



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**May 29, 2022**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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## Mass Intentions for the week

### Sunday, May 29th

9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)  
Martha & Steven Dengenhardt (Joy Newell)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish  
Mary Michaelis (Ann & Andrew Chapman)

### Monday, May 30th

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Chris Aridas (Flynn Family)  
Mark Weinheimer (John & Dawn Huether)

### Tuesday, May 31st

9:00 a.m. — Rev. Thomas Alenchery (Wolz Family)  
Patrick J. Kearney (Family)

### Wednesday, June 1st

9:00 a.m. — Anna Joseph Alenchery

### Thursday, June 2nd

9:00 a.m. — Joanne White  
David & Kathleen Worrell

### Saturday, June 4th

5:30 p.m.— Pat McKenna (Barbara Della Croce)  
Florence Taluto (Pat Rivers)

### Sunday, June 5th

9:30 a.m.— Frederick C. Lingen (Family)  
Florence Talluto (Calestini Family)

11:30 a.m.—Maria & Inacio de Sousa (Family)

Rest  
in  
Peace



Deceased Brothers & Sisters of  
Our Parish Family

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**Time, Talent & Treasure**  
Fostering Stewardship  
as a Way of Life

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

**Last Week's Collection \$7,824**  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$10,161**  
*Thank You!*

### We celebrate **EUCHARIST**

Saturdays: 5:30 PM  
Sundays: 9:30, 11:30 AM  
Weekdays: Mon—Thurs 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 Hall**

**All 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders are Welcome**

For more information please contact Renata Tutka-Ptak  
at 631-585-8760 ext. 105 or rptak@abvmcentereach.com

### **Sacraments**

For more information on Baptism, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick, please visit our parish website [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com) or call the office at 631-585-8760 during regular office hours.

### **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.

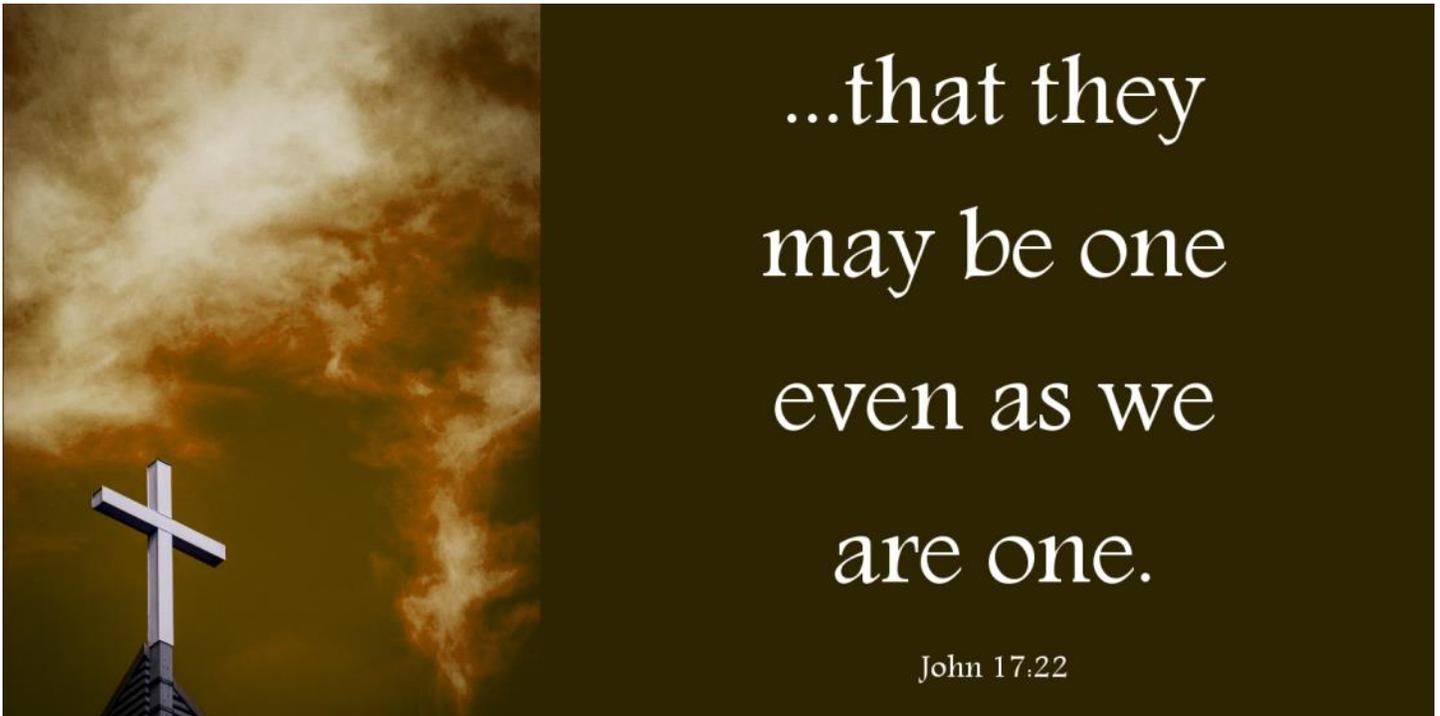
### **Scouting (Cub Scout, Boy Scouts)**

Contact Denise Materazo at dmfl121@yahoo.com for more details..

