



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**September 25, 2022**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**Sunday, September 25**

9:30 a.m. — Gloria Pedro (Evelyn Kariband)

Fr. Charles Siron (Uy Family)

11:30 a.m. — Salvatore DiBenedetto (Cathy Giuffo)

People of the Parish

**Monday, September 26**

9:00 a.m. — Mary &amp; Patrick McConnon (Bea Hallinan)

Joseph Bradley (Helen O'Mahoney Bradley)

**Tuesday, September 27**

9:00 a.m. — Intentions of Fr. Douglas Arcoleo (Franciney)

George Leverock (Josephine Scala)

**Wednesday, September 28**

9:00 a.m. — Mary McConnon (Rosary Altar Society)

George Leverock (Louise &amp; Joe Ferrara)

**Thursday, September 29**

9:00 a.m. — Gloria Pedro (Uy Family)

Intentions of Monica Corsi &amp; Family (Assumption Pilgrims)

**Saturday, October 1**

5:30 p.m. — Virginia Pedesen (Bob &amp; Donna Van Horn)

Alonzo Werner (Family)

**Sunday, October 2**

9:30 a.m. — Leroy Lovell (Colleen Navarra)

Intentions of Eileen McLaughlin (Franciney)

11:30 a.m. — Iris Hernandez (Sisters &amp; Cousins)

People of the Parish

Rest  
in  
Peace



Diane Pozzi  
Lois Watson

**STEWARDSHIP**  
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**

Last Week's Collection \$11,153

(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$9,474

**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***

### ***What makes us generous?***

What was the rich man's sin in this Sunday's Gospel story? What tormented him after he died? Being wealthy is not sinful; what tormented his soul was his decision to not share his wealth with Lazarus while he had the opportunity.

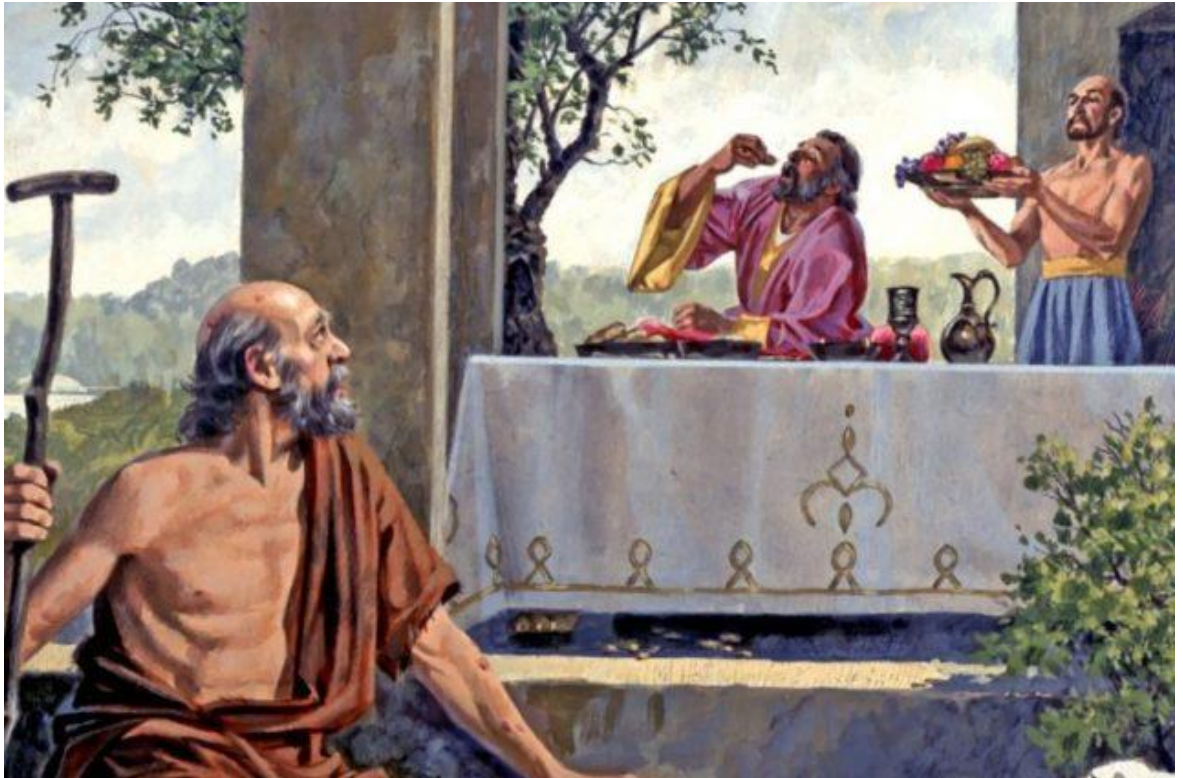
Death is not a closing of life; it's the opening up of our souls so we become fully alive in the truth of God's love. Death awakens us to the full reality of who God is and all the gifts he has given us and how well — or how poorly — we've invested those gifts.

