



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

June 22, 2025

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, June 22

- 9:30 a.m.— Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Gochan Family)
Harold G. & Harry J. Plock (Musselwhite Family)
11:30 a.m.— Harold Halpin (Finn Family)
Richard Kuchinskis (Karen Kuchinskis)

Monday, June 23

- 9:00 a.m.— Vincenzo Boretta & Family (Anthony Galletta)
People of the Parish

Tuesday, June 24

- 9:00 a.m.— Michael & Eleanor Walsh
Lucy Quirk (Maria Caletini)

Wednesday, June 25

- 9:00 a.m.— John & Mary Ross (children)
Lucy Quirk (Josephine Scala)

Thursday, June 26

- 9:00 a.m.— Judy Richter (Michele & Jerry Randall)
Antonio Arcabascio & Family (Anthony Galletta)

Saturday, June 28

- 5:30 p.m.— Edward Mills (Eileen & Al Ingham)
Anthony Giampaolo (George & Ricky VanSchaick)

Sunday, June 29

- 9:30 a.m.— Catholic War Veterans (CWV Members Post 1897)
Josephine Zecca (Zecca Family)
11:30 a.m.— Lucy Anne Quirk (Annemarie Festa Durkin)
Sofia Guillermo (DeGuzman Family)

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: \$9,134

(includes Faith Direct)

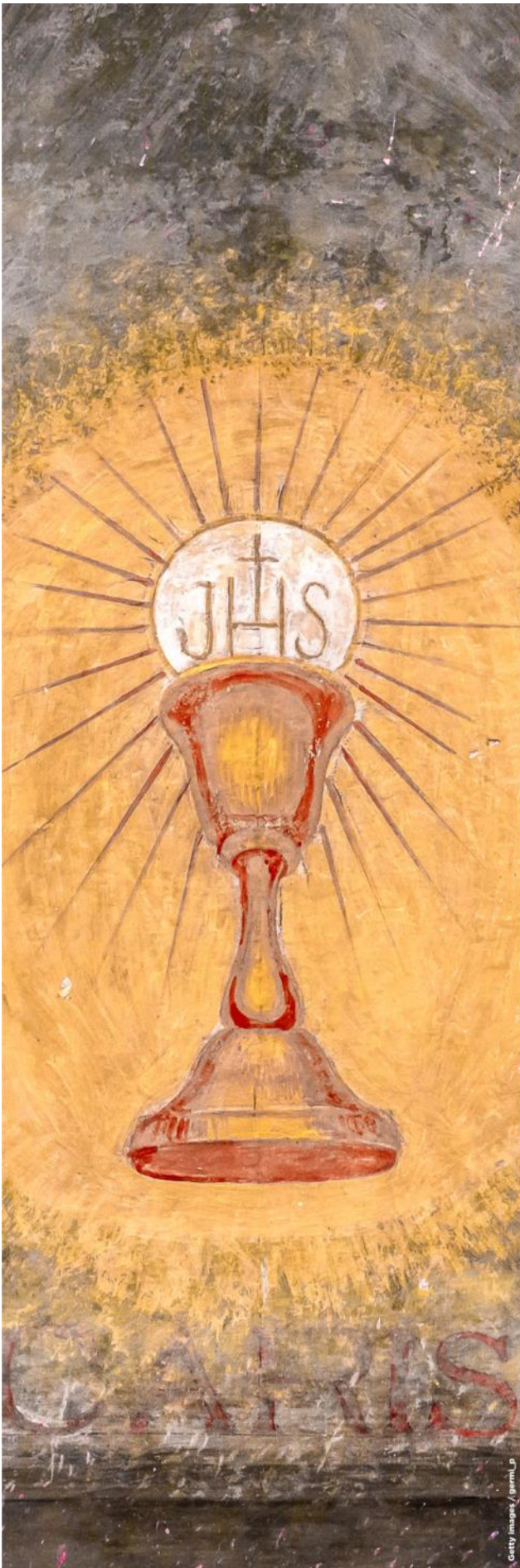
Last Year's Collection: \$8,975

Thank You!

