



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 10, 2025

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Sunday, August 10**

9:30 a.m.— Ann Joseph Alenchery
 Teresita Valisno (Aida, Tonypet & Arnold)
 11:30 a.m.—Eileen Pacula (Eileen Dorrian & Timothy Meyers)
 People of the Parish

Monday, August 11

9:00 a.m.—

Tuesday, August 12

9:00 a.m.—

Wednesday, August 13

9:00 a.m.—

Thursday, August 14

9:00 a.m.— Rodrigue Morency (children)

Friday, August 15

9:00 a.m.— Emilka & Elodie Sejour (children)
 7:00 p.m.—People of the Parish

Saturday, August 16

5:30 p.m.—Jacqueline Owellette (Barbara Tingo)
 Intentions of Angelique Ortega -15th Birthday (Family)

Sunday, August 17

9:30 a.m.— Diane Pozzi (Family)
 Kathleen Dehler (Festa Family)
 11:30 a.m. Lido Gori (Richard & Jodie Pepe)
 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.

**"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: \$8,876
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection: \$8,705

Thank You!

Rest
 in
 Peace



Kathleen F. Affenita

August 10, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 18:6-9 | Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 | Lk 12:32-48

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

If we're honest with ourselves, we often want God to give us exactly what we ask for in prayer, or to provide immediate comfort in moments of need. But from the beginning, God revealed that the life of faith would entail trusting in his promises even as we wait for their final fulfillment. The example of Abraham in the second reading can be our model. We are called to emulate Abraham's obedient trust: "for he thought that the one who had made the promise was trustworthy." Throughout the Scriptures God promised his people that he would prepare a place for them. This promise propelled the Israelites through famine, exile, and agony, until God brought them to their earthly homeland. Jesus promises a new and everlasting place of rest, where we will live with God forever. We wait in joyful hope that one day he himself will bring us to our heavenly home. Amid the difficulties of life, in seasons of grief, pain, or confusion, it is easy to let doubt creep in. This is when, more than ever, we must cling to our faith, which Paul describes as "the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen."

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Trusting in God, we are called to wait with hope and prepare ourselves to readily receive him when he comes. Today's Gospel from Luke provides an image for us to imitate: the faithful servant dutifully awaiting his master's return. What does Jesus say about these servants who keep close watch, always prepared for the moment their master will return? "Blessed are those servants whom the master finds vigilant on his arrival." The faithful witness of the servants in the Gospel reminds us not to overcomplicate our faith. We simply need to remain diligent in carrying out the work that God has given us to do here and now and to keep ourselves alert as we wait with patience for the coming of the Lord.

PRAY

Our faith strengthens us as we wait for the Lord — as we hold on to the radical belief that our destination is heaven, and our God keeps his promises. Wherever you find yourself on the journey today, cling to his promises! Ask for the grace for deeper trust in him and for greater faithfulness to the work of building up his kingdom as you wait for God to bring all things to their ultimate fulfillment.





ASSUMPTION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

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

- A large tent, tables and chairs will be provided for guests.
- Families to enjoy a petting zoo, face painting, games, bingo, raffle ticket and prizes are all included in your ticket price.

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.**



**GROUPS START IN SEPTEMBER
REGISTRATION OPEN**

**Register at the Welcome Desk
or Online at abvmcentereach.com**

Assumption Small Groups is where our large church gets small. Groups are 6-12 people who meet to discuss faith, go deeper in the weekly message, and support one another in their relationship with Christ. We learn in rows, but we grow in circles. Small Groups provide our members the opportunity to meet in a smaller group and grow in their faith. This is the place to care for others and be cared for; a place to impact our community and the world.

Share your Faith with others as they share their Faith with you. Small Groups help us grow. Small Groups are about new life. Join a Small Group and see Jesus change your life! Let this be your call to action. Join a small group, and just watch how much Jesus can change your life! Now is the time! Let's continue our journey of faith together!

Here are some of the testimonies from small group members:

"Small Groups gave me a better understanding of my faith." "I feel like I belong to our Parish again."
"I've made new friends in faith!"

Talk to someone about small groups? Call Nick Gigante or Dan Callahan or Andres & Sandra (Spanish).
Leave a message at **631-585-8760**

Los Grupos Comienzan en Septiembre - INSCRIPCIÓN ABIERTA

Comparte tu fe con otros mientras ellos comparten su fe contigo.

Los Grupos Pequeños nos ayudan a crecer. Los Grupos Pequeños son acerca de una nueva vida. ¡Únete a un Grupo Pequeño y verás cómo Jesús cambia tu vida! Que este sea tu llamado a la acción. Únete a un grupo pequeño y observa cuánto Jesús puede cambiar tu vida. ¡Ahora es el momento! Continuemos juntos nuestro camino de fe.

"Los Grupos Pequeños me dieron una mejor comprensión de mi fe." "Siento que pertenezco nuevamente a nuestra parroquia." "¡He hecho nuevos amigos en la fe!"

Contacto: Andrés y Sandra (en español) Correo electrónico: rectory@abvmcentereach.com



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.

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: Toilet Paper, Toothpaste, Razors, Jell-O Mix, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Pancake Mix, Snacks, Canned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Carrots, Canned Peas, Canned Chicken, Jelly.



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 website along with



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



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday, August 15th

Masses 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

This month, we will not hold Adoremus, the Eucharistic adoration.



