



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**June 15, 2025**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**Sunday, June 15**

9:30 a.m.— Father's Day

11:30 a.m.— Father's Day

People of the Parish

**Monday, June 16**

9:00 a.m.— Father's Day

**Tuesday, June 17**

9:00 a.m.— Father's Day

**Wednesday, June 18**

9:00 a.m.— Father's Day

**Thursday, June 19**

9:00 a.m.— Father's Day

**Saturday, June 21**

5:30 p.m.—Charlotte Going (Sharon Holliday)

Michael Russano (Grace Russano)

**Sunday, June 22**

9:30 a.m.—Peter &amp; Marjorie Gochan (Gochan Family)

Harold G. &amp; Harry J. Plock (Musselwhite Family)

11:30 a.m.— Harold Halpin (Finn Family)

Richard Kuchinskias (Karen Kuchinskias)

**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.

*Whoever is begotten by God  
conquers the world,  
and the victory that conquers the world  
is our faith. 1John 5:4*

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

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**

Last Week's Collection: \$10,488

(includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection: \$8,967

**Thank You!**

Rest  
in  
Peace



Rob Ruymaker



June 15, 2025

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

# The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

Prov 8:22-31 | Rom 5:1-5 | Jn 16:12-15

## GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Between two people who love each other, speech often gives way to silence. But first, in order to nourish love, there must be a mutual exchange of words. Persons in love wish to share their most intimate secrets so that they might know and be known. In an act deserving of our endless wonder, God disclosed his most intimate secret to us: He is a communion of Persons — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — who relate to each other in an eternal exchange of love. St. Thomas Aquinas insisted that the Trinity is not a reality we could have figured out on our own (in contrast to, for example, God's existence — which we can know simply by examining creation). God had to *reveal* his Trinitarian nature to us. While humanity was wandering further and further away from him over the millennia after the Fall, God was preparing us for the revelation of the Son and the Holy Spirit. This is what Jesus is announcing in today's Gospel: "Everything that the Father has is mine; for this reason I told you that [the Holy Spirit] will take from what is mine and declare it to you." To his bewildered disciples, Jesus is expressing God's intention to communicate his identity to us — an unmerited gift which he offers simply because he loves us.

## GO EVANGELIZE

### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

This is our inheritance as Christians: God has revealed himself to us out of love. Once we've assented to this truth, we can no longer dismiss the mystery of the Holy Trinity as "above my theological paygrade." One who loves is not bothered that the beloved always remains a mystery; instead, he or she is content to remain in wonder and seeks to enter more deeply into the exchange of love. For us, this means responding to God's gift of himself with reverence, gratitude, and obedience to his will. We approach him in prayer with the respectful but confident attitude of a child who knows itself to be deeply loved; we listen to him, express our thanksgiving for his gift, and seek to know his will for us.

## PRAY

Be attentive to the ways God is revealing himself and his love for you in your daily life. Discover that *everything* is an expression of his care: answered prayers, a kind word given or received, the beauty of nature — even crosses which induce us to turn to him for help! Take a few minutes each day to thank God for his gifts.





# ASSUMPTION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025**  
**11:30AM - 3:30 PM**

On **Saturday, August 23, 2025**, our parish family will celebrate its 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The rain date will be Sunday, August 24, 2025. We hope you'll be able to join in the festivities. A great day of celebration has been planned, beginning with the celebration of the Eucharist at 10:00 a.m., followed by food and beverages, entertainment, games and fellowship on our church property. The celebration will be from 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Please note that no alcoholic beverages will be permitted.

**The cost of the event will be \$15/person not to exceed \$40/household.** A household includes two adults and two children (ages 3-12yrs old) living with them. Additional "guests" will be charged \$15/guest. To keep the price accessible to all, we've been seeking business and family sponsors to subsidize the event. We hope you'll be able to join us.

