



ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



August 22, 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: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 10:00 AM to 1:00 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, August 22nd**

- 7:30 a.m. — Louis Lanza (M/M Thoma McMahon & Family)
 9:30 a.m. — Dan Barr (Diane Melfi)
 Francisco Martins (Rosa Malheiro & Family)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, August 23rd

- 9:00 a.m. — Alan Carniello
 Joe Molick (Michele & Jerry Randall)

Tuesday, August 24th

- 9:00 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)

Wednesday, August 25th

- 9:00 a.m. — Dennis Quirk (Rose Picarello)
 Raymond O'Neill (Thomas Brennan)

Thursday, August 26th

- 9:00 a.m. — Linda Verderese (Joseph Hoffman)
 Rily Suapengco (Tanya Concepcion)

Friday, August 27th

- 9:00 a.m. — Robert Aridas

Saturday, August 28th

- 5:30 p.m. — Ryan Durkin (Family)
 Marie Manco (Maria Freund)

Sunday, August 29th

- 7:30 a.m. — Bridget Glynn Smyth (Glynn Family)
 9:30 a.m. — Dominick A. Schiano (McGuinness Family)
 Theodore Gutmann, Jr. (Eileen & Mike Caiazzo)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**LOOK TO THE LORD AND
 HIS STRENGTH; SEEK
 HIS FACE ALWAYS.**

1 CHRONICLES 16:11

**Time, Talent & Treasure**

**Fostering Stewardship
 as a Way of Life**

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

**Last Week's Collection \$8,277
 (includes Faith Direct)**

**Last Year's Collection \$9,171
 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 (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..

*Rest
 in
 Peace*



Ramon Torres
 Manuel Rodriguez

Good News Reflection

Looking beneath the surface to find Jesus

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we see the tragic rejection of Christ's true mission by many who had been listening to him and watching him. How could they miss the message that he taught? "The words I have spoken are Spirit and life," he said. But they only heard his words on the surface level, in their flesh-nature. And thus they missed the life that he was offering: the healed life, the joyful life, the victorious life, the eternal life.

They weren't looking at Jesus spiritually. They saw him as a man, not a messiah, as a healer of bodies, not of souls, as a deliverer from the Romans instead of from their own sins.

Thus, the idea of eating his flesh and drinking his blood (which he had spoken of in the previous verses, in last Sunday's readings) truly was gross and unthinkable. They couldn't grasp the Spirit and life behind those words. It seemed that Jesus had become too bizarre to follow.



The true disciples -- those who remained to learn more from him -- also didn't understand what he meant, not yet, but they recognized the presence of the Holy Spirit in his words.

How many times has Jesus come to you in another person and you didn't recognize him, because what you saw was the human individual and what you focused on was the un-Christ-like behaviors of that person?

Everyone has been created in the image of God. They would not be alive if the Holy Spirit had not given them life. Even non-Christians have the presence of Christ in them. To live a more victorious life, we have to look beneath the surface to find the Jesus who is hidden inside everyone we meet.

Do you have any difficulty recognizing the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass? Practice recognizing Jesus when he comes to you in others, and you will see the Eucharist in new ways.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Jesus said, "No one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." How has the Father gifted you with the ability to recognize Jesus? What has happened in your life that opened your eyes to who Jesus really is?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

What blocks our view of Jesus when he comes to us through others? What expectations get in the way? What disappointments? What prejudices? Share with your group a time when you learned to see past the flesh to discover Jesus in someone you didn't like. What led to this discovery?

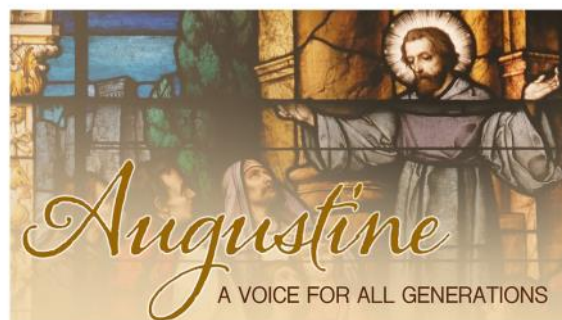
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PICK OF THE WEEK

August 22, 2021

AUGUSTINE: A VOICE FOR ALL GENERATIONS WITH MIKE AQUILINA

During this very special week for the Augustine Institute, we celebrate both our patron, St. Augustine, and his mother, St. Monica! As a preeminent Doctor of the Church, Augustine has been said to be “the holiest of the wise and the wisest of the holy.” To celebrate this great Church Father, please enjoy Augustine: A Voice for all Generations!



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Women's Retreat: The L.I. Women's Retreat Ministry is hosting this year's retreat at St. Joseph's Villa in Hampton Bays, September 10, 11 & 12, 2021. Our Guest Speaker, Patti Gordon, is an anointed speaker and her passion to bring God's Word to life is captivating and inspirational. Come and spend a weekend by Looking Through Eyes of Love. For more info: email: li.womensministry@gmail.com or call Yvonne Braccone at (631)-398-4086 or Nina McGee at (516)449-6197.

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Assumption

*Faith Formation***Registration 2021-22****Begins on July 1st & ends on September 3rd**All registrations are done online at www.abvmcentereach.com

Parish Social Ministry (Outreach)

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 Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM. **Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Baked Beans, Conditioner, Canned Vegetables.**



Coffee *in the* Courtyard

You are invited to "Coffee in the Courtyard", on every **Sunday after the 9:30 AM Mass.**

Hang out with our fellow worshippers, spend a few minutes conversing with others, make new friends, and build a stronger

community, in which we then become a stronger parish family. **All are welcome!** Join us after Mass for fellowship, wonderful conversations and of course coffee.

