



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

November 10, 2024

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Sunday, November 10

9:30 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Gochan Family)
Assunta Solimeno (Phyllis Solimeno)
11:30 a.m.— Sofia Guillermo (Harry & Luz Gaviola)
People of the Parish

Monday, November 11

9:00 a.m.— Michael J. Kennedy (Kennedy Family)
Janet O'Donnell (Daniel Hetzel)

Tuesday, November 12

9:00 a.m.— Living & Deceaseds Members of Rosary
Altar Society
Fr. Chris Aridas

Wednesday, November 13

9:00 a.m.— Sebastian Zuppari (Rosalie & Richard
Loevner)
Ryan Durkin (Mary-Ann Borsari)

Thursday, November 14

9:00 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of Romeo &
Wolz Families

Saturday, November 16

5:30 p.m.—Estrella Fermo (Ma Lenithy & Maria Nebrida)
Peter Portanova (Peter & Joanne Rooney)

Sunday, November 17

9:30 a.m.— Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Gochan Family)
Fr, Chris Aridas (Ron & Marty Homa)
11:30 a.m.— Rosemarie deLeon Sevilla (Harry & Luz
Gaviola)

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.

STEWARDSHIP
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
Last Week's Collection: \$9,648
(includes Faith Direct)
Last Year's Collection: \$9,251
Thank You!

Rest
in
Peace

Deceased Brothers & Sisters of Our Parish

Good News Reflection**How much do you trust in God?**

Following Jesus requires a tremendous amount of trust, because he often takes us to unexpected places that require new growth, sacrifices, and moving beyond the boundaries of what's familiar and comfortable.

Consider the two widows in this Sunday's first reading and the Gospel reading. How could they give what common sense says they could not afford? Did they know with total certainty that God would take care of their needs? No. So they gave all they had because they were so in love with God that they trusted his love for them.

Trust is a sign of genuine love – especially when the one we trust is God. We can love others more freely and generously if we trust God to help us through the difficulties that occur when people prove themselves untrustworthy. Our freedom to love others unconditionally is not based upon how safe we are with them; it's based on how safe we are with God.



Each widow gave what she could not afford to lose. We cannot afford to love those who will cause us grief and disappointment and feelings of rejection, and yet Jesus tells us to forgive them and do good to them and go the extra mile for them.

Sometimes doing good to those who are difficult to love must include "tough love", which asserts boundaries that they are not allowed to cross. Remember what Jesus did: Until Good Friday, Jesus always walked away from his persecutors. Did he stop loving them? Not at all. And sometimes it means enabling them to reap what they sow so that they begin to understand their need to repent. Instead of cleaning up their messes, we have to let them suffer from it. Think about it: Does God clean up our messes before we repent? Usually he won't even do that after we repent. What would we learn if someone else does the damage control?

Loving others always includes sacrificing ourselves and relying on God to comfort us, heal us, restore us, and bless us. We can trust God for this. Our jar of whatever we pour out to others for the sake of love will never go empty.

Questions for Personal Reflection: What needs healing or correction in your thinking so you can feel secure and fully loved by God?

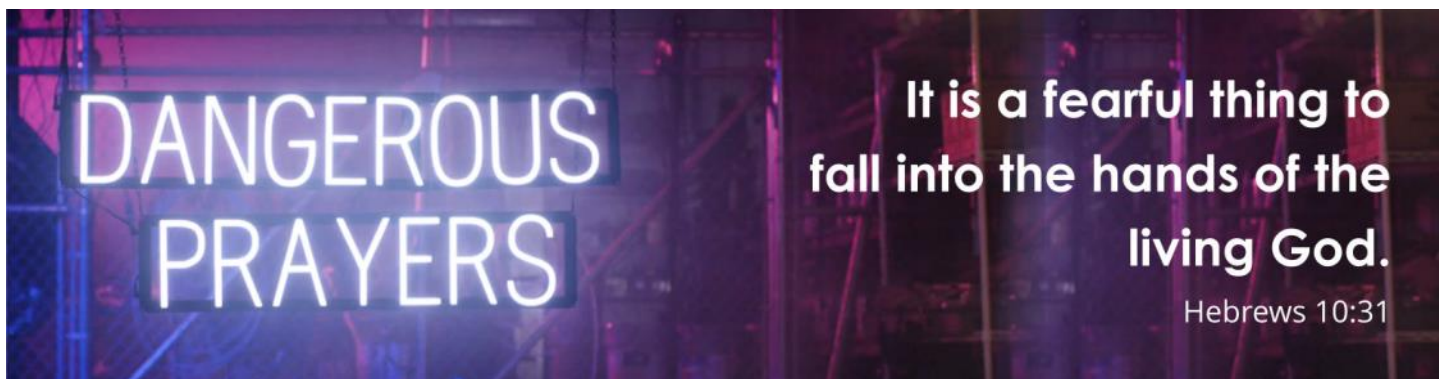
Questions for Community Faith Sharing: Describe a time when you gave more than you thought you could give: more money, more love, more time, more patience – more of anything. What motivated you to be so generous? What were the end results? What did you learn?

