



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, November 7th

7:30 a.m. — All Souls
9:30 a.m. — All Souls
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, November 8th

9:00 a.m. — Annamma & Thomas John (Molly)
Arnold Hoffmann (Wife)

Tuesday, November 9th

9:00 a.m. — Ron DellaCroce (Angela Nugent)
Gloria G. Pedro (Gochan Family)

Wednesday, November 10th

9:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of the
Rosary Altar Society
Huberto Patricio Serrano (Family)

Thursday, November 11th

9:00 a.m. — Thomas Spillane (Family)
Dawn Hearne (Sharon Holliday)

Friday, November 12th

9:00 a.m. — David & Kathleen Worrell (Family)
Intention of Jay Harold Weitzel (Friends & Family)

Saturday, November 13th

5:30 p.m. — Frank Plantamura (Plantamura Family)
Florescia Olea (Harry & Luz Gaviola)

Sunday, November 14th

7:30 a.m. — Joan Tait
9:30 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)
Helen Leeman (Satalino Family)
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

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.

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.

ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY

Every Thursday 7:00PM - 8:30PM
in the Parish Center

All 6th - 8th & 9th - 12th graders are Welcome

P.S. Mask required for everyone inside the building

For more information please contact Renata Tutka-Ptak
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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 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 \$8,406
(includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection \$8,179
Thank You!

Rest
in
Peace



Saveria DeCicco
Marianna Tutka

Good News Reflection**How much do you trust God?**

Following Jesus requires a tremendous amount of trust, because he often takes us to unexpected places that require new growth, difficult sacrifices, and moving beyond the boundaries of what's familiar and comfortable.

Consider the two widows in this Sunday's first reading and the Gospel reading. How could they give what common sense says they could not afford? Did they know with total certainty that God would take care of their needs? No. So they gave all they had because they were so in love with God that they trusted his love for them.



Trust is a sign of genuine love -- especially when the one we trust is God.

We can love others more freely and generously if we trust God to help us through the difficulties that occur when people prove themselves untrustworthy. Our freedom to love others unconditionally is not based upon how safe we are with them; it's based on how safe we are with God.

Each widow gave what she could not afford to lose. We cannot afford to love those who will cause us grief

and disappointment and feelings of rejection, and yet Jesus tells us to forgive them and do good to them and go the extra mile for them.

Sometimes doing good to those who are difficult to love must include "tough love", which asserts boundaries that they are not allowed to cross. Remember what Jesus did: Until Good Friday, Jesus always walked away from his persecutors. Did he give up on them? Did he stop loving them? Not at all. Following Christ means that we have to watch for and trust God's timing on speaking up versus walking away.

Sometimes doing good to those who are difficult to love must include enabling them to reap what they sow so that they begin to understand their need to repent. Instead of cleaning up their messes, we have to let them suffer from it. Think about it: Does God clean up our messes before we repent? Usually he won't even do that after we repent. What would we learn if someone else does the damage control?

Loving others always includes sacrificing ourselves and relying on God to comfort us, heal us, restore us, and bless us. We can trust God for this. Our jar of whatever we pour out to others for the sake of love will never go empty.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Jesus cares about you much more than anyone else can. Are you willing to look to him for the fullness of love that you need? What makes you feel unsafe with God? What needs healing or correction in your thinking so that you sit on Daddy-God's lap and feel secure and fully loved?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Describe a time when you gave more than you thought you could give: more money, more love, more time, more patience -- more of anything. What motivated you to be so generous? What were the end results? What did you learn from it?



Elijah meets the widow of Zarapheth. In the midst of a drought she uses her last bit of flour to feed Elijah. After she surrenders her flour for Elijah she has enough food to sustain her and her son until the drought ends.

We fear giving up our possessions because then we fear we will not have enough for ourselves. God promises to take responsibility for the life surrendered to him. God takes responsibility for us when we surrender our money and possessions to him.

Parish Social Ministry (Food Pantry) Needs for Thanksgiving

GIVING THANKS GIVING BACK

Thanksgiving
DRIVE

Gift Cards: With the Holidays just around the corner, we're getting ready to prepare Thanksgiving baskets for our clients. In addition to the food items listed below, please consider donating gift cards to local supermarkets. These are very helpful in providing those in need with a great Thanksgiving dinner, allowing them the dignity to choose their favorite holiday foods. Please drop off gift cards at the Parish Office or in the collection basket.

Pantry Needs: Boxed Milk, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Yams, Canned Vegetables, Stuffing Mix, Instant Potatoes and any other non-perishable food items. Please place these donations in our bin in the Church.



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!

Parish Social Ministry

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. **Paper Towels, Deodorant, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Fruit Juice, Canned Vegetables, Toilet Paper, Pet Food**



Coffee *in the* Courtyard

You are invited to “Coffee in the Courtyard”, on every **Sunday after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses**. 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.

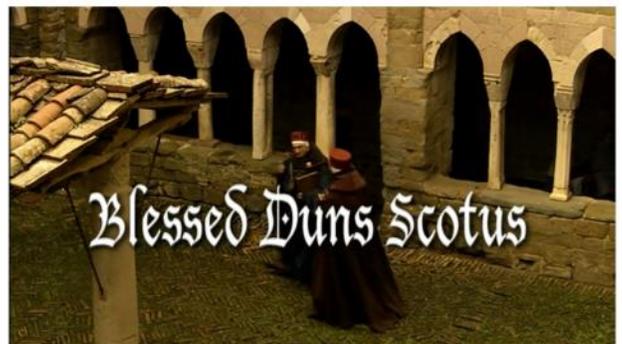
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PICK OF THE WEEK

Nov 7, 2021

BLESSED DUNS SCOTUS: DEFENDER OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The inspiring true story of the holy Franciscan priest and theologian who won a famous debate against the Dominicans in the thirteenth century, in which he defended Our Lady's great privilege of her Immaculate Conception. Filmed in beautiful ancient monastery locations in Europe, Scotus is revealed as a humble and courageous apostle of the Faith against the oppressive anti-Catholic government in power.



