



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**October 2, 2022**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**Sunday, October 2**

9:30 a.m. — Leroy Lovell (Colleen Navarra)  
 Intentions of Eileen McLaughlin (Franciney)  
 11:30 a.m — Iris Hernandez (Sisters & Cousins)  
 People of the Parish

**Monday, October 3**

9:00 a.m. — Marcello Estriplet (Daughter)  
 Lawrence Daly Sr. (O’Mahony Family)

**Tuesday, October 4**

9:00 a.m. — Kate Barrett (Flynn Family)  
 George Leverock (Fran Zarcone)

**Wednesday, October 5**

9:00 a.m.— Edward Meier (Bob & Donna Van Horn)  
 Andrew Cerqueira (Mom & Dad)

**Thursday, October 6**

9:00 a.m. — Anna Theresa Rempe (Family)  
 David & Kathleen Worrell

**Saturday, October 8**

5:30 p.m.— Salvador Aguila (Uy Family)  
 George Leverock (Pat Rivers)

**Sunday, October 9**

9:30 a.m.— George Leverock (Calestini Family)  
 Maria & Inacio (de Sousa Family)  
 11:30 a.m.— Fr. Charles Srion (Angland 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 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 McMahan 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*

Marilyn Huether  
 Jake Daniel Gentile  
 Charles J. Varady

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

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**  
**Last Week’s Collection \$7,648**  
 (includes *Faith Direct*)  
 Last Year’s Collection \$9,355  
**Thank You!**

## ***Good News Reflection***

### ***Supernatural faith***

This Sunday's Gospel reading is disturbing. After doing a lot of hard work and offering it for the glory of God, the last thing we want to hear from him is: "You're an unprofitable servant."

Think of how hard you work. Whether it's at home or for a business or in ministry, we're never rewarded enough, right? Instead, we're given more work! At home, we try to relax after a busy day but one of the kids or an elderly relative needs help. On the job, we're given more work because our colleagues are either too lazy or they've been laid off. In the parish, most of the work gets done by only 10 to 20% of the people.

Jesus says that our reaction to all this should be: "Lord, I'm an unworthy servant of your kingdom, because I've only done what's expected of me." Is he implying that it's right to be burdened with more to do when we're tired? Not at all! What he is telling us is that there's a difference between doing what's required out of mere obedience and volunteering to go the extra mile because we love and we care.

Resting is important. Jesus took time out to pray and to recover his energy. Delegating work to others is right, too, so that we don't burn out. Jesus is the supreme example of a delegator who is also a servant. Balance is healthy and necessary.



When we stop short of going the extra mile, it's usually because we have an unbalanced view of faith. Unaware that we're serving Christ in our everyday tasks, and unaware that we're serving others with Christ, we settle for a mediocre, half-hearted attitude. We limit our potential. And then we're astonished that Jesus would suggest that we can command trees to cast themselves into the sea! When was the last time you saw that happen?

Here's the connection between doing more than the minimum and having a supernatural faith: For both to occur, we have to know that God's love is complete and unconditional and available all the time and that from this comes his desire to serve us. Knowing this, we're confident that he can accomplish anything he wants in us and through us. If we care like he cares, we want to go the extra mile with him. And then when we get hurt or tired, he restores us. Do you believe that yet?

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

What's the mulberry tree in your life? What problem is so deeply rooted that it seems immovable? Who in your life is so stuck in sin that you've lost hope for change? Can you be a worthy servant of God and surprise that person with gestures of love that are unexpected and unrequested?

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

Describe examples of service that show the difference between doing our duty and doing more. How does volunteering to serve above and beyond what's expected reveal God's love?



**Prayer:** The person of prayer, the person who enters into prayer wait patiently and sometimes, not always, but sometimes they're able to spot God's action. Being attentive to God in all things rather than trying to get God to do what you want him to do. Aim to see where God is moving and join him. Go where God is blessing. Habakkuk didn't hear what he wanted to hear, that's for sure, but he eventually wanted, he embraced what he heard. Don't expect to hear from God what you desire. Instead in prayer, learn to desire what you hear.

**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.



### **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, October 7**

**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.

## 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, Cat Food, Cooking Oil, Baked Beans, Syrup, Pancake Mix, Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Chicken, Pasta Sauce, Noodles, Shampoo, Conditioner, Laundry Detergent, Hand Soap.**



## Diocesan Missionary Cooperative Appeal



Mission and Ministry: Last year, when we reflected on service, we distinguished between Ministry and Mission. Ministry is our service at our parish, and Mission is our service outside our parish. Not all of us can go to other countries or states to do mission work. This weekend is our opportunity to help the Missionaries who do great work for God and His people worldwide. We used to have Missionaries come to our parish for Mission Appeal. It did not happen for the last two years because of the pandemic. This year we have Bro. John Blazo will be at the parish for the annual missionary cooperative appeal and collection for the



Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Brother John Blazo will speak at all the Masses. Brother Blazo has served as a missionary in Guatemala and will invite us to take part in the vital work of bringing Christ and His Gospel to all people. We will have a door collection next Sunday to support this appeal. Let us help the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers in their missionary work with our heartfelt generosity.

## Parish Center Boiler and the walkway in front of the church.

In the early spring, I let you know that our parish center boiler died, and we need to replace it. We are in the process of replacing it. Before we replace it, we needed to take care of the issue of asbestos. It is taken care of now, and we are moving forward with installing the new boiler.

