Loevner)

### Tuesday, October 22

9:00 a.m.— Sofia Guillermo (Elizabeth Leverock)  
Dawn Hearn (Rose Picariello)

### Wednesday, October 23

9:00 a.m.— Aldo Labrecciosa (Fasano Family)  
Sofia Guillermo (Tanya & Jun Concepcion)

### Thursday, October 24

9:00 a.m.—

### Saturday, October 26

5:30 p.m.— Kaylee Rivers (Family)  
Sebastiano Vultaggio (Angela & Steve Segal)

### Sunday, October 27

9:30 a.m.— Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Gochan Family)  
Antonia Perez & Jose Gomez (Isabel Gonzalez)  
11:30 a.m.— Cesar Sales (Harry & Luz Gaviola)  
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.

## 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.

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

### Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last Week's Collection: \$10,851  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection: \$10,632

**Thank You!**

Rest  
in  
Peace



Deceased Brothers & Sisters of our Parish

**Good News Reflection****Service, Not Slavery**

To be great in the kingdom of God means to be a servant, says Jesus: We are to serve the needs of others for the benefit of the kingdom.

This does not mean that our own needs and desires and dreams don't matter. Being a servant for God is not slavery; it's an honor and a blessing, because it unites us to the saving servanthood of Christ.

Being a servant like Christ means that we are treated by the Father the same way Jesus was treated. Our Master will not belittle us, disrespect us, nor overwork us.



The alternative is to be a slave to our worldly passions and possessions and the ways of the world. Worldly enslavement does belittle us. It reduces us to less than what God created us to be.

The ways of Christ empower us to be like Christ himself: free to enjoy all of the benefits of the kingdom of God, free to live a holy life, and therefore, free to be great in the eyes of our Father.

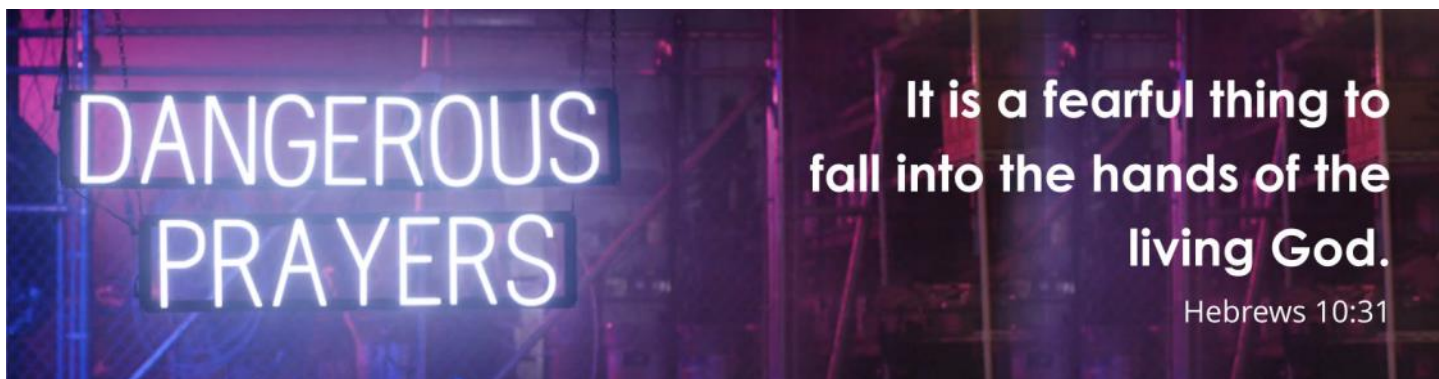
In this freedom, there is great joy. Although the ways of Christ are not easy and sometimes lead to the Cross, this cup of suffering increases our holiness and makes us even greater in heaven. When we make sacrifices for the benefit of others and we understand that our sufferings are part of our growth in holiness, they become much more bearable, because what had seemed like a curse is redeemed into a very significant blessing.