2021

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

One Family in Mission

Creating Pathways to Faith

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 addition, parishes who make their goal receive a rebate of 20% of the actual goal. I am glad to report that because of your generosity, we reached our goal in pledges. Please ask the Lord how you might participate if you haven't done so yet. Your pledge is payable over a six-month period of time.



Sint John the Baptist DHS is offering a Prep Course to prepare students for THE TEST FOR ADMISSION INTO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS (TACHS EXAM). St John the Baptist will run five 2 1/2 hour sessions beginning in September. They are

also offering a Test Taking Strategies Class Friday evening before the exam. For additional information please visit www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net or call 631-587-8000 ext 117

Did you know a 401k can help our Parish do God's work?

You worked hard for your 401k, IRA or other retirement plan. If you leave it to anyone besides a spouse, a good portion of that savings may go to taxes. But if you leave it to our Parish, the entire value will be put to good use because we are a tax-exempt organization. Simply fill out a *change of beneficiary form* and name our parish as a full or partial beneficiary. To learn more contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or bkilarjian@drvc.org.

Sunday, Aug 22, 2021

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Who do you serve?

Songwriter Bob Dylan had a come-to-Jesus moment in 1978 in a hotel room in Tucson, Arizona. More accurately, it seemed like Jesus came to him, as he felt "a presence in the room that couldn't have been anybody but Jesus." For four years, Dylan wrote songs critics panned as "God-awful gospel," and fans mourned the loss of what they'd come to expect from him. By 1981, Dylan had returned to his Jewish and folk-rock roots. Yet he never retracted his vision: "Well, it may be the devil, or it may be the Lord, but you gotta serve somebody." The choice remains ours.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ephesians 5:21-32; John 6:60-69 (122). *"If it does not please you to serve the LORD, decide today whom you will serve."*

Monday, Aug 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ROSE OF LIMA, VIRGIN

Family finesse

Parents have expectations of their kids, and kids want to make their own choices—it's part of the painful growing-up process. Rose of Lima was like a lot of teenagers who clashed with her parents about her future, and she was like a lot of saints who rankled family by refusing to marry. They never let her join a convent, but they didn't force her to wed either, finally relenting to her choice of chastity. She lived out her brief life as she had wished, in prayer and penance. She is the patron saint of family problems. Everyone has them, so ask Rose for help.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5, 8b-10; Matthew 23:13-22 (425). *"One who swears by heaven swears by the throne of God."*

Tuesday, Aug 24, 2021

FEAST OF BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE

Play a stirring role

Bartholomew, also called Nathanael, was one of the original 12 apostles and later, a traveling missionary. He embodied what it means to become a missionary disciple—one who, upon being led to Jesus, wishes to lead others to him, too. As the U.S. bishops say in *Go and Make Disciples*, Jesus "gave the Church the unending task of evangelizing as a restless power, to stir and to stimulate." Where can you stir interest in Jesus today?

TODAY'S READINGS: Revelation 21:9b-14; John 1:45-51 (629). *"Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel."*

Wednesday, Aug 25, 2021**The past is present**

Today, we are becoming aware of the deep truth that wrongs committed in the past, even generations ago, can still perpetuate evil. Such is the sin of racism, which the U.S. Catholic Bishops have repeatedly called "an evil which endures in our society and in our Church" (*Brothers and Sisters to Us*). Each of us is called to help dismantle racism, to reject profiting from the oppression of others, and to listen to the voices of those who have been silenced too long—for the sake of our past, present, and future.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13; Matthew 23:27-32 (427). *"You are like whitewashed tombs."*

Thursday, Aug 26, 2021**Be alert!**

Wakefulness is a term often used in spiritual writing. In today's gospel, Jesus tells his disciples, "Stay awake! You do not know on [which day your Lord will come.](#)" [The Catechism of the Catholic Church contains at least 20 references to being awake, usually](#) in regard to "awakening faith." The church wants its members to be vigilant and tells us in the catechism that the "Holy Spirit constantly seeks to awaken us to keep watch!" Ask the Holy Spirit to help you awaken to God's presence today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 3:7-13; Matthew 24:42-51 (428). *"Jesus said to his disciples: 'Stay awake!'"*

Friday, Aug 27, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MONICA

Hang in there

Sometimes it feels like all of our small choices and actions will never amount to anything. Go big or go home, we're told. Yet the stuff of transformation, healing, and love is knitted together one small thing at a time. Our call is to have faith and persist. Take a look at Saint Monica, a laywoman from North Africa, who day in and day out offered "small" acts of kindness, love, and care for her beloved yet wayward son Augustine. She never tired of believing in him, even storming heaven on his behalf. Persisting in the small things that are good, beautiful, and true can make a big difference. What small things are you called to persist in?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8; Matthew 25:1-13 (429). *"Stay awake."*

Saturday, Aug 28, 2021

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Let happiness be your song

Like all larger-than-life historical figures, Saint Augustine and his legacy are subject to debate. Some find in his vast work reason to take a pessimistic view of humanity. But he was quite life-affirming in his conviction that the happiness found in following God is indeed the only worthy and lasting happiness. "Happy is [the one] who has God," he succinctly put it. To "have" God for Augustine meant to love God, citing Psalm 72: "For me it is good to cling to God." Or, as Pharrell Williams put it in his blockbuster song "Happy" a few years back, "Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:9-11; Matthew 25:14-30 (430). *"You yourselves have been taught by God to love one another."*

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



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