



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

December 12, 2021

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week

Sunday, December 12th

- 7:30 a.m. — Joan Tait (Holy Name Society)
 Maria Christina Caccavello (Luigi & Rita)
 9:30 a.m. — Marianna Tutka
 Joseph Nugent (M/M Ed Pozzi & Family)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, December 13th

- 9:00 a.m. — Richard Bonsignore
 Intention of Laura McCoy & Joseph Augustin (J. McCoy)

Tuesday, December 14th

- 9:00 a.m. — Alonzo Werner (Family)
 Jerry Lamura (Joann & Rick Arroyo)

Wednesday, December 15th

- 9:00 a.m. — Dawn Hearne
 Edith Bucley (John & Maureen)

Thursday, December 16th

- 9:00 a.m. — Maria & Inacio DeSousa (Family)
 Jay G. Santorello (Santorello)

Friday, December 17th

- 9:00 a.m. — Dawn Hearne
 Marianna Tutka (Jeanne & Jerry Flynn)

Saturday, December 18th

- 5:30 p.m. — Marek Kukulski (Agnes Tomala & Family)
 Joanne Ruf (Pat Rivers)

Sunday, December 19th

- 7:30 a.m. — Kristie Cleary (Irene & Joe Zabbara)
 Thomas Taco Reyna (Danny Connolly)
 9:30 a.m. — Ken Maher (Palma Family)
 Stanley & Helen Mosior (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 at 631-585-8760 ext. 105 or rptak@abvmcentereach.com

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..

Rest
in
Peace



Carl Kloiber
Victor Lugo



Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship
as a Way of Life

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$11,880
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$11,687
Thank You!

Good News Reflection***Experiencing joy as ministry***

The Third Sunday of Advent focuses our attention on the spirit of joyfulness, because this is an essential mark of true faith in Christ. All of the readings are full of joy and the thrill of happy expectation. In the Gospel reading, John the Baptizer preaches good news to the people, and they are filled with joyful anticipation for whatever God is about to do.

Do you know that joy is a ministry? It's an important way to share the faith. We all have a calling to do this ministry wherever there is misery and hopelessness.

Let's look at how John fulfilled this ministry of joy. We might think he was anything but joyful in his robe of scratchy camels' hair and his fiery sermons about repenting from sin. But look closer. His ministry prepared people's hearts to receive Jesus.

Having faith means trusting God which means resting in hope which produces joy. When you or someone you know is lacking joy, it's because Jesus has not yet been invited fully into the situation that's been stealing the joy. It might be too early in the grieving process, which is healthy and normal, or it might be a lack of faith, which needs nurturing.



The ability to experience the joy of faith comes from turning to the love of God and receiving his comfort in the midst of hardships. It also arises from getting to know the joyful side of Jesus and the joyful purposes behind all of his teachings.

Jesus preached going the extra mile, loving our enemies, and doing good to those who cause us hardships, none of which is fun. What we need to discover and then share with others is that holy living, although not always fun, is what unites us to the joyful love of Jesus and the joyful purposes of everything he preached. Remember, even going to the cross produces joyful results.

