



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**August 14, 2022**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**Sunday, August 14th**

9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)  
 Carmine Festa (Helen, Diane & Pam)  
 11:30 a.m.—Robert Eck (Mr. & Mrs. Cavaliere)  
 Teresita Valisno (Aida, Tonypet & Arnold)

**Monday, August 15th**

9:00 a.m. — Dawn Hearne (Lunchies)  
 Rosemary O'Connor

**Tuesday, August 16th**

9:00 a.m. — Catherine Molick (Jeanne & Jerry Flynn)  
 Karen Lessler (Jeanne & Jerry Flynn)

**Wednesday, August 17th**

9:00 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary  
 Altar Society  
 John DiBona (DiBona Family)

**Thursday, August 18th**

9:00 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)  
 Frank Stile (Connie & Vinnie Stile)

**Saturday, August 20th**

5:30 p.m.— Lilian Lang  
 Cathy Zemalkowski (Mary Ross)

**Sunday, August 21st**

9:30 a.m.— Leroy Lovell (Jeanne & Jerry Flynn)  
 John Palladino (Kerrie & Dennis Saslofsky)  
 11:30 a.m.— Patrick J. Kearney (Family)  
 People of the Parish

**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 web-site [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..

Rest  
in  
Peace



Barbara I. Kemper  
 Connie Stile



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

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

**Last Week's Collection \$7,954**  
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$9,278**  
**Thank You!**

**Good News Reflection*****The fire that changes the world***

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus says that he did not come to bring peace to earth. He came to light a fire. The fire that he longed for with great anguish was the presence of the Holy Spirit alive and active within each of his followers. This is what changes the world. This is what brings lasting peace, first within us and then flowing out from us.

The Holy Spirit is a fire that purifies us from impurities -- the unloving behaviors and attitudes -- that cause disharmony, disunity, conflicts and war. This purification makes us capable of feeling peaceful even in the midst of trials and attacks from others. This is what makes us channels of God's peace in a world that desperately needs it. If you do not yet feel the fire of the Holy Spirit impassioning you to spread the peace of Christ, Jesus is in anguish over you.



Think of the evil around you that you've been wishing would stop. What does Jesus want you to do about it? What impurities in your own spirit needs to be burn off by the fire of the Holy Spirit so you can overshadow the evil with divine goodness? Look at what Jesus had to do. What baptism was he talking about? Not the water baptism he'd already received. It was the baptism of painful self-sacrifice, which he willingly accepted in order to rescue us from evil.

To stop evil, we have to become like Jesus. Our willingness to make sacrifices for others is a sign of Christian maturity. We should be burning with so much love that we are not happy unless we're pouring our hearts and souls into works and prayers that to make a difference in someone else's ability to receive eternal peace.

Jesus noted that this fire divides households. It divides us from anyone who remains self-centered and unwilling to make sacrifices that will lead to peace. Nevertheless, we must continue to give them love. This heats up the fire within us, which purifies us further. And gradually, the world changes.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Who has "burnt" you? What pain has been inflicted on you by others? See this as happening to Jesus, too. Instead of retaliating to try to stop the pain, choose a sacrifice that you're willing to make for them. Jesus appreciates the sacrifices you make for others. How does his appreciation make you feel?

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

How is it possible to experience peace after making a sacrifice for someone who is unloving toward you? Give an example of an everyday sacrifice you've made. How does the Holy Spirit bring God's kingdom to earth through this?



# WE DARE TO SAY

## 55 WORDS YOU THOUGHT YOU KNEW

**Week 7: Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil: the basic message of this petition is to expect opposition. Jesus is referring back to all the things we've just prayed for... about all that good stuff, you're going to have a hard time with it because there's someone out there working against everything you just prayed for.**

## Faith Formation Registration 2022-23

**Began on July 18<sup>th</sup> and ends on September 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Register ONLINE at [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com)**

### ***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](mailto:bkilarjian@drvc.org).



**Thank you for considering this meaningful parish gift!**

## 20 Catholic Ministries Appeal

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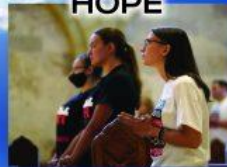
*"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."*  
— Pope Francis

One Family in Mission – Building a Community of

**FAITH**



**HOPE**



**& LOVE**



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.**



## 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](mailto: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: Household Cleaner, Dishwashing Liquid, Conditioner, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Tea, Coffee, Cake Mix, Frosting, Jell-O, Noodles, Jelly, Canned Carrots, Liquid Hand Soap, Laundry Detergent & Cat Food.**



# ADO REMUS

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WITH CONTEMPORARY AND TRADITIONAL MUSIC

**Friday, August 19, 2022**

**7:30 - 8:30 PM**

**in the church & LIVE  Streaming**

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP \* SILENT ADORATION \* BENEDICTION**



## L.I. Women's Retreat Ministry Annual Retreat

Friday to Sunday, September 9-11, 2022

Check-in Fri. at 6 p.m. Check out Sun. at 1:00 p.m.

Place - St. Joseph's Villa, Hampton Bays, New York

Cost - \$250.00 Single Room & Meals included. Rooms are limited.

