



ASSUMPTION

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A welcoming community sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through faith, prayer and the sacraments.



June 6, 2021

We celebrate EUCHARIST

Saturdays: 5:30 PM

Sundays: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM

Weekdays: 9:00 AM

We celebrate PENANCE

Saturdays: 4:00 – 5:00 PM and by appointment.

We celebrate BAPTISM

Usually the first and third Sundays each month. Meeting with Deacon Mike and attendance at class is required. Please contact the rectory during regular office hours to register.

We celebrate MARRIAGE

Make arrangements with the priest at least six months prior to the wedding. All are required by our Bishop to attend the Pre-Canva Conferences as part of the preparation.

Eucharistic Adoration

First Friday of the month: 1:00-2:00 PM - Nocturnal

Third Friday of the month: 7:30-8:30 PM - ADOREMUS

Miraculous Medal Novena

Wednesdays following the 9:00 AM Mass.

Communion for the Sick or Shut-ins

Contact the rectory during regular office hours.

Parish Social Ministry (Outreach)

Office hours, Monday to Friday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Food pantry available. Will also try to help with referrals and advocacy. Call for appointment, 631-585-8760 x101.

RCIA

Provides for those who have never been baptized or those who have been baptized but have not celebrated Eucharist and/or Confirmation to experience the joy of our Catholic community, within an adult context. Anyone 18 and over is welcome. Contact the rectory office at 631-585-8760.

Faith Formation

Works with parents to share faith with our youngest members, grades 1-8. Contact the office for details at 631-588-6408.

Youth Ministry

- High School Ministry (AYM), Wednesdays: 7:30 - 9:00 PM
- Middle School Ministry (MSM), Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:45 PM

For further information, contact Renata 631-585-8760

Music Ministry

Our parish's Music Ministry seeks to lead and support our parish family in full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy. For further information call Rob at 516-523-1668.

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Rev. Joseph Alenchery, Pastor
Rev. Chris Aridas, Retired Pastor
Deacon Michael Montelione

Rectory Office: M - F 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.
Phone: 631-585-8760; Fax: 1-866-214-3365
Faith Formation: 631-588-6408

**Sunday, June 6th**

7:30 a.m. — Frederick C. Lingen (Family)
 9:30 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)
 William Pyne (Rose Picariello)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, June 7th

9:00 a.m. — Michael Lopez
 John Ricciardi (Dentrone Family)

Tuesday, June 8th

9:00 a.m. — Annamma & Thomas John (Molly)
 Intention of Chase Turano (Elizabeth Bretcher)

Wednesday, June 9th

9:00 a.m. — Jim Reilly (Judy & Bruno Sidor)
 John Ricciardi (Maria Grant)

Thursday, June 10th

9:00 a.m. — Maria & Inacio DeSousa (Family)

Friday, June 11th

9:00 a.m. — Anne Keenan (Ed Uy & Family)
 Andrew Cerqueira (Family)

Saturday, June 12th

5:30 p.m. — Joseph Nugent (Catholic Daughters of the Americas)
 Salvatore Orlando (Anna Orlando)

Sunday, June 13th

7:30 a.m. — Joseph Nugent (Ed & Diane Pozzi & Family)
 9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Faith Formation**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.; Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Middle School Ministry (MSM)

Middle School Ministry is on Thursday nights from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM. All Middle Schoolers (6th thru 8th) are welcome.

**Assumption Youth Ministry (AYM)**

Assumption Youth Ministry welcomes all high Schoolers (9th thru 12th) on Wednesday nights from 7:30-9:00 PM. We gather in the Parish Center Hall. Bring your friends with you.

**Catholic Daughters of the America's (Court St. Gerard)**

First Thursday of the month: Sept - June at 7:30 PM in the Parish Library. Contact Alexandria McMahon at tacjs43@aol.com.

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. Contact the rectory for meeting dates and times.

Scouting (Cub Scout, Boy Scouts)

Contact Chantal Mears at Chantalmears@yahoo.com or 631-438-2468 or visit www.bsa356.com for more details..

**Time, Talent & Treasure**

**Fostering Stewardship
as a Way of Life**

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
(Regular Sunday Offering)**

**Last Week's Collection \$7,488
(includes Faith Direct)**

**Last Year's Collection \$6,491
Thank You!**

Rest
in
Peace



Marion Roberto

Good News Reflection**The Power of the Eucharist**

This Sunday's readings speak to us of the Eucharist: "the blood of the covenant" and "the cup of salvation". What does the Eucharist mean to you?