Rest
in
Peace



Deceased Brothers &
Sisters of Our Parish



June 22, 2025

 Written by
 THE
 FAITHFUL
 DISCIPLE

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

Gen 14:18-20 | 1 Cor 11:23-26 | Lk 9:11b-17

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

Today's feast is set apart to reverence the gift of Jesus in the Eucharist. In our limited human capacity, this concept can feel abstract, and we may struggle to understand it. In these moments, I find that pondering the person of Jesus Christ in the Gospels illuminates my mind and heart. Hearing the familiar story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes in today's Gospel, I'm particularly struck by the first line of the passage: "Jesus spoke to the crowds about the kingdom of God, and he healed those who needed to be cured." Notice that Luke doesn't say that Jesus heals *everyone*, rather, he heals those who *need* to be cured. This is not an act of favoritism, but a revelation of his perfect divine wisdom and a glimpse into the true person of Jesus Christ. In his great mercy and perfect love, Jesus knew instantly what each person needed. And this Jesus, who came to heal and cure, is the one we receive in the Eucharist today.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's feast is a reminder of the staggering truth that 2,000 years later, at every Eucharistic celebration in Catholic churches around the world, Christ becomes truly present. The same Jesus of the Gospels who taught the crowds, multiplied the loaves, and gave himself completely on the cross, gives himself to us *today*: body, blood, soul, and divinity. We are not unlike the crowds in today's Gospel — we have come with our hopes and needs to encounter Jesus. Today, at this table, no one goes hungry; Jesus meets our needs by giving us his unconditional love while nourishing us both physically and spiritually. We can be reassured that God is always present in our lives.

REFLECT

In a special way today, reflect on the Eucharist, the "source and summit of the Christian life." The word Eucharist comes from Greek and Latin words for "thanksgiving." Pray with a grateful heart today that Jesus, the Bread of Life, makes himself truly present to us.

"I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst." (Jn 6:35)



ASSUMPTION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

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

On **Saturday, August 23, 2025**, our parish family will celebrate its 70th 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 25th** by filling out the form and sending it with your check, payable to Assumption Church. Please see the Ticket reservation form below

70th Anniversary Celebration Ticket Reservation Form

Household/Family Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Town/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

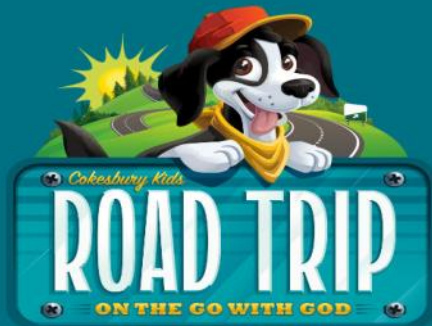
Number of adults attending _____

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

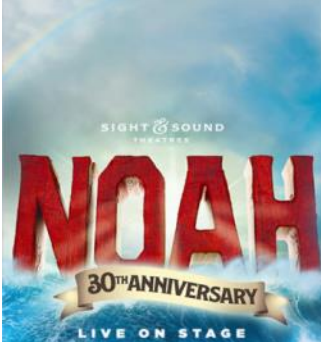
NOAH
LIVE ON STAGE

Wednesday, September 17th

Cost \$265 per person

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

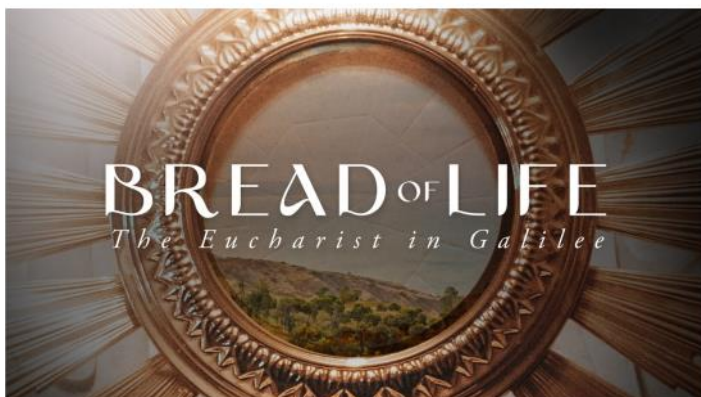
Please contact Rose Picariello for more information & reservations
631-676-2855 (H) or 631-278-0073 (Cell)



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, Toilet Paper, Deodorant, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Salad Dressing, Coffee, Fruit Juice, Syrup, Dry Soup Mix, Baked Beans, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Chili, Pasta Sauce, Canned Pasta Canned Tomatoes, Canned Chili, Canned Pasta.



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Bread of Life: The Eucharist in Galilee | Trailer

Christ's teaching about the Eucharist is the crescendo of Jesus' entire ministry: all his work in Galilee prepared for and pointed to the Eucharist. Join Dr. Tim Gray for an exciting five-part series about Jesus' teaching on the Eucharist.

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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 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**



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!



