



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

July 6, 2025

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, July 6

9:30 a.m.— Jake Scott (Family)

Manny Vidal (Maureen Reilly)

11:30 a.m.— Patricia Pacula-Meyers (Eileen Dorrian & Timothy Meyers)

People of the Parish

Monday, July 7

9:00 a.m.— Lucy Quirk (Maria Stenger)

Tuesday, July 8

9:00 a.m.— Kaylee Rivers (Pat Rivers)

Vito M. Solimeno (Phyllis Solimeno)

Wednesday, July 9

9:00 a.m.— Lucy Quirk (Maria Stenger)

Thursday, July 10

9:00 a.m.— Judy Richter (Michele & Jerry Randall)

Saturday, July 12

5:30 p.m.— Vincent Ward (CDA Ct. St. Gerard #1920)

Carol Wilkinson (CDA Ct. St. Gerard #1920)

Sunday, July 13

9:30 a.m.— Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Gochan Family)

Leonie Seneus (Marcelle)

11:30 a.m.— Thomas G. Cornell (Aliperti Family)

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 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 each month 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

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6

STEWARDSHIP
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last Week's Collection: \$9,326

(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection: \$8,757

Thank You!



July 6, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:10-14c | Gal 6:14-18 | Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

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

Our calling as disciples of Christ is to evangelize. To be honest, it's something many of us aren't entirely comfortable with. Anyone who has ever felt ill-equipped to share the faith with family or friends should be reassured by today's Gospel. Jesus' early followers probably felt unprepared to share the news that the kingdom of God was at hand – and they received their marching orders from Jesus himself! When Jesus sent the seventy-two out to proclaim his coming, he knew they would feel insecure. He sent them without money, sandals, or even a sack for travel, and told them they would be lambs among wolves. How nervous they must have been given that ominous warning! Still, they believed they would have what they needed. Sure enough, their work was successful. They rejoiced because they could cast out demons in his name – something they never imagined was possible. They turned hearts to Christ because they trusted and obeyed him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

When it comes to sharing our faith with the people God puts in our lives, we're asked to do the same as the seventy-two: Obey Jesus' command to go out and proclaim his kingdom and trust we will have what we need. It isn't necessary to rehearse our testimony. We don't need to memorize the Scriptures or cite chapter and verse. An advanced degree in theology isn't required. What is needed? Ears for listening and the patience to act. Listen closely for the person who says they're afraid or alone, confused or hurting. Listen with compassion to the person who feels abandoned by God. Listen with an open heart to the person who shares doubts or disappointments. Wait for an opening in the conversation to remind him or her that God loves them through every struggle. And share your faith through the power of prayer.

PRAY

This week, find that someone in your life who may be hurting for whatever reason. Tell them you will pray *for* them and offer to pray *with* them. Prayer and compassion are our marching orders, and we can follow them by trusting Jesus is right there with us when we need him.



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.**



Faith Tuesdays

Summer Ministry

July 8th, 15th, 29th, Aug 12th, 19th - 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Bible Buddy Tuesdays (2nd grade and younger) adopt a pet and learn stories in our Gardens of Grace series.

Bible Lego Tuesdays (3rd grade and older) enhance the Gardens of Grace series stories thru use of Legos.

Come learn about God's love and grace with our Gardens of Grace series. Each week we will walk through one of five special gardens written about in Scripture, each telling a part of God's wonderful message—from creation to redemption to eternity.





**Coffee
in the
Courtyard**

After
9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Masses

in the parish center

On
Summer Break
in
JULY & AUGUST
Will be back on
Sunday,
September 7th

SPROUTS

Children's Liturgy of the Word

During 9:30 AM Mass

All children ages
FOUR to FIFTH grade are Welcome.

Mission Appeal—

Fr Joe Lobo will be preaching at all masses on the weekend of July 12-13 about the Mangalore-Tanzania mission, initiated by the Diocese of Mangalore, India, which involves six priests collaborating with the Franciscan Ursuline and

Bethany sisters in the parish of Kifarur, the Diocese of Same, East Africa. The parish serves 500 Catholics across five sub-stations, with a community of over 25,000 Catholics in the mission area. The local population is impoverished and relies heavily on agriculture. The mission's objectives are Evangelization, Education, and Social Apostolate.

Fr. Joe will discuss the mission further in his appeal. So let us help the mission as much as we can financially. Thank you very much for your generosity and faith.



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, Shampoo, Conditioner, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Salad Dressing, Muffin Mix, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Syrup, Dry Soup Mix, Baked Beans, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Chili.



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"

Assumption Prayer Team

We pray for every request in the prayer Petition Books, from Adoremus and on our prayer wall on our website 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



Prayer Wall

On our parish website, you will find a button labeled "Prayer Wall." This is a space where you can submit your prayer intentions publicly or anonymously, and our Prayer Team will pray for them. As a parish family, we support each other through prayer. By sharing your prayer intentions, you allow many people to join in prayer for you. We invite you to fill out the information on the webpage along with your pray-

er request, so we can pray together as a parish family.



