



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

June 4, 2023

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week



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 6th - 8th & 9th - 12th graders are Welcome

For more information please contact Renata Tutka-Ptak at 631-585-8760 ext. 105 or rptak@abvmcentereach.com

Sunday, June 4

9:30 a.m. — Frederick C. Lingen Jr. (Family)
Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)
11:30 a.m.— Floyd J. Johnson (Meola Family)
People of the Parish

Monday, June 5

9:00 a.m. —

Tuesday, June 6

9:00 a.m. — Andrew Cequeia (Mom & Dad)
Elizabeth Breslin (Janet Helmig)

Wednesday, June 7

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

Thursday, June 8

9:00 a.m.. —

Saturday, June 10

5:30 p.m.— Judy Carlson (Patricia Rivers)
Kevin Rivers (Elizabeth Leverock)

Sunday, June 11

9:30 a.m.— Lilia C. Baliwag (Uy Family)
Vincent Dellasso (Angela Nugent)
11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

Sacraments

For more information on Baptism, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick, please visit our parish website 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

Christopher Rifkin

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth,
sing praise to the glory of his name;
proclaim his glorious praise. Psalms 66:2

STEWARDSHIP
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
Last Week’s Collection: \$8,398
(includes *Faith Direct*)
Last Year’s Collection: \$8,529
Thank You!

Good News Reflection**What's the reason for each Person of the Trinity?**

On the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate and honor God's character as the Most Holy Trinity.

The first reading shows us the Father as he parented the baby nation of Israel. We see that he is "a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and faithfulness" -- the Perfect Father.



If we have difficulty seeing him this way, it's because we've never experienced a human father-figure who showed us what perfect fatherhood looks like. Our spirits need healing. We've been projecting human imperfections onto our image of God. Even the best parents and teachers fall short of the wonderfulness of God's fatherhood. We need to consciously differentiate him from our human dads and other human authorities.

The second reading shows us the entire Trinity: the grace of Jesus, the love of the Father, and our friendly partnership with the Holy Spirit. In this and because of this, we are to rejoice, mend our ways, and live in peace with one another.

In other words, because Jesus bore our sins as he died on the cross and then conquered death, he provides us with grace so that we can resist sin, and he provides us with the Father's love so that we can love one another no matter what, and he provides us with the Holy Spirit, who fellowships with us and empowers us so that we can continually live as holy Christians.

The Gospel reading shows us the depth of the Father's love. He doesn't condemn us for our sins; he gives us his Son to rescue us from the destructive results of our sins. Our sins condemn us and sentence us to eternal death, but Jesus saves us from this by taking us to eternal life -- if we want him to!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

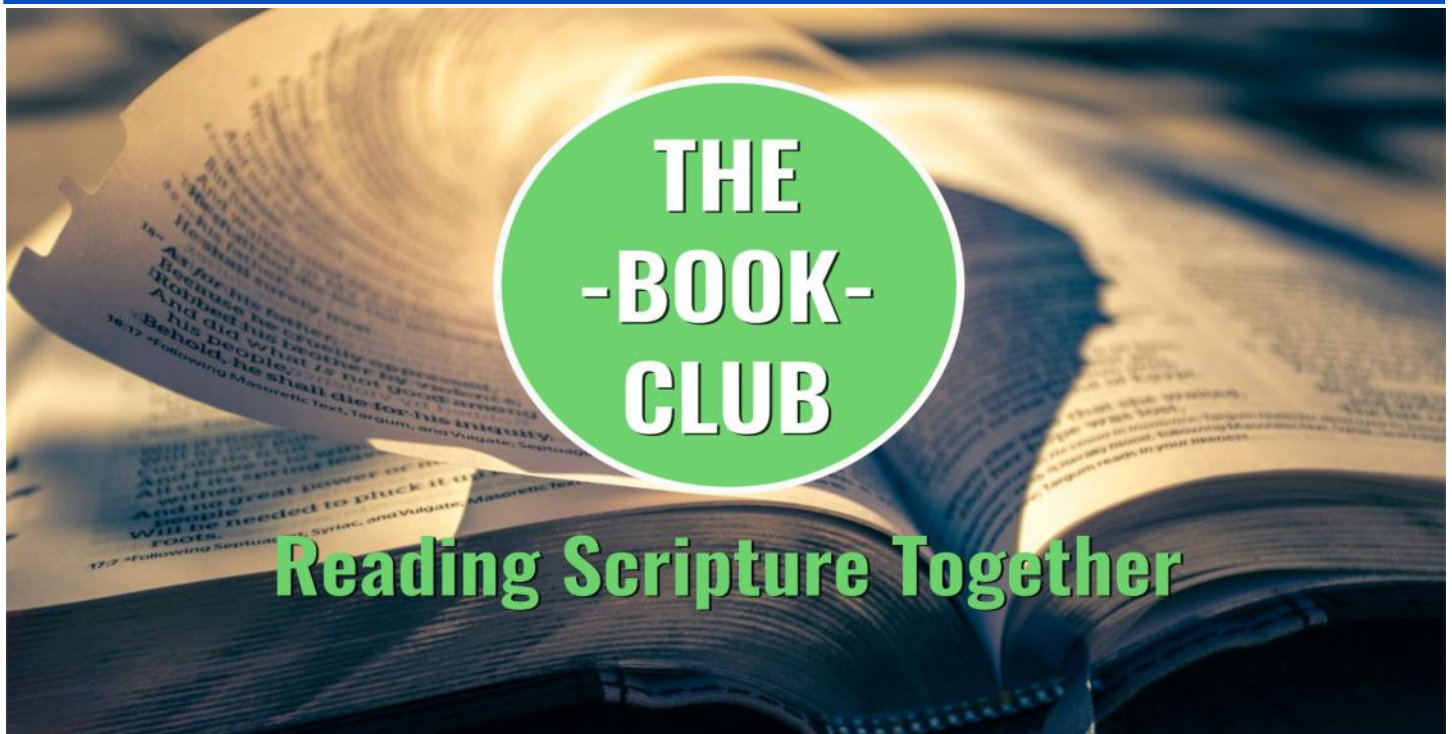
Which Person of the Trinity do you know the least? Or feel distant from? Or fear? How have human relationships interfered with your ability to feel God's closeness?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Which Person of the Trinity do you know best? Why? How is the Trinity the perfect example of a good, loving, healthy relationship?

