



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**October 23, 2022**



**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**Rev. Joseph Alenchery, Pastor**

**Deacon Michael Montelione**

**Rectory Office: M - F 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.**

**Phone: 631-585-8760;**

**Fax: 1-866-214-3365**

**Faith Formation: 631-588-6408**



## Sunday, October 23

- 9:30 a.m. — Cathy Zemalkowski (Sheila & Maureen)  
 Jaime Riutort (Jeanee & Jerry Flynn)  
 11:30 a.m.— George Leverock (Joseph & Arlene England)  
 People of the Parish

## Monday, October 24

- 9:00 a.m. — Alice Tahaney (Bea Hallinan)  
 Nora Charles (O'Connor Family)

## Tuesday, October 25

- 9:00 a.m. — Kaylee Rivers (Family)  
 Diane Pozzi (Calestini Family)

## Wednesday, October 26

- 9:00 a.m.— Pat McKenna (Bea Hallinan)  
 George Leverock (Rosary Altar Society)

## Thursday, October 27

- 9:00 a.m.—Herminia Santos (Jun & Tanya Concepcion)  
 Emily Fernandez (Jun & Tanya Concepcion)

## Saturday, October 29

- 5:30 p.m.— George Leverock (CDA Ct. St. Gerard)  
 Deana Naglieri (Josephine Scala)

## Sunday, October 30

- 9:30 a.m.— Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)  
 Living & Deceased Members of Romeo & Wolz  
 Family  
 11:30 a.m.— Angelina Carli (Rose Chibbaro)  
 People of the Parish



# STEWARDSHIP

## GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

### Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last Week's Collection \$10,491  
 (includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection \$9,704

**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. Meetings are held on every first Tuesday of the month from September thru June.

### Scouting (Cub Scout, Boy Scouts)

Contact Denise Materazo at dmfl1121@yahoo.com for more details..

## **Good News Reflection**

### **How love humbles us into righteousness**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we see what happens when our primary motivation in whatever we do is not love but self-centeredness. "Whoever exalts himself will be humbled." Sooner or later, self-exalting people get humbled, whether they realize it or not. They are brought down low by their own behaviors. People who encounter them in daily life do not think very highly of them. And certainly, God doesn't either.

The much better alternative is to let our love for others be what humbles us.

Without love as our motivation, we believe in our own so-called "righteousness," thinking we're okay when we're not. But when we do good deeds for others because we genuinely care about them, the pride of our self-righteousness is replaced by holy humility.



We are made righteous by our love for others. Self-righteousness is self-made -- it motivates us to do good, but only for the selfish purpose of looking admirable, winning God's approval, or gaining some other personal benefit. Love, which is true righteousness, motivates us to do good for the sake of others.

Look at the Pharisee in Jesus' parable. We all behave like that from time to time.

Think of someone who is inferior to you because you are holier, who doesn't go to church as often as you do, or who doesn't pray like you do. Think of someone who is not worthy of your time and caregiving. Think of someone who is too difficult to love.

The cure for this self-righteousness is to get in touch with God's concern for them. Once we unite our hearts to God's love for them, we begin to care about them, too. And the most powerful, most successful way to accomplish such union with God is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, which absolves us of self-righteousness and empowers us with divine grace to absorb Christ's own righteousness.

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

Think of those who are less spiritually active than you, e.g., family, friends, co-workers, and parishioners who cause you to think: "Thank God I am not like them!" Do you grieve for them because of their sins and blindness? Do you do anything to help them grow closer to Christ? Do they experience Jesus every time they encounter you?

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

What are some ways that you show love to those who are not as holy as you, or not as emotionally healthy as you, or not as intelligent as you? Describe a time when you were more self-righteous than righteous. How did you (or how will you) let Jesus turn your pride into love-filled humility?