Since we must pre-order food/beverages, we must sell tickets in advance and will not be able to take "walk ins" on the day of the event. Therefore, if you wish to join in the fun, make sure you place **your reservation before July 25<sup>th</sup>** by filling out the form and sending it with your check, payable to Assumption Church. Please see the Ticket reservation form below

## ***70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Ticket Reservation Form***

Household/Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Number of adults attending \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children attending (ages 3 to 12) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children under three are free \_\_\_\_\_

You may mail, drop it in the collection basket at Weekend Masses or bring it to the parish office during regular business hours. Please **mark "Registration Committee" on the envelope.**



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**JULY 21 to July 25, 2025**

**9:00am to 12:30pm**

**REGISTRATION OPEN**

## SPROUTS

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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. 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.

### **Assumption Prayer Team**

We pray for every request in the prayer Petition Books, from Adoremus and those given to us in person. Prayer Petition Books are in the back of the church. When others pray for you, it can be very powerful and effective. *"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**

## CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

**Ct. St. Gerard #1920**

**Sponsoring a trip to Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA**

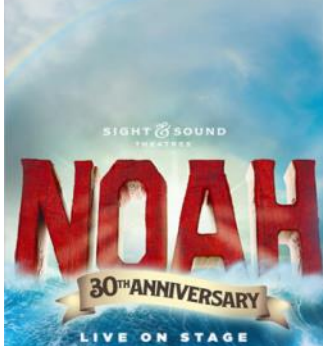
**NOAH**  
LIVE ON STAGE

**Wednesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Cost \$265 per person**

(includes Roundtrip Transportation with Hampton Jitney,  
Lunch at Miller's Smorgasboard & Performance)

Please contact Rose Picariello for more information & reservations  
631-676-2855 (H) or 631-278-0073 (Cell)



# OFFICES MOVING BACK

Parish offices are moving back  
to the South end of the Parish Center on Monday, June 16<sup>th</sup>  
and will be **open on Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>.**

## 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](mailto:outreach@abvmcentereach.com). The Outreach Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 10AM to 1PM.

**PANTRY NEEDS: Paper Towels, Liquid Hand Soap, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Salad Dressing, Coffee, Tea, Rice-A-Roni, Syrup, Dry Soup Mix, Baked Beans, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Chili, Canned Pasta.**



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## Small Groups

**Small Groups** are about life change, and small groups promote life change at a fundamental level. Small groups are for everybody. Whether new to the faith or skeptical about whether you really need religious faith in your life, or if you're having that feeling something is missing, and you need more, don't worry. Let this be your call to action to join a small group, and just watch how much Jesus can change your life for the better. Small groups are where we grow. If you're interested in life change, new life for you and those you love, join one of our small groups. Talk to someone at the Welcome Desk; email us at [rectory@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rectory@abvmcentereach.com) or call 631-585-8760 and leave a message for Nick Gigante or Dan Callahan or Andres & Sandra (Spanish).

Testimony: "Joining a small group has been one of the most remarkable positive differences in my life"



*Coffee in the Courtyard*

in the Parish Center Hall

*Coffee Conversations Community*

**After  
9:30 AM  
& 11:30 AM  
Masses**

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**Sunday, Jun 15, 2025****Everything, everywhere, all at once**

One of scripture's more powerful messages is that God knows creation literally from the inside out—having created it, that's not surprising!—and has had this intimate relationship since the beginning. Perhaps one of the most beautiful expressions of that sentiment is found in Psalm 139. God is everywhere: "Where can I go from your spirit? . . . For you formed my inmost being; knit me together in my mother's womb" (Psalm 139:7, 13). Today's celebration of the Holy Trinity reminds us of our rootedness in this God: the Father who created everything, the Son who shows us the Father, and the Spirit who teaches and guides. Join the psalmist in praying, "I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made!"

**SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

Proverbs 8:22-31; Romans 5:1-5; John 16:12-15 (166). "*When the Lord established the heavens I was there.*"

**Monday, Jun 16, 2025****Go the distance**

"There's no time like the present" may sound like a cliché, but it carries deep spiritual wisdom. Few in Christian tradition embodied that urgency more than Saint Paul, whose tireless efforts to spread the gospel laid the foundation of the Early Church. Estimates suggest that Paul traveled nearly 14,000 miles—much of it on foot or by sea, often in dangerous and uncomfortable conditions. Though he dreaded certain journeys, he never let fear or fatigue deter him from his mission. How many miles are you willing to walk—not just physically, but spiritually—to draw closer to God? There's no time like the present to take that first step.

2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42 (365). "*Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.*"

**Tuesday, Jun 17, 2025****This message is for you**

The problem with famous words is that their very familiarity can breed indifference. It's one thing to know Jesus' commandment to love our enemies. It's quite another to realize Jesus is speaking to us. We are the ones who are called to love and forgive others: an insensitive brother-in-law, a conniving co-worker, or a difficult neighbor. While in theory forgiveness sometimes seems very hard, it is only when we extend our hand in reconciliation that we realize nothing is as wonderfully freeing as forgiveness and nothing leads as directly to peace and harmony. We learn that it is not for God's sake, or for the sake of our enemies, that we forgive. It is for ourselves. "It is," says Saint Augustine, "by this that what has been lost, and was found, is saved from being lost again." Do yourself a favor and forgive an enemy or two.

2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48 (366). "*Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.*"

**Wednesday, Jun 18, 2025****Give from your abundance**

We shouldn't be surprised that, from time to time, a pastor must appeal for support from the congregation. Money is the lifeblood of the ministry of service. Without it, everything grinds to a halt. And much of that money has to come from the pockets of parishioners. God provides us with blessings in abundance so that we may be generous with our time, talent, and, yes, our pocketbook as well. The U.S. Catholic Bishops Conference weighs in on the issue, saying that: "All Christian stewards must consider prayerfully the gifts they have received from God, and

they should make a decision (in advance from the "first fruits" instead of what is left over after obligations have been met) about what will be given." Share in the good work of your parish by giving generously.

2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (367). "*You are being enriched in every way for all generosity.*"

**Thursday, Jun 19, 2025****God's gift to you**

When Jesus teaches his disciples how to pray, he begins, "Our Father." These two words, along with those that follow, have become so familiar to us that we can easily overlook how revolutionary they were, and are. As the early Christian thinker Origen (185-254) notes in his commentary on Jesus' prayer, nowhere does scripture set a precedent for calling on God as one's father. These words from Jesus, then, are a pure gift—they are at once completely undeserved and unexpected. Jesus' sharing of his sonship with his followers joins us to a circle of family. His gift is one of nearness and intimacy. Today, say the words "Our Father" aloud and be mindful of this gift.

2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (368). "*This is how you are to pray: 'Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.'*"

**Friday, Jun 20, 2025****Treasure the moment**

It's a Friday in summer, hooray! The beach, ballpark, and backyard all beckon. Summer urges us to slow down and savor simple pleasures. Not only will we feel better, we will be better. Rest, relaxation, and retreat help us to absorb the sights and sounds around us and appreciate the people and things in our lives more. We are quicker to laugh, to love, to forgive, to give thanks. These are the treasures that have everlasting value. Heed the Roman poet Ovid's advice: "Take rest; a field that has rested gives a bountiful crop."

2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23 (369). "*For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be.*"

**Saturday, Jun 21, 2025****Don't worry, you have backup**

The singer-songwriter Bill Withers got it right when he sang, "Lean on me, when you're not strong. And I'll be your friend, I'll help you carry on." There are times when we doubt, are afraid, and experience pain and suffering, as well as times of joy and triumph. All these experiences are possible because God gives us free will. The key to the big choices in life is to depend on God. And when it comes to the everyday worries, Saint Francis de Sales advises us: "Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day."

2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Matthew 6:24-34 (370). "*Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself.*"

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



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