



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**April 30, 2023**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**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 631-585-3938.

**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.

Rest  
in  
Peace

John P. Viserto  
Joseph G. Carpentieri Jr.  
Edwin Scottaline

**Sunday, April 30**

9:30 a.m. — Rosemary O’Connor (Josephine Scala)  
Steven E. Gruber (O’Toole Family)  
11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

**Monday, May 1**

9:00 a.m. — Paul Christian Harrison (Uy Family)

**Tuesday, May 2**

9:00 a.m. — John Ross (Mary Ross)  
Ronald Della Croce (Barbara Della Croce)

**Wednesday, May 3**

9:00 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Altar Society

**Thursday, May 4**

9:00 a.m.. —

**Saturday, May 6**

5:30 p.m.— Brian Flaiz (Mr. & Mrs. George Van Schaick)  
Judy Carlson (Louise & Joe Ferrara)

**Sunday, May 7**

9:30 a.m.— Dominador Samson (Aida & Scott)  
Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)  
11:30 a.m.—Florence Talluto (Stephanie Bowler)  
People of the Parish

*Remember not the events of the past,  
the things of long ago consider not;  
see, I am doing something new!*  
*Isaiah 43:18-19*

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

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**  
**Last Week’s Collection \$10,059**  
 (includes *Faith Direct*)  
**Last Year’s Collection \$8,606**  
**Thank You!**

## ***Good News Reflection***

### ***Do you need a breakthrough?***

Are you at an impasse in your spiritual growth or emotional healing or a difficult relationship? Do you need a breakthrough? Do you feel stuck behind a fence that's keeping you on the outside of peace, joy, satisfaction, or healing?

This Sunday's Gospel reading tells us that Jesus is the gate in that fence. He helps us reach the heavenly side of the gate, outside the realm of earthly restrictions -- not only when we die and enter eternal life, but also here and now in our earthly life, so that we might always "have life and have it more abundantly."

When our path seems blocked, we can only make progress by letting Jesus shepherd us around and through and over the obstacles. If people shut a door on something that God wants us to do, Jesus is still our open gate and no one can close him out of our lives. He will lead us into a new opportunity for accomplishing the plans of God. If he's given us a frustrated holy desire or a passion for which there seems to be no outlet, instead of complaining or quitting, we must look at Jesus and see him as a gate that opens into a



a new direction or location.

Remember, however, that until we get all the way through this gate, we must stick close to him like dumb sheep. There's a journey to take before we can reach the other side of the fence.

The thief that comes to steal and slaughter can only reach us when we stray away from

Jesus and we take our eyes off of him.

Despair and worry are two common thieves, robbing us of peace, joy, satisfaction, and healing. But they're not as powerful as they pretend to be. We defeat them easily by remembering that they do not speak the full truth. The truth is: Jesus is our Good Shepherd safely guiding us into a life of abundant victory!

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

What breakthrough are you hoping for? What's frustrating you and seems hopeless? What's causing you to think that a problem you're facing might lead to disaster and destruction? What will you do this week to follow Jesus more closely so that you can get through this with more peace?

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

Share the story of a time when you experienced obstacles and Jesus provided a breakthrough that led to victory.

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## ***Nocturnal Adoration***

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

**Next Adoration is on Friday, May 5**

**In the church 1:00—2:00 PM**



Jesus came that we might have life and have it to the full. As we listen to his voice, he will lead us to the abundant life. An abundant life is possible as we listen to Jesus. We have to believe that he wants us to have an abundant life. In this message we will look at what that means and how to get beyond living from overwhelmed to a life of abundance.



***New Altar Server Training***

All those children who are receiving First Communion and up are invited to be altar servers. This is a very special call to assist the priest to celebrate the Holy Mass on Sunday and other holydays. To become an altar-server you must have received First Communion, and to participate in the training that will be offered in the Church **from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 P.M.** **You are required to participate in all the training days.**

Following are the training dates:

**Tuesday, May 23, Thursday, May 25, Tuesday, May 30, Thursday, June 1. For mor info and to register**

**Please call Melissa at 631-585-8760 ext 100 or email [rectory@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rectory@abvmcentereach.com)**

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. 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. The Outreach Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM. **Pantry Needs: Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, Cooking Oil, Tea, Coffee, Ketchup, Baked Beans, Canned Pasta, Canned Fruit, Cat Food, Dog Food.**



# Sprouts

Sprouts is a children's ministry for ages three and up on Sundays after 9:30 am Mass during Coffee in the Courtyard. We are ready to hear and be part of the stories our youngest disciples of our parish are living and

to invite them to the most incredible adventure of their lives, reminding them week after week, year after year, that our Father is madly after their hearts.



### Travel Ministry—Pilgrimage to Rome

The Assumption Travel Ministry is organizing a trip to Rome this coming September. Discover your faith as you walk through the steps of Saint Philip Neri, in small intimate and private groups of no more than 12 people, all in search of a deeper understanding of Christ and the Church. For more information please contact Carlo at 631-680-9719 or pick up a brochure at the Welcome Desk in the church on Sunday.