Christ came to earth to serve us as our high priest. Unlike the Jewish priests of the Old Testament, who atoned for the people's sins with the blood of goats and calves, Jesus absolved our sins with his own blood. He said: "This is my blood of the covenant, shed for many." This is the new covenant. With it he achieved what no other high priest could do: He obtained for us eternal redemption.

Only the blood of God himself could accomplish this, because no matter how good our intentions are, and no matter how holy a priest might be, we all fall back into sin again and again. Only Jesus, the perfectly holy human whose divinity conquered death, could open the doors to eternal life.

Jesus paid a very high price to atone for our sins. What if we come to Mass with unrepented sins? We know we've done wrong, yet our desire to avoid the hard work and humility of changing is larger than our desire to let Jesus transform us. It's larger than our desire to enjoy all the benefits of the Eucharist.



To receive his body and blood in the Eucharist without letting it atone for our sins is to snub and reject the terrible price that Jesus paid when he died for us. To avoid his presence in the Sacrament of Confession because it makes us feel uncomfortable is highly disrespectful of the suffering that he endured for us.

If we accept the on-going atonement provided for us in the Eucharist without accepting the need to repent of any sin, we are insulting Jesus while denying ourselves an opportunity to let him save us from that sin.

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Jesus Christ have the power to "transubstantiate" us into his likeness. We should always leave Mass different than when we arrived. This is God's plan! His work as our high priest isn't yet finished.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What sins have been most difficult for you to overcome? Why? Who or what is replacing Jesus as the god you imitate? What will you do this week to give Jesus the opportunity to save you from these sins?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

How did you learn that the consecrated bread and wine at Mass are truly the real Body and Blood of Christ? What makes you sure of it today? How does this affect your attitude about your sins?

SAVE THE DATE



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2021

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

For Children entering K-6th grade

2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



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ROCKVILLE CENTRE

One Family in Mission
Creating Pathways to Faith

I want to thank everyone who helped make 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal a success. As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised is restricted to support the objectives, programs, and mission that serves more than 600,000 people each year, and our parish shares in the money raised to use for our own local needs. Our parish goal this year is \$54,400.

Please ask the Lord how you might participate. Your pledge is payable over a ten-month period of time. Remember also, one does not have to donate a large amount; joining everyone's sacrificial gift adds up to a great resource for those in need. If you haven't got a pledge card please use the form below and drop it off in the Sunday collection or at the office.

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish _____ Pledge: \$ _____

Name _____ Down payment: \$ _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parish Social Ministry (Outreach) Program

The Outreach Food Pantry is available for individuals and families that are struggling to stretch their food budget. We can also refer those needing assistance to any program appropriate to their needs. 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. We are happy to assist people of all faiths. The Outreach Office is open Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 12 PM. **Pantry Needs: Cooking Oil, Salad Dressing, Fruit Juice, Canned Carrots, Kleenex, Deodorant, Disposable Razors**



THE MASS: An Introduction

A 4 part online study series on ZOOM

on Monday evenings at 7:00 - 8:15 PM beginning June 21

For registration please visit www.abvmcentereach.com

This introduction to the Mass is produced by the Archdiocese of Mobile, AL, in association with 4PM Media. This video series is much more basic. Why go to Church at all? Why worship in the context of a meal? Why the rituals? How can it be that God comes to us in such ordinary ways? In this four-part series, we seek to answer these questions in a very conversational format. Each video is approximately fifteen minutes in length. I hope that we will have rich conversations and sharing in our small group setting.

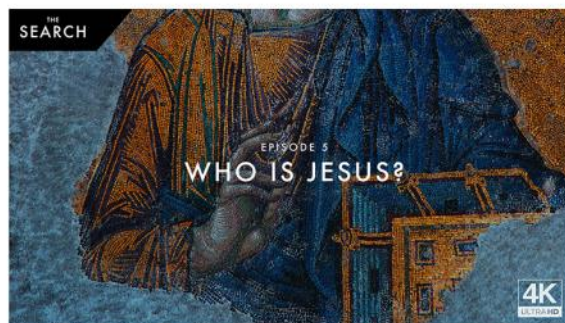
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PICK OF THE WEEK

June 6, 2021

THE SEARCH: WHO IS JESUS?

A beautiful part of our faith is that we can know God's love personally through Jesus. But how did this seemingly insignificant carpenter become the most pivotal figure in all of history? As we celebrate the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, we invite you to become more familiar with Christ in this episode of The Search.