Sunday, Jun 22, 2025**Satisfying beyond measure**

Human need doesn't get much more basic than food and drink. But our hunger and thirst go beyond the physical. We also have essential spiritual requirements: We hunger and thirst for God. To our eternal good fortune, God satisfies all of our needs through the Body and Blood of Jesus. The sacrament of the Eucharist is a living reminder that God is with us and provides us with abundance where there was scarcity; presence where there was absence; life where the shadow of death once fell. It is a miraculous level of satisfaction. What more do we need?

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

Genesis 14:18-20; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; Luke 9:11b-17 (169).
"All ate and were satisfied."

Monday, Jun 23, 2025**Take a clear-eyed look at others**

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus warns, "Stop judging, that you may not be judged." While you may have to make some judgments every day, Jesus forbids judging a person's character, worth, intentions, or standing before God on the basis of what you see. Jesus used the word *hypocrite*, which comes from the Greek word for "actor," someone who wears a mask. The gospel asks that you unmask yourself, be real, and see more clearly. Indeed, "to speak only of the faults of others does not represent total reality," says Saint Maximilian Kolbe, "for every man, in addition to his faults, also has virtues, a good side."

Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5 (371). *"You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye."*

Tuesday, Jun 24, 2025**His name is John**

John cuts a courageous figure of faith we do well to remember and honor. "His name is John," both his parents insist. And what does that tell us? Saint Pope John Paul II explains: John, "in Hebrew means 'God is benevolent.' God is benevolent to human beings; he wants them to live; he wants them to be saved." So we do well to listen to John as he prepares the way, "towards the land, where peace and justice reign."

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF JOHN THE BAPTIST

Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80 (587). *"Surely the hand of the Lord was with him."*

Wednesday, Jun 25, 2025**Leaders we deserve**

"For leadership, there is only one road: service," said Pope Francis. Unfortunately, it is often difficult to trust those in leadership. Some of our leaders resort to deception and concealment to further their own ends or those of the institutions they represent. Our faith, including our biblical tradition, however, offers a reliable guide to tell whether what we're being told is the real deal. Do leaders actually end up doing what they say they are going to do? Do people get to a better place because they followed a particular leader? It may take some time, but outcomes always reveal true intentions. Place your trust in leaders who have shown themselves worthy of serving.

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Matthew 7:15-20 (373). *"By their fruits you will know them."*

Thursday, Jun 26, 2025**Start with a strong foundation**

In the wake of devastating earthquakes, there often follows review of building codes and criticism that buildings had not been built properly to withstand such events. Jesus uses similar imagery to describe the condition of those who rely only on the facade of doing good as their claim on salvation. He says it's not enough to call him "Lord." It's not even enough only to "drive out demons" and do spectacular deeds in his name. All of that is good showmanship; it's curb appeal, but if that pretty life is not built on the rock-solid gospel values of compassion, forgiveness, justice, and love, then one might rightly worry about the shifting ground below. We cannot control the changes and dangers in the world, but we can choose where we build and on what foundation.

Genesis 16:1-12, 15-16; Matthew 7:21-29 (374). *"Be like a wise man who built his house on rock."*

Friday, Jun 27, 2025**Tend to the heart**

We've all known the ache of a broken heart. Today, as we celebrate the Sacred Heart of Jesus, we remember that God, too, has felt that same pain—in the person of His Son, Jesus Christ. The image of a heart burning with love yet pierced by thorns perfectly mirrors our own experience when life falls apart—when those we love suffer or when we ourselves are overwhelmed by sorrow. But it's also an image of God's own heart, wounded by a world that resists the joy, peace, and wholeness He longs to give. In *Dilexit Nos*, Pope Francis reflects: "If each of us considers his or her own sins and their effect on others, we will realize that repairing the harm done to this world also calls for a desire to mend wounded hearts where the deepest harm was done, and the hurt is most painful." Align yourself with the heart of Jesus by actively trying to repair the broken hearts around you.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS
 Ezekiel 34:11-16; Romans 5:5b-11; Luke 15:3-7 (172). *"There will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."*

Saturday, Jun 28, 2025**Welcome Jesus in**

Before Catholics receive Holy Communion at Mass, they pray the simple words, "Lord, I am not worthy for you to enter under my roof, but only say the word and I shall be healed." The words "enter under my roof" take on a deeper meaning when we consider that they are the same ones spoken to Jesus by a Roman centurion who desperately sought healing for his servant. This soldier humbly acknowledged he was not worthy of having Jesus enter into his home yet at the same time boldly asked for Jesus' help. This faith—both humble and courageous—amazed Jesus, who responded by praising the centurion and healing the servant. When next you utter these words, remember the faith of the centurion and welcome Jesus in.

Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17 (376). *"Lord, I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof; only say the word and my servant will be healed."*