



# ASSUMPTION

## of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



June 20, 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-Cana 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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**Sunday, June 20th**

7:30 a.m. — Father’s Day  
9:30 a.m. — Father’s Day  
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**Monday, June 21st**

9:00 a.m. — Father’s Day

**Tuesday, June 22nd**

9:00 a.m. — Father’s Day

**Wednesday, June 23rd**

9:00 a.m. — Father’s Day

**Thursday, June 24th**

9:00 a.m. — Father’s Day

**Friday, June 25th**

9:00 a.m. — Father’s Day

**Saturday, June 26th**

5:30 p.m. — Matthew Borkowski (Family)  
Joan Tait (Catholic Daughter of the Americas)

**Sunday, June 27th**

7:30 a.m. — Ellen Nadlone (Maria Fareund)  
9:30 a.m. — Vincent Altizen (Harry & Luz Gaviola)  
John Ross (Mary Ross)  
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:  
the old things have passed away;  
behold, new things have come. 2Corinthians 5:17**



**Time, Talent & Treasure**  
Fostering Stewardship  
as a Way of Life

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

**Last Week’s Collection \$8,720**  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year’s Collection \$7,509**  
*Thank You!*

**Faith Formation**

**Faith Formation Summer 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.

**Middle School Ministry (MSM)**

Middle School Ministry is on Thursday nights from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM. All Middle Schoolers (6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>) 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..



*Rest  
in  
Peace*

William P. Maxwell

**Good News Reflection****Calming the storms**

It's hurricane season where I live in Florida. Some people believe that destructive storms are punishments from God. While it is true that people deserve to be punished for their immorality, Jesus took the Father's righteous wrath upon his own body, accepting torture, shedding blood, and dying, so that all sinners could be saved from the justice we deserve.



Jesus wants to calm our storms, not cause them.

Hardships are not punishments. They are the best occasions for growing closer to God. All of us have seasons of storms in our lives. Each of them are invitations to realize that Jesus is walking with us through it all, whether we deserve his help or not. They're opportunities to learn more knowledge, gain more wisdom, and grow stronger in true faith. It's a time of becoming more humble. Because of our increased need to rely on God, we discover more about his love, but only if we stop insisting that God should behave like a magic genie that we control to resolve our problems the way we think it should happen.

Some of the storms in this world continue raging because we don't do enough to bring the presence of Christ into them. After we've gained from our experiences, we're supposed to help others endure the storms of their lives. We have the earthly hands that Jesus wants to use to calm their storms. And then, surprise! It is in this outreach that we realize that our sufferings have not been in vain; this calms our stormy clouds of despair and regret.

Often, we create our own storms by making sinful decisions, but God doesn't want us to get punished. He sends plenty of red-flag warnings and then, if we get into a hurricane anyway, Jesus invites us to calm the turmoil by reconciling with him.

Whether the storms brew by sin or by nature, if we cry out like the disciples in this Sunday's Gospel reading -- "Lord, don't you care that we're perishing?" -- Jesus replies, "Why are you scared? How little faith you have! My peace is already here."

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What's stormy in your life right now? From where did this turmoil come? What do you need Jesus to save you from today? Choose an action that extends trust to him. What will you do this week to quiet yourself and find the peaceful presence of Christ?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

How has Jesus calmed the waves or led you to a peaceful shore when you suffered through a stormy time in your life? When did you recognize his presence beside you? What happened that revealed his helpfulness?

# SAVE THE DATE



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2021

9:00 AM to 11:30 AM

For Children entering K-6<sup>th</sup> grade



# Coffee *in the* Courtyard

**We are BACK!**

Assumption Youth Ministries invite everyone to “Coffee in the Courtyard”, on **Sundays after the 9:30 AM Mass beginning June 27<sup>th</sup>**. Hang out with our fellow worshippers, make new friends, and build a stronger community, in which we then become a stronger parish family. All

necessary precautions will be in place to keep everyone safe. **All are welcome!** Join us after Mass for fellowship, wonderful conversations and of course coffee.



## Father's Day Blessings

THE LORD  
BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU;  
THE LORD  
MAKE HIS FACE SHINE ON YOU  
AND BE GRACIOUS TO YOU;  
THE LORD  
TURN HIS FACE TOWARD YOU  
AND GIVE YOU PEACE.

- NUMBERS 6:24-26

# Happy Father's Day

## **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](mailto: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, 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](http://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.

