



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

January 16 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Sunday, January 16th

9:30 a.m. — Anita Kollen (Barbara Lien)
Jim Rielly (Joy Newell)
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish
Jean & Phillip Cavallo (Cavallo Family)

Monday, January 17th

9:00 a.m. — Rosemary O'Connor (Annette Wolz)
Teresa Sokolowski (Teresa Vos)

Tuesday, January 18th

9:00 a.m. — Rosemary O'Connor (Josephine Scala)

Wednesday, January 19th

9:00 a.m. — Thomas Kenan (Family)

Thursday, January 20th

9:00 a.m. — Rosemary O'Connor (Maureen & Sheila)

Friday, January 21st

9:00 a.m. — Katherine Aridas (Terry Cheshire)

Saturday, January 22nd

5:30 p.m. — Rosemary MacDowell (S. Galotifiore)
Thanksgiving for Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Sunday, January 23rd

9:30 a.m. — John & Margaret Cahill (Mary Ross)
Lindsey Sherlock (Maureen Reilly)
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish
Marek Kuhulski (Zoldak Family)

**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 \$10,023
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$9,870
Thank You!

We celebrate EUCHARIST

Saturdays: 5:30 PM
Sundays: 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*  Dorothy Fiederlein

Good News Reflection**How to handle conflicts without sinning**

The Gospel story this Sunday gives us a good example of how to handle conflicts without sinning.

Mary sees a need and wants Jesus to do something about it. She knows full well that only a miraculous intervention will solve the problem. She wants the divine in him to respond to her request, but the human nature of Jesus responds first: He doesn't want to reveal his divinity with this kind of miracle. He's eager to heal souls, not empty wine jars.

"Woman, how does your concern affect me?" he says. "My hour has not yet come." This is like saying, "I respect your request, holy Daughter of Eve, but think about how a miracle in this situation would affect the ministry I'm about to start! People will come to me for party favors and other earthly pleasures, but I want to give them eternal salvation."



We Catholics like to use this scripture as faith-building evidence of the Blessed Mother's ability to help us. We see her in this story as a mother who can get for us whatever we want from Jesus, because she can make him change his mind. Jesus told her no, but the conflict was resolved her way. Mary won, Jesus lost.

Isn't this how we view conflicts?

It's not resolved until someone's a winner and someone else is a loser. Therefore, when we make requests of God and he doesn't give us what we want, we feel like we're the loser, so we pray harder, trying to make God become the loser. And when that doesn't work, we ask the Blessed Mother to side with us and influence her Son against his will.

But God wants us to be the winner from the start! He always wants what's best for us. Mary knew this when she told the wine stewards, "Do whatever my Son tells you."

Conflicts are not inherently bad. Conflicts become sacred opportunities for wonderful solutions when we entrust them to God. Mary trusted that Jesus cared about the people at the party. Jesus trusted that the Father cared about both the people and his ministry. It was a win-win situation.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

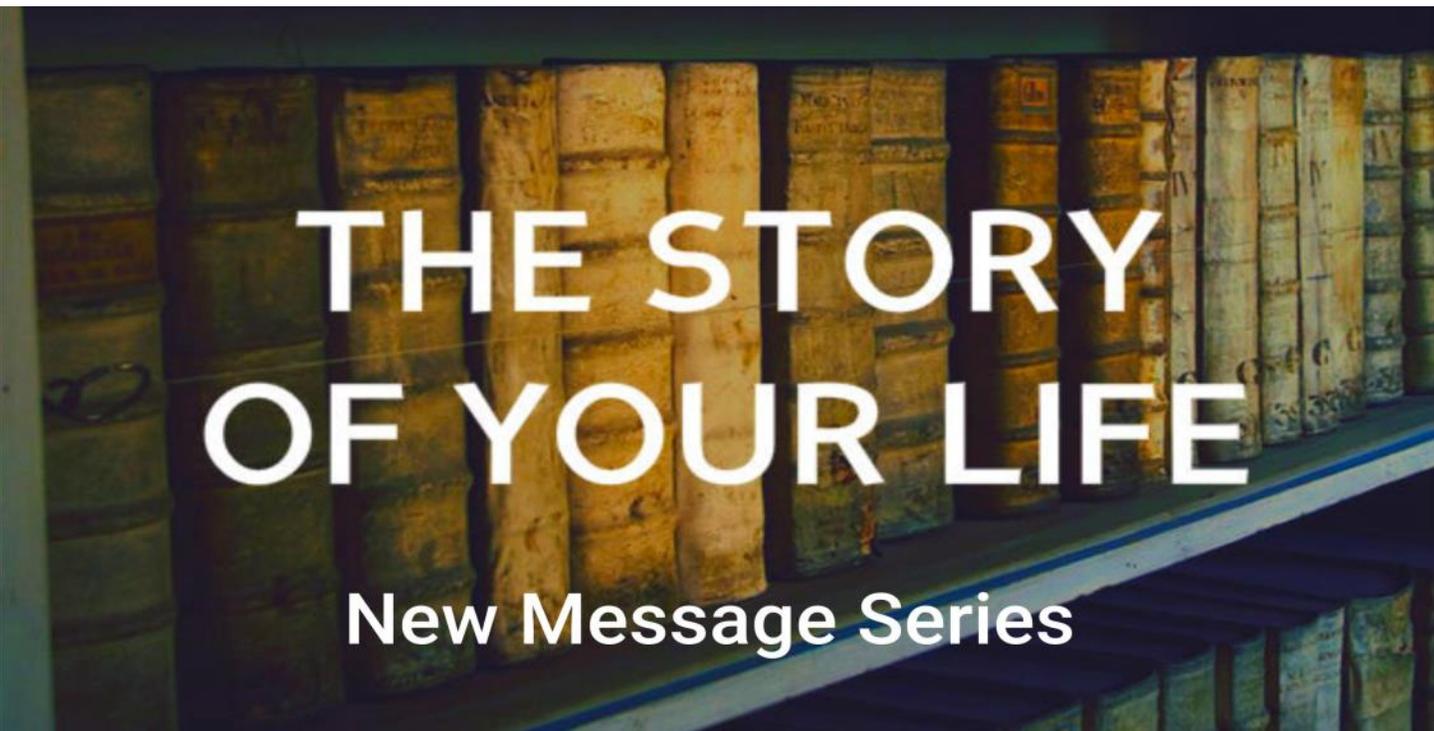
How do you feel when you lose an argument? How hard do you work at making the other person lose? Will you trust God to take good care of you -- even if you feel like a loser?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Describe a conflict (a hypothetical one or a real one from your past or present) and suggest an ideal solution. Is anyone a loser in this scenario? If you were to truly trust God, what might he do to resolve the conflict so that everyone benefits?