**Good News Reflection****The sacrament of relationships**

Today's Gospel reading contains the prayer for the Church that Jesus offered up to heaven shortly before he offered his life in the crucifixion. In it, he makes a sacrament out of relationships. As Jesus and the Father are one, we too are to be one with each other, so that by our witness of unity – permanent, committed, self-sacrificing, unconditional love – we show the world what God's love is like. We prove to the world that God's love is real: It's permanent, committed, unconditional, and self-sacrificing no matter how much one sins.

A sacramental marriage is a visual lesson for the world, a teaching about radical love: how God loves us unconditionally, for better and for worse, in sickness and in health, whether we are rich or poor, with complete faithfulness. Marriage is meant to be a life of radical love, a love that cannot be experienced outside the bonds of permanent vows. In a sacramental marriage, the husband lays down his life to serve his wife, and the wife lays down her life to serve her husband, just as Christ laid down his life to serve us and who are the Church, the Bride of Christ, lay down our lives to follow him and serve him.



Marriage is that sacred! This is the reason why a Catholic priest cannot marry couples who have been divorced until after an investigation proves that previous marriages were not true unions. The unity of a couple is as sacred as the unity between Jesus and the Father and as sacred as our God-ordained mission to reveal his love.

Other relationships – when God has formed them – are sacred, too. Each union created by God is a sacrament (the presence and power of Christ for the world). Each relationship is meant to be a visual lesson that teaches the world about the true identity and salvation of Jesus.

How horrible – how anti-evangelization – are divisions within the Body of Christ!!

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

List the people who are God's gift to you. Who used to be a gift but no longer seems so due to hardships and relational difficulties? What will you do for that person this week to serve him or her in love (even if they won't be able to know about it)?

**Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:**

Describe a time when a loving gesture from a friend, spouse, parent, or someone else revealed to you God's love. Even if you didn't realize it at the time, how was this gift of love an answer to Jesus' prayer? How is God building unity in your home or parish as an answer to Jesus' prayer?



**Week 2 Scripture: Acts 1:1-5**

On one hand I want more of the Spirit but on the other hand I want to stay in my own mediocrity, my own safety and comfort zone. But growth is always outside of our comfort zone.



***Nocturnal Adoration***

Come and be in the presence of the Lord who is present in the Holy Eucharist. Silent Adoration, readings and benediction.

***First Friday of the month at 1:00—2:00 PM  
In the church.***

**Next Adoration is on Friday, June 3**

**Small Groups** is where our large church gets small. Groups are 6-10 people who meet to discuss faith, go deeper in the weekly message, and support one another in their relationship with Christ. This is the place to care for others and be cared for; a place to impact our community and the world. Assumption small groups are open to accept more people to help your faith journey. If you like to join a small group, stop by at the Welcome Desk in the church lobby on Sunday or email [rptak@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rptak@abvmcentereach.com) to sign up



You are invited to “Coffee in the Courtyard”, on every **Sunday after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses at the Plaza between church and the Parish Center**. 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 for fellowship, wonderful conversations and of course coffee.

## 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: Dishwashing Liquid, Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, Conditioner, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Fruit Juice & Hot Chocolate.**

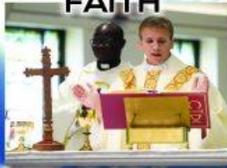


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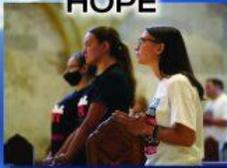
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"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."  
- Pope Francis

FAITH



HOPE



& LOVE



One Family in Mission – Building a Community of

Every year Catholic Ministries Appeal enables our Church on Long island to continue to form our youth and adults in the faith, promote the dignity of life, provide quality education to our young people, feed the hungry, and foster vocations to the priesthood. Our Parish goal this year is \$56,400. We have surpassed our goal last year (54,200) and got back more than \$13,000 as rebate to use it in our parish. Your generosity helps to make all of this, and so much more, possible! **Thank you for your support.**

## SAVE THE DATE

JULY 25 - JULY 29

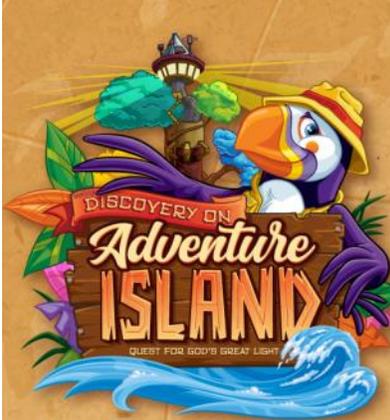
9am to 12pm

K - 6<sup>th</sup> grades

7<sup>th</sup> grade and older -

Junior Counselor

Adult Volunteers needed



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



## First Fundraiser of the Year to fund the charitable works of Court St Gerard.

### -Bingo Night-

On Friday, June 24, 2022 in the Parish Center Hall. Doors open at 6:00 PM Cost: \$25.00. Dinner and Desserts will be served. All reservations should be in by **June 17, 2022**. For more information please contact Marcy at 631-467-1094 or 646-785-4934



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit [faithdirect.net/NY563](http://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!



