



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 3, 2025

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, August 3

9:30 a.m.— Allison Ward (Colleen Track-Navarra)
Lucy Quirk (Patti & Ron Palmer)
11:30 a.m.— Catherine Holbrook Scheer (Margaret Petho)
Patrick Thomas Kearney (Family)

Monday, August 4

9:00 a.m.— Otto Wolz
People of the Parish

Tuesday, August 5

9:00 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary
Altar Society

Wednesday, August 6

9:00 a.m.— Bridget Gertrude Cassidy
Vincent Zecca (Zecca Family)

Thursday, August 7

9:00 a.m.— Thomas Donnelly Jr. (Tom Donnelly)

Saturday, August 9

5:30 p.m.— Judy Richter (Michele & Jerry Randall)
Jacqueline Owellette (Nancy Dentrone)

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

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: \$9,093
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection: \$8,240

Thank You!

Rest
in
Peace



Jacqueline Owellette



August 3, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23 | Col 3:1-5, 9-11 | Lk 12:13-21

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

A few years ago, I heard this witty but thought-provoking phrase: “You never see a U-Haul attached to a hearse” – a reminder that we don’t get to take our physical belongings with us when we die. This phrase came to mind as I read today’s Gospel. Jesus offers us a parable about the perils of placing our ultimate hope in amassing possessions. In our own lives, we might be challenged or inspired by the quiet example of people around us who demonstrate that material things aren’t what matter most. From individuals who lose their possessions but express gratitude for their physical safety to the child who hears about others in need and gathers up items from their own room to share, we glean gentle reminders that in the end, stuff is just stuff. Pondering this, what we’re left with is an invitation from Jesus to look inward: Where are our hearts in relation to our material possessions? Do we cling to them tightly, or do we hold them lightly? What does it mean to be “rich in what matters to God”?

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

The antidote to our disordered attachment to material things is to cultivate Gospel simplicity. In sending his disciples out to spread the Gospel, Jesus often instructed them to “pack light”: “Take nothing for the journey, neither walking stick, nor sack, nor food, nor money ...” Jesus told his disciples (Lk 9:3). Instead, they were to go into the surrounding villages and rely on the hospitality of those they encountered to provide for all their needs. By carrying nothing with them, they learned to rely on God’s providence and to intentionally reach out to others from a place of vulnerability and humility, both necessary in sharing the Gospel. While we aren’t necessarily called to be itinerant preachers as the disciples were, we can take up Jesus’ call to “pack light” as we strive to share the Gospel with others in our daily lives.

REFLECT

What can we learn from the disciples about overcoming the temptation to think that we are self-sufficient, as if sharing the Gospel depends entirely on us, rather than his grace? How might we adopt a simpler lifestyle, so that others see in us a living witness to the fact that our hope is not here in this world, but in the life to come? Reflect about how to live Gospel simplicity more intentionally in your life this week, and what that might offer for your efforts to share the Gospel with others.



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**



**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.



**Aug 5th
7:30PM
MOVIE NIGHT**

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: Kleenex, Liquid Hand Soap, Jell-O Mix, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Shelf Stable Milk, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Instant Potatoes, Snacks, Baked Beans, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Chili, Canned Carrots, Canned Peas, 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

We will not have Adoremus, the Eucharistic adoration this month



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 03, 2025**The freedom to be good**

What does it mean to be free? For some it's a matter of not being trapped in oppressive circumstances, like an unsatisfying job, a difficult relationship, or an illness. For others it's the ability to find ways to live creatively within those situations. Some say freedom is about having choices. And there are those who think it's simply being able to do whatever they want. Christians believe Christ has freed them to discern what is truly important: to be generous rather than selfish; kind instead of cruel; truthful rather than deceptive.

Use your freedom to choose the ways of Christ.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23; Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11; Luke 12:13-21 (114). *"If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God."*

Monday, Aug 04, 2025**Keep it on the down low**

The Bible says Moses was the meekest man in the world. Today's saint, John Vianney, a.k.a. the Curé of Ars, was pretty lowly in his own right. It was said that he had a poor memory and no ability whatsoever to grasp abstract thought. In seminary he failed essential subjects like theology and Latin. But they ordained him anyway because his lowliness allowed God's love to shine through. Unlike others who let their ambitions get the best of them, Saint John Vianney stuck to his strengths. He cared for the people he was sent to serve. He advised other priests: "Do not try to please everybody. Try to please God, the angels, and the saints—they are your public." Good advice for all of us to follow.