Whenever we share with others the gifts that we've received, we're investing in God's kingdom. In God's economy, our investments always pay off very well. We receive more than we give away so that we can share even more!

In contrast, when we protect and keep something for ourselves, we lose it like a flower that's "protected" in a dark box. The flower wilts. It cannot grow in the dark. Everything we try to protect ends up useless and even poisonous: We stagnate spiritually as well as emotionally. The gift rots. Our selfishness destroys our union with God who is the Master of Generosity.

Every day, we're given opportunities to share something — some blessing from God — with others.

Perhaps what made the rich man in the parable turn away from Lazarus was his disease. Since Lazarus was covered in sores, we can surmise that he was a leper and highly contagious.



This leads us to the question: Do we share less because we feel disgust toward those who need what we have? Or maybe fear holds us back. Or resentment or unforgiving anger. To be united to God and experience everlasting joy, we cannot live in this state. We have to let love motivate us. Love has no limits; it's always generous.

In the second reading, we hear: "Compete well for the faith." Against whom are we competing? Ourselves! Are you holier today than you were the last time you had an opportunity to be generous? Are you spiritually stronger because you've worked hard at becoming more loving and generous?

### **Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Bring to mind someone you find disgusting and unlikable. How generous are you toward him or her? If you've missed an opportunity to share a blessing with this person, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will give you strength, through special grace, to overcome this sin.

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

Give examples of times when people turn away from opportunities to be generous. Explain reasons why this happens. How have you personally been a Lazarus who was denied what you needed because of someone's prejudice? What did you learn from that experience that changed your own attitudes about generosity?





**SMALL GROUPS:** Saint Paul encouraging us to be aggressive in growing our faith. A lifestyle choice that's far removed from that 8th-grade faith that we lived our life in for too many years.. Not only God in His grace can satisfy us, everything in our culture and our experience conspires against that goal and urges us to pursue other goals, any goals that are other goals. In fact, we need help, we need support and encouragement, and we need a plan to do it. That's why in our parish, we're so big on small groups, small groups are our parish plan. They help you find friends and faith, to grow in faith, to live the life that God intends for you. We want to be a parish of small groups. That's where our great big church gets up close and personal.

**Small Group** 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 this Sunday. If you like to join a small group, stop by at the Welcome Desk in the church lobby today or email [rptak@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rptak@abvmcentereach.com) to sign up.





*Coffee*  
in the  
*Courtyard*

in the plaza between the church and the parish center

*Coffee*  
Conversations  
Community

**After  
9:30 AM  
& 11:30 AM  
Masses**

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.

**20 Catholic Ministries Appeal**  
**22** DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*“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**



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: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Tissues, Cleaning Products, Deodorant, Toothpaste, Cooking Oil, Syrup, Pancake Mix, Mac & Cheese, Jelly, Canned Chicken, Pasta Sauce & Noodles.**



## Drug Crisis Assistance

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS? CATHOLIC CHARITIES / Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. For more information, please call: 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Sliding scale fees, Medicaid, Medicare, and other third-party insurance accepted.



## 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!



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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## Important DRVC Information

Information regarding a new deadline to file proofs of claim for victims of sexual abuse who were over 18 or older when the alleged conduct occurred and the forms to use, can be found on the following link to the Diocese's bankruptcy website and scrolling down the page: <https://dm.epiq11.com/drvc>



## Sunday, Sep 25, 2022

**Blessed are the wanderers**

Biblical prophets warn the comfortable not to overlook the suffering of those less fortunate. Today on World Day of Migrants and Refugees, we support the church's solidarity with uprooted people since the Second World War. A mass exodus to the West of Soviet bloc refugees prompted Pope Pius XII, future Pope Paul VI, and layman James Norris to form the International Catholic Migration Commission. The ICMC continued its response to the "boat people" of Vietnam, Bosnian Muslims, Afghani refugees, and more. Their efforts restore dignity, inspire change, and companion the displaced. Welcome the stranger.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Amos 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Timothy 6:11-16; Luke 16:19-31 (138). "Thus says the LORD the God of hosts: Woe to the complacent in Zion!"