Message Series:

At Assumption, we preach in message series where we dive into a topic over several weeks.



Everything written in Scripture is given to us for our salvation so that we would believe in Jesus. Belief and faith are not just a mental ascent but requires and action and response on our part. In this message we will look at how the scriptures are written so that we will apply them to our lives and change us.

There are 5 ways to apply scripture to your life. Use the steps and practice ways to apply lessons from the bible to your life.

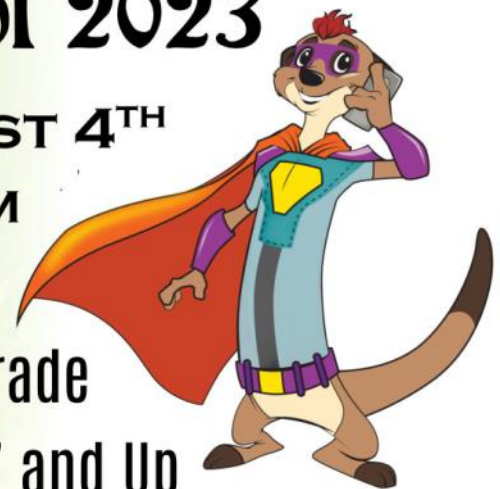
Vacation Bible School 2023

JULY 31ST - AUGUST 4TH

9AM - 12:30 PM



For Children K to 6th Grade
Junior Counselors Grade 7 and Up



Registration open online at www.abvmcentereach.com or at the office

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. **Toilet Paper, Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Ketchup, Salad Dressing, Fruit Juice, Pudding Mix, Jell-O, Cake Mix, Frosting, Syrup, Mac & Cheese, Noodles, Instant Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Canned Chili, Pasta Sauce, & Peanut Butter.**



Attention married couples, want to make this a SUMMER to remember? Fall in love again. Here's a chance to get away for the weekend and focus on your spouse to renew and refresh your relationship.

To help your good marriage be great!! Are you ready for more growth and happiness in your marriage? Uncover the secrets to a lasting, supportive, transformational marriage on a **World Wide Marriage Encounter**

Weekend. Every relationship is a journey. The grind of everyday life can cause you to lose touch with your spouse. This experience will help you listen, share and connect more deeply.

Next weekend experience will be - **June 23-25, 2023** At the **Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Huntington**. Register at WWME.org or contact: Chuck & Maria Reiss (631) 486-8607

Our parish subscribes to a revolutionary online platform which provides the best in Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks, and video-based studies from trusted providers. This allows you, **free of charge**, to access online resources in bible study, apologetics, Christian entertainment, family catechesis, etc. at your convenience. It's available 24/7 thus allowing you to put time aside when it's best for you. To access please visit abvmcentereach.formed.org. Our parish code is P8DGG8



Nocturnal Adoration

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

Next Adoration is on Friday, June 2

In the church 1:00—2:00 PM

Summer is almost here! Even though we are already in the summer mood, summer begins only by the end of June. During the summer, the Parish Office slows down a lot. So, our parish office will be open only **four days a week (Monday to Thursday) beginning the week of June 17** instead of the regular five days (Mon to Fri). Since the office is closed Fridays, our Parish Social Ministry will be open on Thursdays instead of Fridays. Our regular office hours will resume on the first week of September (5/9/23). Thank you very much for your understanding

**SUMMER
OFFICE HOURS**



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit 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!



