



# ASSUMPTION

## of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



June 27, 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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Rev. Joseph Alenchery, Pastor  
Rev. Chris Aridas, Retired Pastor  
Deacon Michael Montelione

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Phone: 631-585-8760; Fax: 1-866-214-3365  
Faith Formation: 631-588-6408



# Mass Intentions for the week

## 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

## Monday, June 28th

- 9:00 a.m. — Mildred Campanelli  
Linda Scodary Spango (Gary & Diane Sausa)

## Tuesday, June 29th

- 9:00 a.m. — John Houghton (Patricia Houghton)  
Intention of Monsignor Joseph Curley (Addiss Family)

## Wednesday, June 30th

- 9:00 a.m. — Joseph Donoghue (Family)  
Betty Triarsi

## Thursday, July 1st

- 9:00 a.m. — Joseph Dougherty (Tita Uy)  
Priscilla Ranis (Aida Samson)

## Friday, July 2nd

- 9:00 a.m. — David & Kathleen Worrell (Family)  
Sue Mahoney

## Saturday, July 3rd

- 5:30 p.m. — Joseph Nugent  
Cesar Advincola (Harry & Luz Gaviola)

## Sunday, July 4th

- 7:30 a.m. — Ellen Nadlone (Ray Manco)
- 9:30 a.m. — Frank Plantamura (Diane Melfi)  
Intention of Saarah Angrand (Thanksgiving)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish





### Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship  
as a Way of Life

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

**Last Week's Collection \$8,368**  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$9,992**  
*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*



Deceased Brothers  
and Sisters of our  
Parish Family

**Good News Reflection****How to touch the hem of Jesus' garment**

Wouldn't it be great if we could actually touch and feel the hem of Jesus' clothing, like the woman in this Sunday's Gospel reading? To be near enough to Jesus to be healed spiritually, physically, and emotionally. How can we, more than 2000 years after he ascended to heaven, get so close to him?

It is possible, and it's exactly what Jesus wants. It comes from developing a better understanding of who Jesus really is and how much God really cares about us. The synagogue leader understood, which is why he could say: "Please, come lay your hands on my daughter that she may live." He understood Jesus beyond what was in front of his eyes. He believed in the divine life of Jesus.



Knowing Jesus is to know divine life, which transforms our earthly life into something much more like his and then takes us to heaven. The first reading, remember, states clearly that death is not part of God's plan. Jesus drives this point home by allowing the girl to die before he reaches her house. Certainly God could have kept her alive until he got there! But he wanted to show the world that he could restore life and that he has the power to rescue us from death.

If we fear death, we don't recognize the nearness of Christ. We can touch the hem of his garment, but we don't see it, and so we don't believe it. In this case, we're like the mourners that Jesus had to chase out of the house before working his miracle.

If we fear that our trials are leading to disastrous conclusions, we've forgotten how powerful Jesus is, and we've forgotten that he cares enough to rescue us. We need to move ourselves closer to Jesus. We have to press on through the crowd of distractions and doubts, with our eyes fixed only on Jesus and our hands reaching out to him in prayer.

If we fear that God doesn't care enough to help us, we need to spend more time learning why Jesus gave up his life for us and why the Father sent him to us.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Do you believe that Jesus wants to work miraculously in your life? How has the disbelief of the people around you infected your thinking and reduced your faith?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

Describe a miracle that you saw or experienced. How long did it take? What blessings occurred during the time of suffering? How was all of this an expression of God's love?

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



August 9 - 13, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

For Children entering K to 6<sup>th</sup> Grades

Grades 7 and up can be junior counselors

For registration and more info please visit [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com)



## 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.

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# Faith Formation

## Registration 2021-22

**Begins on July 1<sup>st</sup> & ends on September 3<sup>rd</sup>**

All registrations are done online at [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com)

## 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: Canned Carrots, Mixed Vegetables, Cake Frosting, Cooking Oil, Paper Towels, Dishwashing Liquid**



This year our parish goal is \$54,400. Your generosity provides us with an excellent opportunity to reach out to those in need by supporting the many programs run by our diocese. In particular, the CMA enables our Catholic community on LI to support the work of Catholic Charities, our Catholic Regional Schools, programs for ongoing formation and training of lay leaders as well as our deacons; our seminary which trains men for the priesthood as well as various pastoral offices which provide excellent resources throughout the diocese.

In addition, parishes who make their goal receive a rebate from the diocese, amounting to 20% of the actual goal. Please ask the Lord how you might participate. Your pledge is payable over a seven-month period of time.