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, Aug 10, 2025**A gift you can bank on**

With so much emphasis on work and consumption in American culture, it is easy to fall into the trap of believing that “you are what you earn.” This attitude creates a lot of anxiety, leaving us constantly worried about our financial worth and feeling devalued if our “earning power” drops or if we are not part of the wage economy. Jesus offers a different vision when he assures us that God is pleased to give us the Kingdom. There is nothing to earn here, nothing to be gained, nothing to be lost. Our self-worth is a freely given gift of our Creator. Bank on it!

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Wisdom 18:6-9; Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12; Luke 12:32-48 or 12:35-40 (117). *“Do not be afraid . . . for your Father is pleased to give you the kingdom.”*

Monday, Aug 11, 2025**Keep it simple**

Isn't it amazing how much stuff we collect in our lives? You move into a house or an apartment with a few things and you think you've got plenty of room. But within a short period of time, you've got no place left to put all of it. Saint Clare didn't have that problem. Although from a wealthy family, she embraced a life of strict and total poverty, possessing absolutely nothing for the sake of the joy that comes with possessing only Christ. And joyful she was for nearly 40 years, so much so that she was declared a saint only two years after she died. “We become what we love and who we love shapes what we become,” advises Clare. Striving toward holiness and sainthood? Start with a little simple living.

MEMORIAL OF CLARE

Deuteronomy 10:12-22; Matthew 17:22-27 (413). *“He is your glory, he, your God.”*

Tuesday, Aug 12, 2025**Live Jesus in good times and bad**

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, who founded the Visitation Sisters in France 400 years ago, suffered years of interior anguish and spiritual dryness. Her contemporary, Saint Francis de Sales, said of her struggles: “For all that suffering her face never lost its serenity, nor did she once relax in the fidelity God asked of her. And so I regard her as one of the holiest souls I have ever met on this earth.” Her way of enduring through difficult times reflects the order's motto: “Live Jesus.” Whatever your inner struggle, hold fast to your faith and your holiness will shine through.

MEMORIAL OF JANE FRANCES DE CHANTAL, RELIGIOUS

Deuteronomy 31:1-8; Matthew 18:1-5, 10, 12-14 (414).

“Whoever receives one child such as this in my name receives me.”

Wednesday, Aug 13, 2025**Forgiveness ever available**

What may be one of the strangest reconciliations in church history occurred between Pontian and Hippolytus. Pontian became pope in 235 A.D.—just in time for the Roman persecution of Christians. He spent most of his reign as a slave in the mines of Sardinia. Hippolytus, who was at odds with the papacy, got the idea to have his followers name him pope. But he was swept up in the same persecution that netted Pontian. Now both in prison, Hippolytus repented to the true pope, Pontian, and Pontian reconciled him to the church. As today's two saints came to know, forgiveness is always possible, no matter the circumstances. For as Hippolytus

notes: “Christ is easily found by those who live by faith and to those of pure eye and holy heart, who desire to knock at the door, he opens immediately.”

FEAST OF PONTIAN, POPE, AND HIPPOLYTUS, PRIEST, MARTYRS

Deuteronomy 34:1-12; Matthew 18:15-20 (415). *“Whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”*

Thursday, Aug 14, 2025**When compromise is not an option**

Maximilian Kolbe was a Franciscan friar who offered his life to save that of a stranger sentenced to die in the Auschwitz concentration camp. Canonized in 1982, he also was honored in 1998 as one of ten 20th-century Christian martyrs commemorated with statues over Westminster Abbey in London. The martyrs represent victims of religious persecution and oppression worldwide. “There has never been a time in Christian history when someone, somewhere, has not died rather than compromise with the powers of oppression, tyranny, and unbelief,” said the Rev. Dr. Anthony Harvey, sub-dean of Westminster, when the statues were unveiled in 1998. They responded when their faith was tested. Can we do the same?

MEMORIAL OF MAXIMILIAN KOLBE, PRIEST, MARTYR

Joshua 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Matthew 18:21-19:1 (416). *“How often must I forgive?”*

Friday, Aug 15, 2025**Every body deserves respect**

Assumption is a teaching about the Mother of God, but this dogma has much to say about all of us. It affirms the dignity of our bodies and how God is mindful of every hair on our heads. In an era when the idea of the human person is continually under assault—from the arena of public policy to the refugee camps and killing fields of war—Mary's Assumption is a divine response to our deepest fears as well as our greatest hopes about the fate of our bodies. “Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble,” said Pope Saint John Paul II, “She, a human creature, one of us, attains eternity in soul and body. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home.” Honor your body and the bodies of others in ways that would make your Mother Mary proud.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Luke 11:27-28 (621). *“So too in Christ shall all be brought to life.”*

Saturday, Aug 16, 2025**Practice patience on everyone**

In the year 2000 Hungarians celebrated the 1,000th anniversary of the founding of their country by Saint Stephen, who not only created one nation out of numerous tribes but also made it Christian. Though Stephen had already been canonized by the Roman Church centuries before, to mark the millennium, the Eastern Orthodox Church also canonized him—an unprecedented gesture endorsed by Pope John Paul II, who emphasized the need for Christians more than ever to work together. Stephen's admonitions to his son Emeric include the words: “Be merciful to all who are suffering violence . . . Be patient with everyone, not only with the powerful, but also with the weak.” Spare a little more patience for the weakest and strongest in your own life.

MEMORIAL OF STEPHEN OF HUNGARY

Joshua 24:14-29; Matthew 19:13-15 (418). *“Let the children come to me.”*

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



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