For more information, call: Yvonne Bracone (631) 398-4086 or Nina McGee (516) 449-6197

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## Sunday, Aug 14, 2022

**Make some noise for justice**

Civil rights activist and Presidential Medal of Freedom recipient Congressman John Lewis hoped young Americans might get in trouble. "Good trouble, necessary trouble," he specified. Lewis wished that a passion for what's right might compel our young citizens to "find a way to get in the way" of injustice. A young prophet named Jeremiah once got in the way, winding up at the bottom of a well and nearly starving to death for causing trouble for his king. Jesus promises the same sort of trouble in our families if some members are baptized with fire while others don't feel the burn. Find yourself some good trouble.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10; Hebrews 12:1-4; Luke 12:49-53 (120). "He will die of famine on the spot, for there is no more food in the city."

## Monday, Aug 15, 2022

**Grief required**

Given that Mary, the mother of Jesus, was likely in her teens when she gave birth, she was probably only in her late 40s when Jesus died 33 years later. Life expectancy was a lot shorter then, but potentially Mary could have been alive for many years after seeing her son for the last time. One ancient historian wrote that she died 11 years later. It must have been a time of intense longing for her. Whether she died before she was bodily assumed into heaven or was assumed before she died is left open-ended by the church. Either way, it was an extraordinary reunion with the Lord befitting her status. Consider your own reunion with God. Plan ahead!

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY (NOT AN OBLIGATORY SOLEMNITY THIS YEAR)

TODAY'S READINGS: Vigil: 1 Chronicles 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; 1 Corinthians 15:54b-57; Luke 11:27-28 (621); Day: Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56 (622). "He has looked with favor on his lowly servant."

## Tuesday, Aug 16, 2022

**Embrace the mystery of communion**

Brother Roger Schütz, founder of the Taizé movement, died on this date in 2005. Brother Roger began Taizé in 1940 in the French countryside, envisioning a humble monastic community to respond to the needs of war-torn refugees—but also to welcome followers from all Christian denominations. The simple house he purchased eventually blossomed into a global place of pilgrimage, especially for young people. Taizé is especially known for beautiful chants still used in congregations all over the world. "The Church is a mystery of communion," Brother Roger wrote, where we "can discover an aurora of reconciliation and the practicing of a simple joy." Pray with Taizé through their [website](https://www.taize.com/).

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 28:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30 (420). "For God all things are possible."

## Wednesday, Aug 17, 2022

**To each is given a mission**

On this day in 1887, Marcus Garvey, one of the most influential black activists of his generation, was born in Jamaica. Founder of Universal Negro Improvement Association, a fraternal organization that he grew into an international powerhouse after emigrating to the United States, he is credited with coining the term "Black is beautiful" to encourage racial pride. Though controversial in many of his views, he is remembered for his advocacy for racial

equality and economic justice. Be a voice for equality and justice as you live out your unique Christian mission.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16 (421). "You have made them equal to us."

## Thursday, Aug 18, 2022

**Be willing to look closely**

On this day in 1998 the renowned Holocaust scholar Harry James Cargas died. Most of his teaching and writing focused on the Christian response to the Holocaust. What haunted him, he once said, was that "probably every Jew killed in the Holocaust was murdered by a baptized Christian." Cargas could have chosen an easier academic path, but instead he forced Christians to take stock of their complicity. Today's Psalm is a good help for examining our own cooperation with contemporary sin: "A clean heart create for me, O God."

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 36:23-28; Matthew 22:1-14 (422). "Many are invited, but few are chosen."

## Friday, Aug 19, 2022

**Keep it simple**

Saint John Eudes, a 17th-century priest and mystic, worked tirelessly to spread the gospel message, which he feared was being corrupted by various heresies. For Saint John, Christianity wasn't complicated: "The Christian life is a continuation and completion of the life of Christ in us. We should be so many Christs here on Earth, continuing His life and His works, laboring and suffering in a holy and divine manner in the spirit of Jesus." And just what was Christ's work? Look no further than the two great commandments he gave us: "Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind," and "Love your neighbor as yourself."

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Matthew 22:34-40 (423). "The whole law and the prophets depend on these two commandments."

## Saturday, Aug 20, 2022

**Schism-saver**

In 1130, Pope Honorius II was dying. In anticipation of his death, a group of cardinals agreed on Cardinal Gregory Papareschi as the next pope. Upon Honorius' death, Papareschi was elected Pope Innocent II. But another group of cardinals had another cardinal in mind for the position, Cardinal Pietro Pierleoni, and elected him as Pope Anacletus II. The church then had a pope and an antipope. Question was, which was which? Saint Bernard of Clairvaux threw his considerable weight and hard work behind Pope Innocent, who eventually prevailed, preventing what easily could have spiraled into a schism. Remember this lesson from Bernard: "If you are to do the work of a prophet, what you need is not a sceptre but a hoe."

MEMORIAL OF BERNARD, ABBOT, FOUNDER, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 43:1-7a; Matthew 23:1-12 (424). "The greatest among you must be your servant."

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



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