# GOOD NEWS

**Brand New Message Series Begins on October 23.**

In this message we will introduce the Gospel as good news even though people often see it as an imposition or obligation. We will then look at the good news that God wants to bring healing into our lives of our hurts and our sins. Our relationship with God does not depend upon our goodness but on humility. We do not have to approach prayer with our credentials. God does not listen to us more when we are good and less when we are not. Humility matters more than our performance.

**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 anytime during the year 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.



## 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:** Kleenex, Paper Towels, Dishwashing Liquid, Laundry Detergent, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Fruit Juice, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Rice, Baked Beans, Chili, Canned Vegetables, Cat Food, Jelly, Oatmeal, Muffin Mix, Shaving Razors.



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 (Food Pantry) Needs for Thanksgiving**

**Gift Cards:** With the Holidays just around the corner, we're getting ready to prepare Thanksgiving baskets for our clients. In addition to the food items listed below, please consider donating gift cards to local supermarkets. These are very helpful in providing those in need with a great Thanksgiving dinner, allowing them the dignity to choose their favorite holiday foods. Please drop off gift cards at the Parish Office or in the collection basket.

## GIVING THANKS GIVING BACK

# Thanksgiving DRIVE

**Pantry Needs:** Boxed Milk, Cranberry Sauce, Canned Yams, Canned Vegetables, Stuffing Mix, Instant Potatoes and any other non-perishable food items. Please place these donations in our bin in the Church.

**Believe  
Serve  
Belong**



## Opening Night

**Thursday, November 3, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**in the Parish Center Hall**

**All Middle School & High School Students are invited**

**We can't wait to see you for fun, games, food, friendships....**

**For more info please contact [rptak@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rptak@abvmcentereach.com)**



You're invited to a Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to support  
**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS**

**APPLEBEE'S® LOCATION**

1935 N. Ocean Ave,  
Farmingville, NY  
Tickets: \$10.00

**DATE & TIME**

Saturday,  
November 12th, 2022  
8:00 am - 10:00am

**CONTACT:** Maria 631-648-3142, Louise 631-648-8396



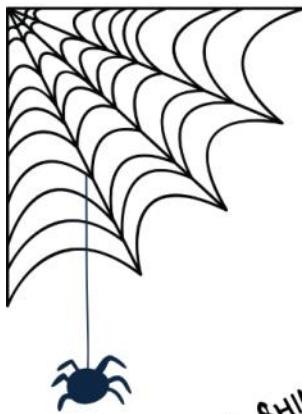
Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit [faithdirect.net/NY563](http://faithdirect.net/NY563) or download the *Faith Direct app* and search for the parish with the parish code (NY563). Thank you for your continued support 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>



RAIN OR SHINE!  
INCLEMENT WEATHER  
WILL MOVE  
EVENT INDOORS!

NON-SCARY  
COSTUMES  
ONLY!

## JOIN US FOR SOME FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29**  
**12 NOON TO 2 PM**  
**ASSUMPTION CHURCH PARKING LOT**



DEADLINE  
TO SECURE A  
TRUNK SPOT/TABLE  
IS  
OCTOBER 16!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP MAKE THIS A GREAT EVENT FOR THE CHILDREN!!

LOOKING FOR PARISHIONERS & MINISTRY MEMBERS TO HOST A TRUNK OR TABLE!

ALL TRUNK THEMES WILL BE BIBLE-BASED AND MUST BE APPROVED.

PLEASE CONTACT MELISSA AT ABVM OFFICE - 631-585-8768 / MFERRARA@ABVMCENTEREACH.COM  
 OR LINDA AT MOMMAYCE@OPTIMUM.NET  
 TO SECURE YOUR SPOT AND FOR THEME APPROVAL.  
 FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN AT THAT TIME.



IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO HOST A TRUNK OR TABLE BUT ARE EXCITED TO HELP, WE WILL BE ACCEPTING BAGS OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY AT THE WELCOME DESK DURING WEEKEND MASSES THROUGH OCTOBER 23!