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, Jul 06, 2025**Do some heavy lifting**

A homilist once said, "The church serves the kingdom of God. It is not the kingdom of God." The church is not all of the kingdom but the best way to it. And God's kingdom is already here. Jesus taught it is among us but not quite complete. God plays a central role in bringing the kingdom to its fullness, of course, but we disciples have to do some of the heavy lifting, too, to move toward a time when evil does not get the last word; sinners who seek it receive forgiveness; the suffering of those who are poor wanes; and everyone takes up God's offer of new life forever. It's a pretty good deal. How are you proclaiming and working toward it?

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 66:10-14c; Galatians 6:14-18; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20 or 10:1-9 (102). "Yet know this: the kingdom of God is at hand."

Monday, Jul 07, 2025**When in doubt**

Some people seem to be born with the gift of deep faith. They appear to have an intuitive grasp of the spiritual side of life and to know God is always with them. The rest of us must endure long periods of doubt and uncertainty that are only occasionally interrupted by brief moments of spiritual clarity. Saint John of the Cross advises us to "Live in faith and hope, though it be in darkness, for in this darkness God protects the soul." Ask yourself, "Where am I on the continuum between faith and doubt?" Is it possible that the Lord is with you and you don't know it? Ask God to shine his light into your darkness.

Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 (383). "Truly, the Lord is in this spot, although I did not know it!"

Tuesday, Jul 08, 2025**Wrestle with your fears and doubts**

When you think of an encounter with God, what's the first image that comes to mind? Wrestling? Maybe not, but it's a powerful biblical image. Think of Jacob, who grappled with the angel of God. At the time, Jacob feared for his life because he was in dangerous territory. Would God remain with him in his hour of need? For Jacob, a crisis of faith followed. So did a wrestling match. How often do we wrestle with God? In illness, financial hardship, and other troubles, we may try to lash out at God or try to negotiate. A monk once told author Nikos Kazantzakis that he wrestled with God. "With God!" Kazantzakis exclaimed. "And you hope to win?" The monk replied. "I hope to lose." Pray that in your next battle with God, despite feeling bruised and battered, you emerge with greater self-knowledge and stronger faith.

Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38 (384). "But Jacob said, 'I will not let you go until you bless me.'"

Wednesday, Jul 09, 2025**A tough job but everyone has to do it**

We tend to think that the word *apostle*—which means "one who is sent"—appears only in the gospels, yet the term is also used in Saint Paul's letters to mean "one who has seen the risen Lord and has been commissioned to proclaim the Resurrection." And in fact all believers in Christ are commissioned to evangelize. As Pope Saint John Paul II says, "No believer in Christ, no institution of the Church can avoid this supreme duty: to proclaim Christ to all peoples." But spreading the Good News is no easy task. The early

disciples were scoffed at, scolded, beaten, and tortured for delivering a message that frightened and confused many even as it liberated and heartened a few. Prepare for blowback as you fight the good fight.

Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7 (385).

"Jesus sent out these Twelve after instructing them."

Thursday, Jul 10, 2025**Turn the tables**

The Israelite Joseph had it tough as the second youngest in a family of 12 brothers. Picked on and resented because he was his dad Jacob's favorite, Joseph is sold into slavery by his brothers. The next time he meets up with his brothers, years later, the tables are turned. Joseph is in a position of power, and his brothers are the vulnerable ones. It wouldn't have taken much for Joseph to tap into feelings of hurt, betrayal, and rage and respond measure for measure. But instead, he draws on love and reacts with kindness and an outpouring of generosity. We, too, have that capacity for a love that is bigger than hurt. Remember that the next time a family resentment challenges you.

Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15 (386). "It was really for the sake of saving lives that God sent me here ahead of you."

Friday, Jul 11, 2025**What it takes to follow the Rule**

Saint Benedict's famous *Rule* was originally written as a guide for those living in monastic communities he had founded or had gathered around him. Ever since, though, the *Rule of St. Benedict* has been a source of guidance and inspiration for many people seeking to live more faithful Christian lives. "This message of mine is for you," Benedict wrote in the prologue to the *Rule*, "if you are ready to give up your own will, once and for all, and armed with the strong and noble weapons of obedience to do battle for Christ the Lord." All it takes is a simple, "Here I am, Lord" to be ready to follow the rule.

MEMORIAL OF BENEDICT, ABBOT

Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23 (387). "There God, speaking to Israel in a vision by night, called, 'Jacob! Jacob!' He answered, 'Here I am.'"

Saturday, Jul 12, 2025**Keep it simple**

Today is National Simplicity Day in honor of the birth of Henry David Thoreau, a 19th-century U.S. transcendental philosopher and author. "Our life is frittered away by detail," says Thoreau in *Walden*, "Simplify, simplify, simplify!" As we enter into the dog days of summer that advice is welcome. But remember that same advice as work and family obligations heat up come fall. Living simply takes effort and strict attention. As Carmelite nun Saint Thérèse of Lisieux insists, "Our Lord needs from us neither great deeds nor profound thoughts. Neither intelligence nor talents. He cherishes simplicity." Where will simplicity lead you? Perhaps where it led Saint Oscar Romero: to live "simply and justly in solidarity with the poor."

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33 (388). "Do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

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



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