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Sunday, Nov 07, 2021

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A joyous calling

When we hear the word "vocation," the first thing that may come to mind is "sacrifice." Doesn't it imply God is asking us to give up something precious—like the rest of our lives and our freedom? No wonder we run from the idea whenever it surfaces! But if you ask a priest or religious sister or brother about what vocation means to them, words frequently uttered include *joy*, *meaning*, and *peace*. Listen to some who answered their inner longing speak of their joy [here](#), and pray for vocations this National Vocation Awareness Week.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44 (155). "[This widow], from her poverty, has contributed all she had."

Monday, Nov 08, 2021**Mary, all the way**

Nuestra Señora de los Treinta y Tres, or Our Lady of the Thirty-Three, also known as the Liberator of Uruguay, is the patron of that country. The image of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary was venerated by a group of 33 revolutionaries whose actions led to the founding of modern Uruguay, and there are still pilgrimages every November to the cathedral where this image is enshrined. Mary helps all of us along the way, on the pilgrimage of life, to the liberation of her son. Honor her on her feast day today by offering prayers of praise to the one who set us free from sin.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 1:1-7; Luke 17:1-6 (491). "If your brother sins, rebuke him; and if he repents, forgive him."

Tuesday, Nov 09, 2021

FEAST OF THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

We gather together

Saint Paul says we're each a temple of the Holy Spirit. Saint Peter calls us the "living stones" of the church. But having a physical place to gather and worship is of practical importance, too; it's where we forge the bonds of Christian community and celebrate Christ's Incarnation. And so, after Emperor Constantine's edict in 313—allowing persecuted Christians to come out of hiding and be public in their practice—it's significant that he gifted a young church with the Lateran properties. How can you help your own parish maintain Christian community, knowing COVID has kept many from physically gathering?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22 (671). "No one can lay a foundation other than the one that is there, namely, Jesus Christ."

Wednesday, Nov 10, 2021

MEMORIAL OF LEO THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Follow the good doctor's advice

The Latin word "doctor" means teacher, and so we have a number of them within the church to whom we look for inspiration and guidance on matters of significance of faith and belief. Leo the Great, whose feast we celebrate today, is one of those "doctors" whose teachings have helped form the foundation upon which we stand today as Catholic Christians. In Saint Leo's case, it was his defense of the doctrine of Christ's Incarnation—that Jesus is fully

human and fully divine—that won him fame as a stalwart of the faith. Honor Leo by living fully the divine love showered upon you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 6:1-11; Luke 17:11-19 (493). "Authority was given you by the Lord and sovereignty by the Most High, who shall probe your works and scrutinize your counsels."

Thursday, Nov 11, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MARTIN OF TOURS, BISHOP

Give us wisdom to confront and ease poverty

Saint Martin of Tours, today's saint, is famous for tearing his cloak in two to give half to a beggar. With poverty entrenched in our world, knowing how to overcome it ourselves or how to help those who are afflicted is a constant. Perhaps the Wisdom of God, uplifted in the first reading for today, can give guidance. In the footsteps of Saint Martin, we Christians turn to "Wisdom a spirit intelligent, holy, unique" to respond to the many kinds of pain inflicted by poverty.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 7:22b—8:1; Luke 17:20-25 (494). "For behold, the Kingdom of God is among you."

Friday, Nov 12, 2021

MEMORIAL OF JOSAPHAT, BISHOP, MARTYR

Don't let passion trump compassion

Saint Josaphat, Basilian monk and church reformer, born around 1580, worked to consolidate the Eastern and Western Christian Churches and was part of the "uniat" camp in Lithuania that supported union with Rome. Try as he might, Josaphat couldn't persuade all of his compatriots of the value of a unified Catholic Church, and his detractors claimed he had "gone Latin." Those against the union eventually stormed the bishop's residence and murdered him. Passions run deep when it comes to religion and politics, but, like Josaphat, never lose sight of the ultimate commandment for Christians: to love neighbor, friend, and enemy alike.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 13:1-9; Luke 17:26-37 (495). "If they so far succeeded in knowledge that they could speculate about the world, how did they not more quickly find its Lord?"

Saturday, Nov 13, 2021

MEMORIAL OF FRANCES XAVIER CABRINI, FOUNDER

Celebrate a saint for immigrants

As we wrap up National Vocation Awareness Week, we celebrate one of the truly great American vocations of the 20th century, Frances Xavier Cabrini. Mother Cabrini was the first U.S. citizen to be made a saint. She came to the United States from Italy in 1889 to help the flood of immigrants coming to America. Starting with nothing, she founded schools, orphanages, and hospitals to provide support for her fellow immigrants. In her spirit, reach out to immigrants in need—documented or otherwise—they are everywhere to be found these days.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 18:14-16; 19:6-9; Luke 18:1-8 (496). "Will not God then secure the rights of his chosen ones who call out to him day and night?"

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



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