## Monday, Sep 26, 2022

**Give them a healer's welcome**

Believed to have been twin brothers, Cosmas and Damian were third-century Christian Syrian physicians who accepted no payment for caring for the sick—and made many converts as a result of their selfless service. They were eventually martyred by the Romans. Many of us know "saints" in the healthcare profession who work physically and emotionally demanding jobs, make personal sacrifices (including endangering their own health during the pandemic), and have a seemingly endless supply of compassion despite it all. The next time you or someone you love needs medical help, ask Cosmas and Damian to support the professionals coming to your aid.

MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 1:6-22; Luke 9:46-50 (455). "Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."

## Tuesday, Sep 27, 2022

**Enrich the faith of others**

Before co-founding the Daughters of Charity—serving the "poorest of the poor"—Saint Vincent de Paul began the Congregation of the Mission in 1625. Priests who joined had three requirements: to live in imitation of Christ, to take the gospel to the rural poor, and to educate fellow priests in the practical matters of being a priest. When he realized peasants knew so little about the faith and that local priests were poorly trained in administering the sacrament of Penance, Vincent preached such a stirring parish mission that priests from a nearby town had to be called in to help him hear confessions. How can you help others practice their faith?

MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23; Luke 9:51-56 (456). "He resolutely determined to journey to Jerusalem."

## Wednesday, Sep 28, 2022

**Carry on the work of the dead among the living**

At the time of Jesus, the Jewish custom was to bury a person in the family burial cave the same day they died. The body was left for a year while the family mourned, the first seven days in *shivah*, followed by a less intense 30-day period of *shloshim*. The burial rite was not complete, however, as the family would return to the cave a year later for the "second burial," the collection of remains to be placed with the bones of other ancestors in the family ossuary. It is theorized that when Jesus commented, "Let the dead

bury their dead," he may have been referring to this second burial, suggesting to his disciples that there was more urgent work to be done among the living. Pray for the dead but serve the living!

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 9:1-12, 14-16; Luke 9:57-62 (457). "Let the dead bury their dead. But you, go and proclaim the Kingdom of God."

## Thursday, Sep 29, 2022

**Angels watching over us**

Today we honor the only three angels in scripture who have names. Michael is cited in the books of Daniel and Revelation and is known for being a protector. Gabriel is most famously a messenger, having relayed information to Daniel, but best known for giving Mary the news that she would be mother to our Savior. Raphael is associated with healing and appears in a series of adventures in the Book of Tobit, including his cure of Tobit's blindness. At various times, each of us needs protection, a message from God, or healing. May these three archangels lift our prayers when we and our communities most need these things.

FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a;

John 1:47-51 (647). "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

## Friday, Sep 30, 2022

**Get to know the word**

If you are a fan of scripture, then right next to your Bible should be *The Jerome Biblical Commentary*. The 2,000-plus-page book is a treasure trove of insight about the Bible written by Roman Catholic scholars from across the globe. It is a great resource for helping people to engage more deeply with scripture through study and reflection. The book is named after Saint Jerome, who is best known for his biblical commentaries and translations. Jerome believed that "Ignorance of scripture is ignorance of Christ." It's never too late to increase your knowledge. What would be the first scripture passage you'd look up if you had the book in hand? Why?

MEMORIAL OF JEROME, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5; Luke 10:13-16 (459).

"Whoever listens to you listens to me."

## Saturday, Oct 01, 2022

**In loving color**

Though she only lived 24 brief years, Thérèse of Lisieux, the "little flower," was so spiritually mature she was asked to guide novices who were entering her Carmelite order. She used vivid metaphors, comparing the Trinity to a kaleidoscope because the three mirrors transform simple images into colorful designs. She wrote: "As long as our actions, even the smallest, do not fall away from the focus of Divine Love, the Holy Trinity, symbolized by the three mirrors, allows them to reflect wonderful beauty. Jesus . . . always sees beauty in everything we do."

MEMORIAL OF THÉRÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, CARMELITE NUN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17; Luke 10:17-24 (460).

"Turning to the disciples in private he said, 'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.'"

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



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