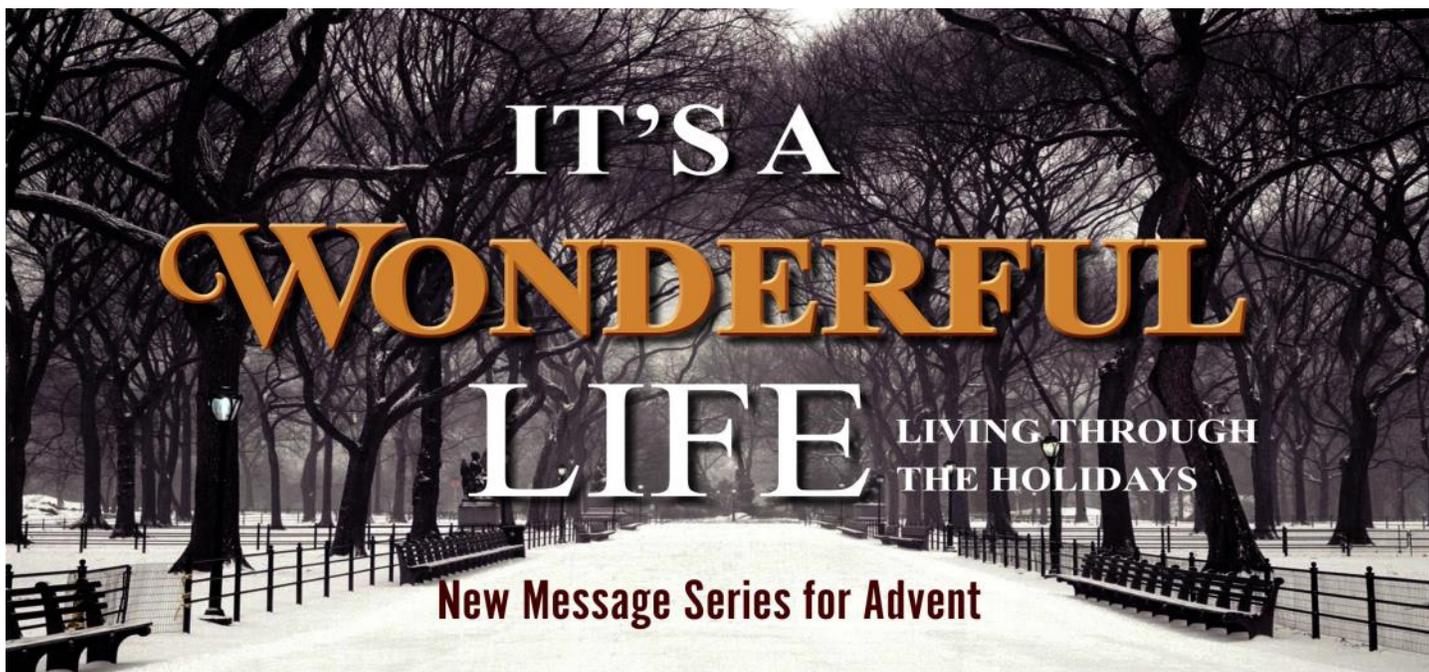
The good news is: Jesus didn't just tell us how to be holy, he gave us the power to be holy: He gave us his Holy Spirit. And when others see the Holy Spirit's activity in us, if they know that Jesus is the reason for our joy, they are evangelized by our faith!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Think of a recent sin you've committed. How did it prevent you from experiencing joy? The next time, how will you rely on the Holy Spirit to help you turn temptation into joy?

Questions for Faith Sharing:

Name some of the special joys you experience during Advent and Christmas; how do they help you grow stronger in holiness? Describe a time when you helped someone else become joyful; how did Jesus reveal himself in that?



Gratitude needs to be expressed to be realized and truly beneficial. Giving is a key way in which we express gratitude to God for the many gifts he has given us. When we use the resources God has given us to help people with less resources we are expressing our gratitude to God.

This week we want to identify a person in your circle of friends, neighbors, family who are not church goers. Identify them by name and begin the process of thanking God in advance for the blessing he will bestow on them through your efforts. We express our gratitude to God for what the Lord is going to do. God isn't finished with us. Grace abounds for those who seek it out.

STEWARDSHIP
— SUNDAY —
GIVING to our parish is an act of worship

Thank you very much for your commitment to our parish as we journey together rebuilding our parish by Loving God, Serving Others and Growing Disciples. This is just a gentle reminder to Plan, Pray, Commit and return your commitment card to the office by mail or by depositing it in the collection basket on Sunday with your worship offering.

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!

Scan. Pay. Go.

Parish Social Ministry (Food Pantry) for Christmas

Gift Cards for Christmas: With Christmas just around the corner, we're getting ready to prepare Christmas baskets for our Parish Social Ministry clients. Gift cards to local stores such as Walmart and Target are very helpful in providing those in need with the ability to purchase gifts for their children. We are also happy to accept supermarket gift cards. You can place your gift cards in the collection basket at Mass or drop them off at the Parish Office or the Welcome desk.



Free Flu Vaccines **Mobile Outreach Bus**



The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer **free** flu vaccines in your community given by a Catholic Health registered nurse.



**Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary Church
33 Crown Acres Rd.
Centereach, NY
in the Parking Lot**

**Thursday,
December 16, 2021
10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Catholic Health will be giving free flu vaccinations in their mobile outreach bus at the Assumption parking lot on Thursday, December 16. No insurance is required. They will offer vaccines for adults as well as seniors 65 and older. Vaccinations will be given between 10 AM and 2 PM on a first come - first served basis. No appointment is necessary. If you haven't had a chance to get the flu vaccine yet, feel free to take advantage of this opportunity!

ADOREMUS EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, December 17, 2021 - 7:30 - 8:30 PM

in the church & LIVE Streaming

PRAISE AND WORSHIP * SILENT ADORATION * BENEDICTION



Faith Formation Students from 1st to 6th grade are performing the living nativity in the church. Last year we couldn't have our pageant because of the obvious reasons. All are welcome to both celebrations.

ALL ARE WELCOME

Parish Family Event sponsored by the **Women's Ministry**. Tree lighting, Christmas carols, and refreshments after. Please invite family and friends to come and enjoy the evening.