Do you know anyone whose prayers have not been answered? It's not because God doesn't care, nor because he can't help them. He answers the prayers of others through our servanthood. Jesus serves others through us.

Our top priority must always be our own relationship with God, so that we receive an abundance of whatever he wants us to share with others in service to their needs. We cannot give what we don't have. We cannot serve others well – we cannot be the presence of Christ for them – unless we ourselves have first been served by Jesus.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:** What has God blessed you with abundantly? What insights, gifts, talents, wisdom, etc., do you have? How are these indications that Jesus has served you?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:** Share how you have passed this service onto someone else (or would like to). For example, how has he served you with his unconditional, forgiving love? Or how has he served you by meeting an unmet need? In turn, how has this helped you to be a loving servant for others?



### Week One –Give me power and responsibility Scripture: Mark 10:35-44

James and John come to Jesus with a prayer request. They ask Jesus to sit at his left and his right Jesus tells them they don't know what they are asking. In this weekend we will look at our assumptions about prayer and remind ourselves that we are speaking to a God that answers back. This makes our prayer powerful and dangerous. It will lead us into places we never thought we would be as it did for James and John.

Prayer is meant to connect us and bring into our lives the power of Almighty God. It makes prayer powerful. Think of a bold prayer to pray. Question how we are praying and be open up to more prayer.



As you already know, at Assumption, we preach in message series. Over several weeks, we will examine a topic in depth. We select a topic based on the weekend's scripture readings.

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.

### Daily Practice

“Daily Practice” is a daily devotional that is sent in an email weekly. It is a Scripture passage, and a reflection, for each day of the week. If you would like to subscribe to it, please sign up with an email. Please leave your name and email at the Welcome Desk or contact the Office at [rectory@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rectory@abvmcentereach.com).



## SPROUTS

Children's Ministry for  
ages four to fifth grade on  
Sundays during 9:30 AM Mass

At the beginning of the Mass, children will be sent forth 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. For more information contact the Faith Formation Office.

## Small Groups

**Small Group** is where our large church gets small. Groups are 6-10 people who meet usually once a week to discuss faith, go deeper in the weekly message, and support one another in their relationship with Christ. During this season of Lent it is a great opportunity to discover and explore the small group experience. 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 on Sunday or email [rectory@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rectory@abvmcentereach.com) to sign up.

## ***Diocesan Bankruptcy***

Many of you know that the Diocese of Rockville Centre has been undergoing a Chapter 11 Bankruptcy process since October 2020. This was the result of the New York State Legislature's passage of the Child Victims Act in 2019, which allowed lawsuits for historical accusations of child sexual abuse, regardless of how many years or decades ago the alleged abuse took place. The number of lawsuits that were brought against the Diocese, our parishes, schools, and other ministries made it impossible to equitably compensate victim-survivors of child abuse with meritorious claims through court trials. Trials would have resulted in the first survivors in line with claims receiving compensation and the rest receiving little or nothing.

Bankruptcy offered the possibility of equitable compensation and some measure of healing for survivors while allowing the Church to continue the saving mission of Jesus Christ by, first and foremost, securing the future of our parishes. The Diocese and every parish and ministry contributed to the settlement to accomplish these goals. To resolve all past claims of abuse of minors and to secure the future of the Church's ministries throughout Long Island, every parish needed to participate in the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy process. This is to ensure that no historical claims could place parishes or schools at risk in the future. Our Parish contributed \$127,748 to the settlement of all cases. These funds come exclusively from our investment income. No funds from our weekly collections or other donations were used. Because of the generosity of our parish family even in these difficult times, all our parish programs and activities will continue to grow to Love God, Serve Others and Grow Disciples.

We know that the thought of our Parish contributing to a settlement can cause anger, confusion, and resentment. Please understand that the cost of bringing current or potential future historical cases against our Parish to trials, especially if judgments were eventually rendered, would be devastating to our parish's work and future. This is about protecting our Parish now and for the future.