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New Mass Schedule**Beginning January 8th****Saturday 5:30 PM, Sunday 9:30, 11:30 AM**



THE STORY OF YOUR LIFE

New Message Series

The Gospel from John tells us the story of the wedding at Cana. Mary finds out the couple lacks wine and so she goes to Jesus and asks him to help the couple. Jesus turns the water into wine because she asks him. Just as Mary could help the couple that day because she knew what was happening in their story, we need some people in our lives who know our stories and can support us through difficult times. In this message we will look at the need for relationships, where we can know others and be known. We will use this week to encourage everyone to get in small groups as a place where they can grow to understand their story by sharing it with others. Groups are a place where you can grow in understanding of God's larger story for your life.

Write Your Own Story: Questions for Personal Reflection

Take a few minutes to respond to the prompts below. Before answering the questions ask the Holy Spirit to inspire, comfort and encourage you.

A. Childhood

My clearest memory is...

One lesson I learned about life or myself was...

About this stage of life I feel...

What do you think God was doing in your life?

B. Teenage Years

My clearest memory is...

One lesson I learned about life or myself was...

About this stage of life I feel...

What do you think God was doing in your life?

C. College Years

My clearest memory is...

One lesson I learned about life or myself was...

About this stage of life I feel...

What do you think God was doing in your life?

D. Post College Years (20's)

My clearest memory is...

One lesson I learned about life or myself was...

About this stage of life I feel...

What do you think God was doing in your life?

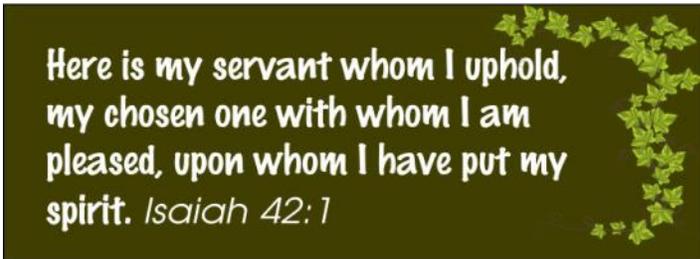
E. Adulthood (30's, 40's, 50's)

My clearest memory is...

One lesson I learned about life or myself was...

About this stage of life I feel...

What do you think God was doing in your life?



Here is my servant whom I uphold,
my chosen one with whom I am
pleased, upon whom I have put my
spirit. *Isaiah 42:1*

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. **Pantry Needs: Grape Jelly, Fruit Juice, Salad Dressing, Mayonnaise, Shampoo, Conditioner, Toothbrushes, Laundry Detergent**



FAITH FORMATION CLASSES & YOUTH MINISTRY

Faith Formation classes and Youth Ministry, for the weeks of January 10th and January 17th are canceled. Classes will resume on Monday, January 24th, and Youth Ministry on Thursday, January 27th.



Faith Formation

ADOREMUS
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WITH CONTEMPORARY AND TRADITIONAL MUSIC

Friday, January 21, 2022 - 7:30 - 8:30 PM

LIVE **Streaming**

www.abvmcentereach.com - facebook: [Assumption BVM](#) - Youtube Channel: [ABVM Centereach](#)

PRAISE AND WORSHIP * SILENT ADORATION * BENEDICTION



Out of Christian charity, we ask that all comply with the NY State requirement to **WEAR MASKS** when participating in any activities on parish grounds.