To watch please visit abvmcentereach.formed.org

Our parish code is P8DGQ8



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit faithdirect.net/NY563 or download the **Faith Direct app** and search for the parish with the parish code **(NY563)**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Sunday, Jun 06, 2021

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

Remember those who must fast

Many faithful Catholics have been unable to approach the Eucharist in person for many months. Age and health, coupled with necessary protocols, have made this pandemic an unanticipated time of spiritual fasting. The words of the ancient sequence *Laud, O Zion* sung on this solemnity are especially poignant this year: "Thousands are, as one, receivers,/ One, as thousands of believers." Those with access to the sacraments receive them for all of us. Those who embrace a spiritual communion continue to find ways to be the grateful "receivers" of a wondrous mystery: Christ's life dwelling in us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 24:3-8; Hebrews 9:11-15; *Lauda, Zion*; Mark 14:12-16, 22-26 (168). "Take it; this is my body."

Monday, Jun 07, 2021**Don't rule it out**

Rules are restrictive, right? Or can they be liberating? The word "rule" comes from the Greek word for "trellis," and a trellis supports living things so they can grow up and out and bloom. The best rules create space for your priorities, turn your values into practices, and give you the freedom to live intentionally with God at the center. Why not create your own "rule of life" that helps you do that? Many Christians do. Monastic orders, starting with the Benedictines, began this tradition and all follow a rule of life to govern every aspect of life, including prayer, work, and community interaction. Rules of life can also address diet, exercise, recreation, relationships, and mental stimulation. The point is healthy balance. Thankfully, there are no rules to creating a rule of life—it's up to you and God to decide.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 1:1-7; Matthew 5:1-12 (359). "Rejoice and be glad; for your reward will be great in heaven."

Tuesday, Jun 08, 2021**SOS: Save our seas!**

In the beginning, says Genesis 1, God not only created the seas but made the "waters teem with swarms of living creatures." Today, designated World Oceans Day by the United Nations, we're reminded that God's creation is in real danger. As Pope Francis writes in his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si'*, these formerly teeming waters are increasingly a graveyard, "due largely to pollution which reaches the sea as the result of deforestation, agricultural monocultures, industrial waste and destructive fishing methods," all of it "aggravated by the rise in temperature of the oceans." Visit the [Laudato Si' Movement](#) for ways to make a difference.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16 (360). "Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds."

Wednesday, Jun 09, 2021**Faith fulfills life**

The definition of *fulfill* is "to put into effect, to convert to reality." Jesus teaches that the best way to bring the Kingdom into effect is to practice mercy and humility, to hunger and thirst for righteousness, to work at making peace, and to understand that

persecution can befall those who preach and live his message. In Jesus, the law of the prophets was not abolished but fulfilled. How do you choose to live your faith in a fulfilling way?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 3:4-11; Matthew 5:17-19 (361). "I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."

Thursday, Jun 10, 2021**Mercy me**

It is hard to overstate the centrality of forgiveness within the Christian tradition: both God's forgiveness when we do wrong and our forgiveness when others hurt us. Forgiveness is so foundational, we have a sacrament for it; it's in our creed; it's part of The Lord's Prayer; Pope Francis declared 2016 the Year of Mercy; and the list goes on. Do you need to forgive or be forgiven, or perhaps both? Now is the acceptable time to seek or extend mercy.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 3:15—4:1, 3-6; Matthew 5:20-26 (362). "Leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother."

Friday, Jun 11, 2021

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Promise with all your heart

The devotion to the Sacred Heart, which dates back centuries, includes consecrating oneself to, and benefiting from, the promises of the Sacred Heart. In honor of today's feast, consider committing to the following: Consecrate all your actions to glorify the Sacred Heart; consecrate all your weakness within the strength of the Sacred Heart; consecrate all your confidence in the faithfulness of the Sacred Heart. Do this and the peace of Christ, who is our peace, will be with you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hosea 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9; Ephesians 3:8-12, 14-19; John 19:31-37 (171). "For this reason I kneel before the Father . . . that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith."

Saturday, Jun 12, 2021

MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

May your heart be on fire with love

Yesterday we celebrated the Sacred Heart of Jesus, and today we commemorate the Immaculate Heart of Mary: two hearts on fire with love and made one in suffering. The Sacred Heart symbolizes the love of God for people, pierced by the thorns of rejection. The Immaculate Heart symbolizes the love of people for God, wounded with a sword of suffering in solidarity with Christ. Remembering that Jesus identified with the struggles of the least of our sisters and brothers, today we can pray for those refugees driven from their homes by violence and poverty and waiting for help at our southern border.

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Luke 2:41-51 (364; Gospel 573). "His mother kept all these things in her heart."

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



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