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Gerard #1920

### COUNTRY LINE DANCING FUNDRAISER

"No experience necessary"



**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023  
in the Parish Center Hall**

**Cost \$25.00, Children under 10 \$12.00**

**Country BBQ & Desserts | For more info: Contact Jennifer 516-909-9589 - RSVP by May 20, 2023**



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**Sunday, Apr 30, 2023****What are we to do?**

Discernment of our direction is not just a task for young adults. Throughout our lives, we're challenged to consider the course we're following and the consequences of our choices. The apostle Peter called his generation corrupt; in fact, it's a fair assessment of every generation that seeks personal profit at the expense of the common good. Our mutual vocation is to respond to God's call in every hour, with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. Pray that you know the role you're called to play and have the courage and passion to live it out.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS; FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10 (49). "[Peter] was exhorting them, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' "

**Monday, May 01, 2023****In praise of those who do good work**

Religious Brothers Day is celebrated annually on May 1, which is also the feast of Saint Joseph the Worker as well as International Workers Day (known as Labor Day in some countries). The common theme is that they honor the often low-profile work of keeping church, family, and society running. The men and women who take up these tasks deserve more than one day of thanks—even though they're usually the type who never expect it. Maybe you're blessed to be one of them, who humbly serves and sacrifices and asks for little in return. On this day, and every day, let our gratitude be shown and felt for all the workers who dedicate their lives to making our lives better.

MEMORIAL OF JOSEPH THE WORKER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18 (279) or Genesis 1:26—2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Matthew 13:54-58 (559). "I am the good shepherd. A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

**Tuesday, May 02, 2023****Everything everywhere all the time**

Thank Saint Athanasius upon reciting the word "consubstantial"—which used to be "one in being with the Father"—the next time you say the Nicene Creed. Athanasius, as deacon, did the theological homework for his bishop, Saint Alexander I, at the Council of Nicea. Together they resisted Arianism. Prior to the council, the central idea of Arianism had been slowly gaining traction among church leaders: that Jesus wasn't God, wasn't co-equal and co-eternal with the Father as taught by the Christian doctrine of the Trinity. As Athanasius insisted of Jesus and the Incarnation, "there is no part of creation deprived of his presence; together with his Father, he fills everything, everywhere, at all times."

MEMORIAL OF ATHANASIUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 (280). "The Father and I are one."

**Wednesday, May 03, 2023****What remains is the legacy**

Today the church celebrates the feast of two of the 12 apostles, Philip and James, a peculiar pair of martyrs not otherwise associated with one another in Christian history or tradition. James (also called James the Less) is regarded as the first Bishop of Jerusalem, while Philip was said to have preached in Greece,

Turkey, and Syria. The pairing of their feast days is related to their shared reliquary in the Church of the Twelve Apostles, following a secret move from the Roman Catacombs. Thereafter lost to history for some time, their relics were rediscovered in the church crypt in the 19th century. On this holy feast, let's all remember the sacrifices of the church's first teachers and model their lives of holiness and faith.

FEAST OF PHILIP AND JAMES, APOSTLES

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14 (561).

"[Jesus] was raised on the third day . . . After that he appeared to James, then to all the Apostles."

**Thursday, May 04, 2023****We are a people with a history**

When asked to speak at a gathering of the Jewish community in the early days of the church, Paul gives a history lesson. He recounts the liberating activity of God throughout Jewish history and ties God's activity directly to the arrival of Jesus the Messiah and the opening of salvation to all humanity. Our God is the God of history, and our human stories—personal and collective—are part of a much larger historical project of salvation. Play your part in the drama.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 (282). "Fellow children of Israel and you others who are God-fearing, listen. The God of this people Israel chose our ancestors."

**Friday, May 05, 2023****Witness this**

Saints and martyrs are the shining lights when it comes to witnessing to Jesus the Christ, often giving their whole lives and their very lives to communicate God's great love. We too are called to be witnesses. "But I'm no saint!" one might protest. "I can't witness like that." You don't have to be! Pope Francis reminds us that "God guides history through the humble courage of those who pray, love, and forgive. There are so many hidden saints, saints who are next-door, hidden witnesses of life, who with little acts of love change history." Next time in prayer, ask God how you've been a hidden witness of God's great love.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 (283). "These are now his witnesses before the people. We ourselves are proclaiming this good news to you."

**Saturday, May 06, 2023****Choose your destination**

Can someone really be destined, or "predestined," for eternal life? According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, our destiny as beings created by God is eternal life. But because we are free, we can choose to opt out of that destiny. Just like the people invited to the wedding feast in the Lord's parable, we can decide not to come or simply fail to show up. Just so, when we choose to live in hate rather than love, in violence rather than peace, in punishment rather than forgiveness, we're choosing another destiny. The choice is ours to make.

EASTER WEEKDAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14 (284). "All who were destined for eternal life came to believe."

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



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