Sunday, Jun 04, 2023

Widen the circle

Trinity Sunday isn't for parsing the Three-in-One. It's an invitation to meditate on the mutual self-giving of Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, who "so love the world" that we all share in the divine embrace. Yet to child victims of aggression, their experience has felt outside of any caring circle. That's why the U.N.'s "Convention on the Rights of the Child" was the most rapidly and widely ratified rights treaty in history. It ensures every child has a right to life, a name, family or guardian, health care, education, freedom of religion—even the right to play. Encircle the children in your life with tenderness.

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18 (164). "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son."

Monday, Jun 05, 2023

Make your life a work of art

Artist and author on interreligious thought, Frederick Franck was born in 1909 in Holland and died on this day in 2006 in Warwick, New York—the place of his life's work, *Pacem in Terris* ("Peace on Earth"), a garden of more than 70 sculptures, open free to the public and dedicated to Pope John XXIII, Dr. Albert Schweitzer, and the Buddhist teacher D.T. Suzuki. Raised agnostic in a Catholic region of his country and a student of Zen Buddhism, Franck was inspired during the Cuban Missile Crisis to go to Rome in 1963 to draw all the sessions of the Second Vatican Council. "Art is neither a profession nor a hobby, it is a way of being," he said. Take inspiration to creatively express your spirituality in your own way of being.

MEMORIAL OF BONIFACE, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 1:3; 2:1b-8; Mark 12:1-12 (353). "By the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes."

Tuesday, Jun 06, 2023

One bread, one body

A painting by Flemish artist Peter Paul Rubens—called *The Defenders of the Eucharist*—includes a serene Saint Norbert, his white robes wrapped around a *ciborium* (the cup that holds the consecrated Eucharist) as he cradles the Blessed Sacrament. Norbert founded the Norbertine religious order as well as the first Third Order for laypeople embracing the spirit of religious life. And, as a successful peacemaker, he's often depicted with an olive branch. But Norbert's preaching about the Blessed Sacrament, convincing entire villages to reclaim their lost belief in the Real Presence—also having eucharistic miracles happen on his watch—has earned him the title "Apostle of the Blessed Sacrament." May he inspire our devotion as the [National Eucharistic Revival](#) enters its second phase this month.

MEMORIAL OF NORBERT, BISHOP

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 2:9-14; Mark 12:13-17 (354). "Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God."

Wednesday, Jun 07, 2023

Transcending prejudice in service to God

This day marks the 105th death anniversary of Servant of God Julia Greeley, one of seven African-American Catholics on the path to sainthood. She is one of two such candidates born into slavery in Ralls County, Missouri during the mid-19th century,

alongside Venerable Augustus Tolton. Freed during the Civil War, she emigrated to Colorado with her employer and became a Catholic due to their influence. There she would become known as "Denver's Angel of Charity" despite her own poverty, assisting the destitute at night so as not to offend her white beneficiaries. She died in 1918 and was the first and only Catholic layperson to lay in repose in the city—later becoming the first buried in the cathedral. May her legacy of service live on in all of us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 3:1-11a, 16-17a; Mark 12:18-27 (355).

"When they rise from the dead, they neither marry nor are given in marriage, but they are like the angels in heaven."

Thursday, Jun 08, 2023

Love begets love

It's June, a popular month for weddings in North America. Church teachings about marriage varied for the first millennium. Today they communicate high ideals, resting on this basic framework, paraphrased from the [Catechism of the Catholic Church](#): God loves us with a definitive and irrevocable love; married couples share in this love, which supports and sustains them. Their faithfulness to each other witnesses God's persistent love. Many are called to marriage, but others follow a different path. How has God called you to share the love poured out on you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a; Mark 12:28-34 (356). "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."

Friday, Jun 09, 2023

A troubled land calls for compassion

Saint Ephrem of Syria was a prolific writer of poetry, hymns, poems, sermons, and biblical commentaries. He has been called the most significant of all the fathers of the Syriac-speaking church tradition. He addressed the church in Syria in troubled times ... and Syria's troubles continue, perhaps never more acutely than today. Already suffering badly the devastation of 12 years of ruthless suppression, in February it suffered a devastating earthquake that killed more than 7,000 people and devastated more than 10,000 buildings in northwest Syria. The U.N. reports that more than 4 million Syrians, mostly women and children, depend on humanitarian aid to survive. [Mercy USA](#) invites donations for housing for destitute Syrians. Consider a donation in honor of Ephrem.

MEMORIAL OF EPHREM OF SYRIA, DEACON, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 11:5-17; Mark 12:35-37 (357). "I am certain that his eyes will be opened."

Saturday, Jun 10, 2023

The widow's mite revisited

It is ironic that the story of the widow's mite in today's gospel is so often used as an example of generous giving when it's obvious that giving "all she had, her whole livelihood" had left her destitute and penniless. Jesus actually uses the widow's action as an example of what happens when the unscrupulous clergy of his day, with their long robes and the esteem of the people, "devour the houses of widows." The lesson is for religious leaders *not* to push poor people into deeper poverty. Pray for your pastors.

TODAY'S READINGS: Tobit 12:1, 5-15, 20; Mark 12:38-44 (358). "They devour the houses of widows . . . They will receive a very severe condemnation."

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



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