Also, another work we need to take care of is the front of the church. I am not sure those who come through the side doors ever noticed the cones in the middle of the walkway in front of the church to let people know to be careful. The concrete is showing its age. I remember someone telling me that it is more than 40 years old. It has many cracks, and it becomes very hazardous if we wait. The price tag on that will be close to \$29,000. Our parish family is very generous in giving, especially embracing the GIVING to our parish as an act of worship. I thank God and you for your generosity, love, and care for our parish as we LOVE GOD, SERVE OTHERS, and GROW DISCIPLES.



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



### 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, Oct 02, 2022****Your wild and precious life**

Today bears many names: Respect Life Sunday. Gandhi's birthday. International Day of Non-Violence. World Habitat Day. This cluster points to one precious idea: that all people bear the divine image and their welfare matters. We honor the whole fabric of life issues protecting each person from conception to death. The United Nations recognizes Gandhi's birthday with a call for nations to abandon aggression and embrace peace. This year's "Urban October" extends the work of Habitat Day in achieving a carbon-free world by focusing on cities, where 70 percent of emissions are generated. Respect life with every decision.

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14; Luke 17:5-10 (141). *"For the vision still has its time, presses on to fulfillment, and will not disappoint."*

**Monday, Oct 03, 2022****Trust God's farsighted vision**

If you ever doubt what God has called you to do, then Mother Theodore Guerin is a saint for you. When this French sister immigrated, with hesitation, to Indiana in 1840, she opened what would become Saint Mary-of-the-Woods College, the first chartered school of higher education for women in the state. Guerin wrote, "It is astonishing that this remote solitude has been chosen for a novitiate and especially for an academy. All appearances are against it." It became the first women's college to offer journalism courses and degree work in secondary education, and was a pioneer in distance education, offering independent study in 1973 (talk about prescient!). Trust God's vision and your role in plans longer-term than anyone can imagine.

TODAY'S READINGS: Galatians 1:6-12; Luke 10:25-37 (461). *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind."*

**Tuesday, Oct 04, 2022****Be praised, my Lord, for Brother Francis**

Pope Francis chose his papal name to honor Francis of Assisi. [Two of the pontiff's encyclicals pay further homage. Both \*Laudato Si'\* \(Italian for "Praise be to you"\) and \*Fratelli Tutti\* \(Italian for "All brothers and sisters"\)](#) take their names from the words of Saint Francis. "Praise be to you" echoes the famous Canticle of Creation, apt for an encyclical on the care of creation. "All brothers and sisters" comes from the Admonitions of Saint Francis, the saint's entreaty to embrace a life of fraternal love. Read the opening of one of these texts today to honor "this saint of fraternal love, simplicity and joy."

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI, FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Galatians 1:13-24; Luke 10:38-42 (462). *"They glorified God because of me."*

**Wednesday, Oct 05, 2022****"Go where I send thee"**

Today we celebrate the feast of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, a German Redemptorist missionary who gave his life serving sick immigrants in New Orleans during the late 19th century. Born in Bavaria in 1809, Seelos volunteered for foreign missions, arrived to the United States in 1843, and several decades later in 1866 found himself in New Orleans. Until his untimely death from yellow fever the following year, he pastored St. Mary's Assumption

Church—where his national shrine remains to this day. As we face a double pandemic of ethnophobic division and COVID-19 in America, may we look to today's saint as a faithful model of ardent charity amidst strife and division.

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, REDEMPTORIST PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14; Luke 11:1-4 (463). *"Praise the LORD, all you nations, glorify him, all you peoples! Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News."*

**Thursday, Oct 06, 2022****Baby steps can take you far**

The theme of small beginnings that led to great things echoes throughout Christianity, starting with Jesus and his 12 apostles. Most religious communities started out with a handful of underfunded but faith-filled individuals. Blessed Marie Rose Durocher fits the pattern. In spite of her poor health, Durocher teamed up with two friends to run a boarding school for 13 girls near Montreal. That was the humble beginning of today's international Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary. Have you ever taken a chance on a bootstrap endeavor? Could God be calling you to do so now?

MEMORIAL OF MARIE ROSE DUROCHER, SISTER, FOUNDRESS

TODAY'S READINGS: Galatians 3:1-5; Luke 11:5-13 (464). *"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."*

**Friday, Oct 07, 2022****The mother of all prayers**

In his [2002 Apostolic Letter on the Most Holy Rosary](#), Pope John Paul II described the Rosary as a prayer that was from its inception "destined to bring forth a harvest of holiness." Though ostensibly a prayer calling on Mary's aide, it is ultimately centered on Christ and the eternal mystery of the Word made flesh. Regularly contemplating the mysteries of Christ's life—his Incarnation and early days (joyful); his revelatory love (luminous); his suffering and sacrifice (sorrowful); his saving grace (glorious)—is an exercise designed to bring peace, deepen our sense of faith, hope, and love, and, above all, help conform us "ever more closely to Christ until we attain true holiness."

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Galatians 3:7-14; Luke 11:15-26 (465).

*"Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters."*

**Saturday, Oct 08, 2022****Listen up, as Mary did**

Mary is the Queen of Heaven and preeminent among the saints. She holds the singular distinction of being at the same time both virgin and mother. Owing to her giving birth to the Son of God, she holds the exalted title Mother of God. Yet it is none of these things that make her blessed. Jesus ramps up Mary's blessedness a notch by recognizing that she's blessed because she hears the word of God and does it. That means we can join Mary in joy and fulfillment by doing the same.

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Galatians 3:22-29; Luke 11:27-28 (466). *"He replied, 'Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.'"*

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



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