# 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 105, [rptak@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rptak@abvmcentereach.com)



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**Sunday, Jun 27, 2021**

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**God is the champion of life**

We're made for immortality. Christianity celebrates that death has no sting and life has no end. Our tenacious possession of the lives we're given is a sign of our refusal to accept death as the last word on the subject of our lives. We're impatient with limitations, reject gloom-and-doom projections, and insist on second opinions when the news is grim. We relentlessly cling to hope despite the odds of our predicament. God is on our side in this stubborn grip we have on life. God intends for death itself to pass away. Put your resources at the service of life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43 (98). *"God did not make death, nor does [God] rejoice in the destruction of the living."*

**Monday, Jun 28, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

**We're part of the Lord's great chain of being**

It's fun to consider "six degrees of separation"—the theory that everyone on Earth is connected to any other person by a chain of five acquaintances. Perhaps you even know how you are connected to someone famous. Imagine being only three degrees separated from Jesus! Saint Irenaeus is known for that claim. He studied under Polycarp, who had been a disciple of the apostle John. We may be countless more degrees removed than Irenaeus, but all Christians are part of the chain that goes back to our Lord because we're the beneficiaries of what's been passed down the links along the way—as well as being links ourselves to the future. Keep those connections strong.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 18:16-33; Matthew 8:18-22 (377). *"Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go."*

**Tuesday, Jun 29, 2021**

SOLEMNITY OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

**Call me by my new name**

Before Jesus, they were Simon and Saul; afterward, Peter and Paul. In the great biblical tradition, both experienced a name change to signify God's call to a new and greater destiny. They became the two pillars of the church. Jesus gave Peter the "keys" to unlock the "kingdom of God," on Earth as it is in heaven—the Kingdom Jesus preached about for three years. Paul received a "sword," the "sword of the Spirit" that's the word of God—which Paul used as he spread the gospel to new lands. Is there something new you can do for God today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19 (591). *"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."*

**Wednesday, Jun 30, 2021****You are part of God's agenda**

Prayer has many forms and many expressions: It turns our hearts and minds to God with a desire to praise, to request, to give thanks, or to intercede on behalf of others. Prayer is conversation with God; sitting in silence with God; sharing with God every hope and fear we carry. But as Saint Thomas Aquinas reminds us, "We set forth our petitions before God, not in order to make known to Him our needs and desires, but rather so that we ourselves may

realize that in these things it is necessary to turn to God for help." Go ahead, place your concerns on God's desk. There's always space.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 21:5, 8-20a; Matthew 8:28-34 (379). *"When the poor one called out, the LORD heard."*

**Thursday, Jul 01, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF JUNÍPERO SERRA, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, MISSIONARY

**Man on a mission**

Today the church honors Saint Junípero Serra, the Spanish Franciscan missionary who tirelessly evangelized native peoples in California in the late 1700s, founding the first nine of 21 missions in the region. His sainthood is not without controversy since missionaries were enmeshed in the brutal Spanish conquest of the Americas, but Serra's record also shows he endured many hardships late in life for the sake of the gospel, genuinely loved the indigenous people, and defended their rights against the worst Spanish abuses. His memorial is a good time to learn about and pray for greater justice for Native Americans and all Indigenous Peoples.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 22:1b-19; Matthew 9:1-8 (380). *"He then said to the paralytic, 'Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home.'"*

**Friday, Jul 02, 2021****Pray for us sinners**

Sometimes denial, shame, and fear keep us from recognizing the harmful effects of our sin. Pope Francis encourages us to give even our sin over to God. As he put it in a 2013 homily, "In my own life, I have so often seen God's merciful countenance, his patience; I have also seen so many people find the courage to enter the wounds of Jesus by saying to him: Lord, I am here, accept my poverty, hide my sin in your wounds, wash it away with your blood. And I have always seen that God did just this—he accepted them, consoled them, cleansed them, loved them." Draw close to Jesus and be comforted.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Matthew 9:9-13 (381). *"Go and learn the meaning of the words, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' I did not come to call the righteous but sinners."*

**Saturday, Jul 03, 2021**

FEAST OF THOMAS, APOSTLE

**Let doubt deepen your faith**

We have come to know today's saint as "Doubting Thomas," but in terms of his legacy, it was the missionary zeal that grew out of his doubt that endures. According to tradition, Thomas traveled far, reaching the Malabar Coast of southwest India, where he established a community still known today as "Saint Thomas Christians." A more diverse mix could not be found: the Nazranis, as they are called, are said to be "Indian in culture, Christian in faith, and Syrian in liturgy," with a dash of Jewish and Hindu influence for good measure. Your doubt can be the catalyst to a faith that endures and leaves a rich legacy. Ask God to help your unbelief!

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29 (593). *"You are no longer strangers and sojourners, but you are fellow citizens with the holy ones."*

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



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