Hall. **COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD will be CLOSED until the mask requirement is lifted.** become a stronger parish family. **All are welcome!**

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

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Sunday, Jan 16, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You are gifted, any way you slice it

We're all good at something. But not all of us consider our talents and skills as assets given to the Body of Christ. Say you can sew, make people laugh, fix an engine, bake a great pie, or balance a mean checkbook. Of what use are these things to the church, you might ask. Discernment of gifts is something Saint Paul took very seriously in the early community. In our faith sharing, we might ask each other how "mighty deeds" or knowledge or healing might be translated into modern needs the church has. Don't underestimate the healing value of a great pie!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Corinthians 12:4-11; John 2:1-11 (66). *"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit."*

Monday, Jan 17, 2022**Help the dream awaken**

One of the many things Martin Luther King, Jr. taught Americans was that faith could—and should!—be a driving force for positive social change. He also showed that people of all faiths could put aside differences and do this work together. A Baptist minister, King met with Pope John XXIII and many other faith leaders who later together publicly lamented his death. Keep King's spirit of faith-based social action and interfaith cooperation alive—gather with Catholics and other people of God to discuss, learn, pray, plan, and act on a peaceful journey toward healing all forms of inequality.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 15:16-23; Mark 2:18-22 (311). *"But the days will come when the bridegroom is taken away from them, and then they will fast on that day."*

Tuesday, Jan 18, 2022**Shop with a conscience**

Today we note Mary Kenney O'Sullivan, who died on this day in 1943. A Catholic mother of three, she poured her considerable talents into organizing working-class women to demand the right to vote and expect justice in their workplaces. She fought for social justice even as the concept of Catholic social teaching was still being refined and formed into what it is today. O'Sullivan understood and lived out social teaching concepts of solidarity, the dignity of the human person, and the dignity of work. Can your shopping choices, voting patterns, and prayers help uplift workers who are currently mistreated?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Mark 2:23-28 (312). *"The sabbath was made for man, not man for the sabbath. That is why the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath."*

Wednesday, Jan 19, 2022**God loves an underdog**

We all tend to cheer for the underdog. We find it inspiring when the person or team least expected to win triumphs. David's victory over Goliath appeals to us for this reason. But there's more to the story. When we have an unsurmountable task before us, it is wise to let God take control. After all, God is all powerful. History is full of saints who did the unexpected because they trusted that God would supplement their weaknesses. As Saint Catherine of Siena advises: "Start being brave about everything . . . Don't look at your weakness, but realize that in Christ crucified you can do

everything." Today pray for God's will to be revealed to you and trust that he will give you the strength you need.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mark 3:1-6 (313).

"Is it lawful to do good on the sabbath rather than to do evil, to save life rather than to destroy it?"

Thursday, Jan 20, 2022

MEMORIAL OF SEBASTIAN, MARTYR

Listen to the peoples' laments

The anguish of physical pain can be a fact of life. In medieval times many artists were fascinated by the martyrdom of Saint Sebastian and created gruesome images of it. For practicing Christianity in the third century, Sebastian was ordered to be executed by arrows. He survived this ordeal, only to later be beaten to death for his faith. Father Robin Ryan, C.P., a Passionist priest, says when he encounters people suffering in any form, he avoids explanations as so much about God and suffering is a mystery. He tries to allow those in pain to lament and share their emotion with God, often using the psalms as a starting point as they "help us to recognize that we belong to a tradition and a community of faith; we are not alone in this experience." Draw solace from the lament tradition the next time you find yourself or others in pain.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mark 3:7-12 (314). *"He had cured many and, as a result, those who had diseases were pressing upon him to touch him."*

Friday, Jan 21, 2022

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, MARTYR

I stand with Agnes

The stories of martyrs can make us feel a bit uneasy. They edify us, but they also can—and should—horrify us. Why? Because in every story, we encounter human violence, perhaps even a reflection of the violence we ourselves have suffered, committed, or ignored. While we laud fourth-century martyr Agnes of Rome for her sacred commitment to chastity, we must not overlook the fact that she was martyred for resisting a forced, unwanted relationship and inhumane treatment as mere property. Agnes' story is particularly relevant today because women continue to face the very real threat of personal as well as systemic violence. Will you stand with Agnes against gender violence in all its forms?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 24:3-21; Mark 3:13-19 (315). *"You have treated me generously, while I have done you harm."*

Saturday, Jan 22, 2022

DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

Cradle-to-grave Catholics

To embrace a consistent ethic of life is to not only oppose abortion but also to support and defend the dignity and right to life in all conditions and under all circumstances. The term "the Seamless Garment" was coined by the Catholic activist Eileen Egan to characterize this position, later popularized by the late Cardinal Joseph Bernardin. He said: "Those who defend the right to life of the weakest among us must be equally visible in support of the quality of life of the powerless among us: the old and the young, the hungry and the homeless, the undocumented immigrant and [the unemployed worker.](#)" [Learn more about the Seamless Garment ethic and take a stand today for life in all its forms!](#)

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mark 3:20-21 (316). *"Let us see your face, Lord, and we shall be saved."*

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



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