MEMORIAL OF JOHN VIANNEY, PRIEST

Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21 (407). *"All ate and were satisfied."*

Tuesday, Aug 05, 2025**God is waiting for you**

You have to admire Moses. Two people close to him—Aaron and Miriam—had started asking why they couldn't be prophets, too. To settle the matter God called the three of them out for a talking-to: God trusted Moses, God said—end of argument. What's more, God punished Miriam with an instant case of leprosy. But Moses just as quickly asked the Lord to forgive Miriam. We see something similar when Jesus called Saint Peter to walk out on the water to him. Peter's initial faith sank pretty quickly, but Jesus caught him before he could go under. It's a virtue to keep faith—and to reach out a forgiving hand to others when they have not kept faith with you. God does it all the time. Remember the words of Saint Maria Goretti, the patron saint of forgiveness: "He loves, He hopes, He waits. Our Lord prefers to wait Himself for the sinner for years rather than keep us waiting an instant."

Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36 or 15:1-2, 10-14 (408).

"He cried out, 'Lord, save me!'"

Wednesday, Aug 06, 2025**Use your power for good**

The two events we remember today offer a startling juxtaposition of images. First is the brilliant light radiating from Jesus as he is transformed on the mountaintop and the cloud from which is heard: "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." Next to that is Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945: a blinding flash of light, a dense, dark, demonic mushroom cloud, and the greatest devastation humankind has ever seen. These images prompt us to consider the ways we use our knowledge and power, both individually and as a nation.

Does our "light," like Jesus', provide illumination, or cause blindness? To realize what we've done after the fact is too late. As Albert Einstein himself reportedly lamented about the atomic bomb, "If only I had known, I would have become a locksmith."

TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD; HIROSHIMA MEMORIAL DAY

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Luke 9:28b-36 (614).

"His clothing became dazzling white."

Thursday, Aug 07, 2025**Words to live by**

Sixtus II became pope in 257 and was martyred almost a year later along with several deacons. Not only was he willing to die for Christ, it is inscribed on his tomb that he also offered himself first to the persecutors with the hope of saving his companions. Sixtus championed the belief that only one Baptism was necessary in life—it needn't be repeated, as some others claimed at the time. Once baptized in Christ, you always will be. That permanence makes extraordinary sacrifice possible. Indeed, through your Baptism, "you have become a new creation and clothed yourself in Christ," says the celebrant during the baptismal ritual, "See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven." Those are the words Christians choose to live by.

MEMORIAL OF SIXTUS II, POPE, MARTYR, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

Numbers 20:1-13; Matthew 16:13-23 (410). *"Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven."*

Friday, Aug 08, 2025**Bother to love**

The Jesuit theologian James Keenan once said that sin was simply not bothering to love. Note: Sin isn't the absence of love; love is already there. Rather it's the failure to choose to take advantage of opportunities to love. Saint Dominic, the founder of the Order of Preachers, and Dominican brothers and sisters ever since have sought to put knowledge and love together guided by their motto: "To praise, to bless, to preach." You can do the same. Review your day and see where you did not bother to love or, in Dominican terms, to offer praise, a blessing, or a good word. Then take the trouble to do it tomorrow.

MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST

Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28 (411). *"Did a people ever hear the voice of God?"*

Saturday, Aug 09, 2025**What would you risk?**

Three Spanish saints—Ignatius of Loyola, Teresa of Ávila, and John of the Cross—wrote extensively on suffering and the role of the cross. Their writings helped draw Edith Stein (later Carmelite Sister Teresa Benedicta) into the life of the church. Even before the rise of Nazism, Teresa Benedicta, a Jewish convert to Catholicism who was gassed at Auschwitz in 1942, saw the cross as central in her own life: "I understood the cross as the destiny of God's people. . . . I felt that those who understood the cross of Christ should take it upon themselves on everybody's behalf." How willing are you to take up the cross on behalf of others? What would you risk for the sake of what is right and just?

MEMORIAL OF TERESA BENEDICTA OF THE CROSS, MARTYR

Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20 (412). *"Take care not to forget the LORD."*

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



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