# WELCOME BACK

## Assumption Youth Ministry

We are excited to welcome back Assumption Youth Ministries (Middle School & High School). We have missed you and we are looking forward to seeing you and your families on:

**Thursday, July 1<sup>st</sup> - 7:30 PM - Movie Night**  
(in the church parking lot. ALL are Welcome)

**Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 PM - Hobbs Farm**  
(wear old clothes and shoes, no flip flops, bring work gloves)

**Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 PM - Hobbs Farm** (same as above)

For more info: contact Renata at 631-585-8760 ext 121, [rptak@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rptak@abvmcentereach.com)



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit [faithdirect.net/NY563](http://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 20, 2021**

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Heal the human family**

Fathers are an unpredictable lot. Some are lovingly remembered as protective and dependable captains who sailed their families to calmer waters through every domestic storm. Others may be lamented as the source of many a squall themselves. We pray this day for both kinds of fathers: those who stayed and those who abandoned ship, the faithful and the faithless, the tender and the tyrant. The church teaches that our world can't be whole until our families are healed. This Father's Day, we pray especially for those who volunteer as benevolent father figures for children in need of one.

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 38:1, 8-11; 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; Mark 4:35-41 (95). "[Jesus] woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Quiet! Be still!'"

**Monday, Jun 21, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS

**Sometimes you have to swim upstream**

Discerning one's vocation can be tricky enough, but once you've figured out God's call, you might encounter resistance from others in answering it. Saint Aloysius Gonzaga can relate. As an aristocrat in Renaissance Italy, he was expected to join decadent courtly life and have an accomplished military career. But even in his early teens, Aloysius was dismayed by the violence and licentiousness of his time. Deeply devout, he bucked family and societal expectations and sought a different path. He renounced his inheritance and became a Jesuit. When we encounter pressure to ignore God, may Aloysius help us all stay true.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5 (371). "The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you."

**Tuesday, Jun 22, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF JOHN FISHER, BISHOP AND THOMAS MORE, MARTYRS

**Truth trumps tyranny**

Thomas More shares this feast day with John Fisher—both beheaded for daring to cross England's King Henry VIII in his power grab. Significantly, Henry moved up Fisher's execution day so it wouldn't fall on the feast of another sainted John—John the Baptist, who likewise was beheaded by a king for opposing royal tyranny. It's always the right time to speak truth to power, even when the cost is high.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Matthew 7:6, 12-14 (372). "Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the road broad that leads to destruction."

**Wednesday, Jun 23, 2021****Let's make the world a better place**

Today the United Nations celebrates Public Service Day to honor the public servants who selflessly work to promote the common good. Each of us, however, is called to make the world a better place through service. As Pope Francis says in *Fratelli Tutti*: Service means caring "for the vulnerable members of our families, our society, our people . . . Service always looks to their faces, touches their flesh, senses their closeness . . . and tries to help them." Whether as emergency responders, sanitation workers, public advocates, teachers, community volunteers, or whatever

your vocation or profession may be, take the opportunity to recognize the humanity of the vulnerable and offer your help.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Matthew 7:15-20 (373). "So by their fruits you will know them."

**Thursday, Jun 24, 2021**

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

**Catch fire**

Although American Catholics in general don't tend to make a fuss over the Nativity of John the Baptist, today's solemnity is one of the church's earliest, and it used to be widely celebrated in Europe with bonfires and outdoor festivities. Some regions still hold celebrations for John, who prepared humanity for the coming of Christ. The bonfires recognize the fire within this zealous, outspoken saint. Do you harbor a fire for Christ? If your passion has ebbed, pray to Saint John the Baptist to intercede that you might reignite your fire for the kingdom of God.

TODAY'S READINGS: Day: Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80 (587). "He asked for a tablet and wrote, 'John is his name.'"

**Friday, Jun 25, 2021****Confirm your spiritual identity**

Most seventh-graders are thrilled by two things about Confirmation: the possibility of having a tongue of fire hover over their heads and choosing a new name. It's not that anything is necessarily wrong with their given names, but it seems awesome to choose one's very own name. Many spiritual traditions and rites employ the custom of taking a new name, signifying a new moment in our life with God. Though a sacrament and public witness in the church, Confirmation is also a personal confirmation of our own selves as unique and beloved of God. What can you do today to confirm your relationship with God?

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Matthew 8:1-4 (375). "Do not call her Sarai; her name shall be Sarah. I will bless her."

**Saturday, Jun 26, 2021****We are worthy of healing**

In these divisive times, it is heartening to have examples of the healing power of a word. The gospels tell the story of a centurion, a powerful military leader of the Roman army that occupied Jewish lands, who had such great faith in Jesus that he only needed Jesus to speak a healing word. No ordinary centurion, this fellow had been a great friend of the Jewish people of Capernaum, even building their synagogue. Where are such examples today? Speak a word of healing across all that seems to divide: across the aisle, the religions, the races and ethnicities, the neighborhoods, languages, genders, and sexualities that distinguish us but do not have to divide us. Only say the word and healing shall begin.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17 (376). "Only say the word and my servant will be healed."

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



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