We know that we did not cause the horrific scandal of child abuse, but we inherited the devastating effects. In 2019, as a result of the law passed by the New York State Legislature, our parishes became subject to lawsuits based upon claims of abuse from decades ago, long before any of the current priests or staff members arrived here and before most of our current parishioners lived within the parish. By participating in the bankruptcy process, along with the whole Church throughout Long Island, we have helped to resolve all claims and secure the future of our Parish.

Victim survivors of child abuse deserve our respect, our prayers, and our pastoral support. This has been a painful time for them, their families, and the whole Church, but we pray that the settlement will give everyone an opportunity for healing and a new beginning. We pray for all survivors of child abuse that by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the compassion of others, they may find healing and comfort.

Out of this dark chapter in the Church's history, we look to a time of resurrection, to a Church purified and eager to bring the saving message of Jesus Christ to all people.

With prayers and gratitude to you and your family for your faithfulness. -Fr Joe





Coffee  
in the  
Courtyard

in the Parish Center Hall

Coffee  
Conversations  
Community

After  
9:30 AM  
& 11:30 AM  
Masses



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit [faithdirect.net/](https://faithdirect.net/) NY563 or scan the QR Code on your right. Please use **the parish code (NY563)**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



**Parish Social Ministry**

**Gift Cards:** With Thanksgiving just around the corner, we're getting ready to prepare our baskets. Gift cards to neighborhood markets will be 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 office or at the Welcome Desk.

GIVING THANKS GIVING BACK

*Thanksgiving*  
DRIVE

**Outreach Needs for Thanksgiving**

**PANTRY THANKSGIVING NEEDS:** Baked Beans, Cake Mix & Frosting, Canned Chicken, Canned Soup, Canned Vegetables, Canned Yams, Fruit Juice, Instant Potatoes, Mayonnaise, Muffin Mix, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Rice, Shelf Stable Milk, Stuffing Mix and any other non-perishable food items.

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Baked Beans, Canned Chili, Canned Vegetables, Canned Soup, Canned Chicken, Jelly, Rice-A-Roni, Syrup, Instant Potatoes, Mac-N-Cheese, Mayo, Salad Dressing, Muffin Mix, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Liquid Hand Soap, Deodorant, Household Cleaner.

**Assumption Prayer Team**

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**

**Tickets are 1 for \$10.00 or 3 for \$20.00.  
Each ticket gives you multiple times to win within the month.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS COURT ST. GERARD #1920 - FALL FUNDRAISER</b>					1 50	2
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**Raffle Coupon**

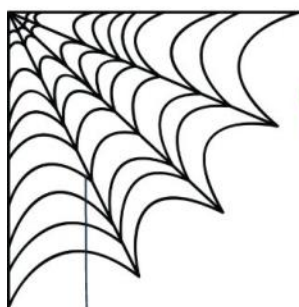
**Mail to:** Linda Romaine  
23 Walter Street  
Holbrook, NY 11741 (631) 585-8547

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Make Check Payable to: Ct. St. Gerard #1920



JOIN US FOR SOME FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

12 NOON TO 2 PM

ASSUMPTION CHURCH PARISH CENTER

INDOORS!

NON-SCARY  
NON-VIOLENT  
COSTUMES  
ONLY!



DEADLINE  
TO SECURE A  
TRUNK (TABLE);  
OCTOBER 12!

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

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

ALL TRUNK (TABLE) THEMES WILL BE BIBLE-BASED & MUST BE APPROVED.

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

Py & GAMES!!



REFRESHMENTS  
AVAILABLE!

IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO HOST A TRUNK (TABLE) BUT ARE EXCITED TO HELP,  
WE ARE ACCEPTING BAGS OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY AT THE WELCOME DESK DURING  
WEEKEND MASSES OR IN THE OFFICE THROUGH OCTOBER 28!