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STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND

November 23-24, 2024

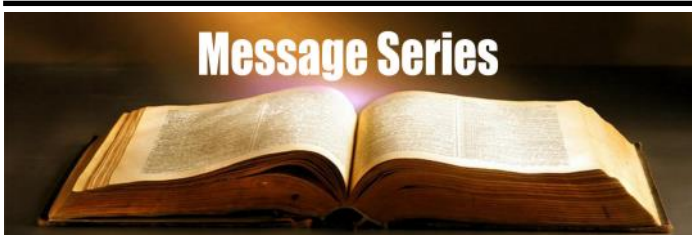
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Week Four –Offering as Prayer Scripture: Mark 12:41-44

Jesus sat outside the Temple and watched how people gave. He commends the widow who gives two coins to the Temple because she gives out of her substance. Our giving to God is a form of prayer and worship. When it comes to our giving, Jesus does not commend people who give large amounts but people who give dangerously, who give in a way that places their faith and trust in God.

Giving from our substance is a form of prayer and worship. Pray and reflect on what God is calling you to give in the year ahead. We are challenged to trust God with our money and finances.



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.



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. 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 to sign up.



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.

Water... Water... everywhere

On October 22nd, in the parish center, one of the valves in the toilet closer to the offices on the second floor, burst, and you can imagine the mess and chaos that ensued. Water came out of it like a fire hydrant, flowing down to the offices, one of the classrooms, and then downstairs to the Library. Thankfully, it happened a few minutes after the faith formation classes ended, and some adults were around. The Fire Department was called, and they closed the main valve to turn the water off within 20 minutes. There was water every-

where; a restoration company came, and they were able to get rid of the water right away.

Office floors were all soaked. The Library had a lot of damage, and everything there had to be replaced except the furniture and electronics, including the carpet, the wall panels, and the ceiling. Office carpets and some sheet rock on the walls must also be replaced. In short, office workings will be interrupted for a while. It seems like it is going to be a couple of months. Since the restoration company began work, we need to figure out how to make the offices work well. We will probably move the offices temporarily to the north end of the parish center. I ask you to be patient until it is restored. We use the library for a lot of meetings and faith formation classes. Those meetings and classes must be rescheduled, probably in the parish center hall.

As you can see, many things need to be considered. We are working with the insurance company to replace whatever needs to be replaced and open the library and offices. Since the work will take about two to three months, the room that we are moving offices to be prepared with electrical outlets and computer connections. I am confident that all this will be done soon with the grace and providence of our Lord. I am thankful to our Lord that it did not happen at night when no one was around. Once again, thank you very much for your patience and generosity. As the work moves on, I will update you. -Fr Joe



ADOREMUS
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, November 14, 2024 - 7:30 - 8:30 PM
in the church & **LIVE** Streaming

PRAISE AND WORSHIP * SILENT ADORATION * BENEDICTION

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/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.

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: Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Toothbrushes, Conditioner, Deodorant, Dishwashing Liquid, Cooking Oil, Ketchup, Jell-O Mix, Pudding Mix, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Noodles, Instant Potatoes, Snacks, Canned Pasta, Canned Soup, Canned Chicken, Jelly.

GIVING THANKS GIVING BACK

Thanksgiving
DRIVE

Outreach Needs for Thanksgiving

Good News Ahead

Signs of Christmas

Christmas Musical

by Faith Formation Students

Sunday, December 8th

3:30 PM Christmas musical

4:30 PM Tree Lighting

5:00 PM Celebration

in the Parish center

All are invited

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



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

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In the gospel of Luke, we read the story of Jesus and the tax collector Zacchaeus (Luke 19). In response to his life changing encounter with the Lord, his heart is changed when it comes to giving. Previously he used people to serve money. Now he resolves to use money to serve people.

Zacchaeus' example reminds us that our heart follows our money. Giving and using money in a God honoring way moves us in God's direction.

Your giving to our parish matters because it is an investment in our community, an investment in the next generation and an investment in reaching people far from God with the message of Christ's love. But your giving to Assumption matters most because it can move your heart closer to the heart of the Lord. Thank you for your investment and thank you for your support.

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.

Stewardship Faith Commitment card and financial report for the past year will be available next weekend.

The Music Ministry Invites YOU

“Come and sing a new song to the Lord” as our music ministry assists our parish family in praising God at the 5:30 p.m. mass on Saturday, and the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. masses on Sunday. Practice time is on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Those who participate will experience the joy of offering their gift to the Lord by serving God's people. In addition, you'll learn a great deal about liturgical music, its place in prayer, and the dynamics of leading song for a congregation. If you're interested, stop by the music area after mass and speak with Leandra or Tom



Free Health Screenings and Flu Vaccinations



**Catholic
Health**

- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church Parking Lot

Wednesday, November 13th 10 AM-2 PM

No appointment needed