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**Sunday, May 29, 2022**

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**Hear me out**

Pope Francis chose one word for the theme of this year's World Communications Day: "Listen!" Since the pandemic has spared no one, we each carry wounds that need to be acknowledged and healed. Dialogue isn't all about talking, the pope notes. At least half the time we should be listening, a task requiring humility in order to receive the truth of another person's experience. At the same time, the quest for truth involves the discernment of reliable information. We begin with the courage to listen, free of prejudice or agenda. Only then can we find our way together to the light.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 7:55-60; Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; John 17:20-26 (61). *"That they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you."*

**Monday, May 30, 2022**

EASTER WEEKDAY

**Give thanks for reverse mission**

Membership in the Catholic Church in the Western world is declining. It's painful for those who remain to see fewer and fewer people in the pews—or worse, to experience the closing of their parishes. It can seem like the church is on the ropes. But stop to think: There are an estimated 1.2 billion Roman Catholics in the world—more than 40 percent of them in Latin America, and the largest growth is in Africa and Asia. Many U.S. Catholic parishes now have priests from those regions. Consider how the Holy Spirit might be at work, with those the West once missioned to now missioning to us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 (297). *"In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."*

**Tuesday, May 31, 2022**

FEAST OF THE VISITATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Moved by the Spirit**

The scene of Elizabeth greeting Mary, both carrying miraculous pregnancies, is blessedly familiar to Catholic ears. Our "Hail Mary" prayer comes from this encounter. And we hear that even *in utero* John the Baptist recognizes Jesus and leaps for joy. But Saint Ambrose makes an observation about this visit that's easy to miss: "Mary sets out for the hill country . . . She goes eager in purpose, dutiful in conscience, hastening for joy. Filled with God, where would she hasten but to the heights? The Holy Spirit does not proceed by slow, laborious efforts." When has the Holy Spirit prompted you to act in joyful haste?

TODAY'S READINGS: Zephaniah 3:14-18a or Romans 12:9-16; Luke 1:39-56 (572). *"Most blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb."*

**Wednesday, Jun 01, 2022**

MEMORIAL OF JUSTIN, MARTYR

**Give thanks to those who gave it all**

Today we celebrate the feast of Saint Justin, a figure known for his philosophical prowess, as well as his astute defense of the Christian faith during the second century. His writings are some of the earliest among the church fathers, making his comments on subjects like the sacraments a vital source of information about what the early church believed. He stood out as one arguing for the proto-Christian nature of Greek philosophers such as Socrates

and Plato and sought to use their ideas to explain and spread the faith among his non-Christian contemporaries. These included hostile Roman emperors, and Justin was eventually martyred alongside several of his students. Give thanks for the early witnesses who contributed so dearly to the deposit of faith we have inherited.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299). *"I gave them your word, and the world hated them, because they do not belong to the world."*

**Thursday, Jun 02, 2022**

MEMORIAL OF MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS

**May we all get to rest in peace**

Little is known historically about early Christians Marcellinus and Peter, martyred in 304. It is said they were killed at an out-of-the-way location by hostile Roman authorities so that other Christians would not have a chance to bury and venerate their bodies. Even so, it is said they peacefully and without protest cleared the spot chosen for their death, an overgrown thicket three miles from Rome. The fact they could die with peaceful hearts indicates the strength of their faith and trust. Pray that we too can find that peace when we come to our own time and place of final repose.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300). *"[May] the love with which you loved me . . . be in them and I in them."*

**Friday, Jun 03, 2022**

MEMORIAL OF CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

**The Spirit is on the move**

The astounding growth of the Catholic Church in Africa has not come easily. Many a martyr died along the way, including Charles Lwanga and his companions of Uganda, martyred in 1895. From modest beginnings, there are now well over 13 million Catholics in Uganda—40 percent of the population—and continent-wide, Catholic Church membership rose from 2 million in 1900 to 140 million in 2000. In 2009, when Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI visited Africa, the total had grown to an estimated 158 million. By 2025, one-sixth (230 million) of the world's Catholics are expected to be Africans. Give thanks for the flourishing of the Spirit worldwide.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301). *"He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God."*

**Saturday, Jun 04, 2022**

EASTER WEEKDAY; SHAVUOT

**May the harvest be plentiful**

Today is the Jewish festival of Shavuot, the Feast of Weeks. It is the Biblical celebration of the wheat harvest (Exodus 34:22) and, in the Orthodox Jewish tradition, the giving of the Torah to Moses on Mount Sinai. It's called "weeks" because it commemorates the counting of seven weeks from the barley harvest to the wheat harvest, or from the Passover to today. It has a parallel in our Christian tradition of counting from Easter to Pentecost, a word that means "fiftieth," celebrated tomorrow. One of the modern customs celebrated on Shavuot is presenting to the community babies born during the year. Let's pray for all the babies we know who have made it to birth this year.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21:20-25 (302). *"There are also many other things that Jesus did."*

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



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