



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

June 18, 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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Thursday
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
beginning on the week of June 19th

Sunday, June 18

9:30 a.m. — Father’s Day
11:30 a.m.— Father’s Day

Monday, June 19

9:00 a.m. — Father’s Day

Tuesday, June 20

9:00 a.m. — Father’s Day

Wednesday, June 21

9:00 a.m.— Father’s Day

Thursday, June 22

9:00 a.m.. — Father’s Day

Saturday, June 24

5:30 p.m.— Mildred Campanelli
Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)

Sunday, June 25

9:30 a.m.— John Tighe (Maureen Reilly)
Mary Louise Klammer (Maureen Reilly)
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 McMahon 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.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.”
Proverbs 3:5-6

STEWARDSHIP
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
Last Week’s Collection: \$8,539
(includes *Faith Direct*)
Last Year’s Collection: \$8,080
Thank You!

Rest
in
Peace

Josephine Napoletano
Linda Montebello
Angela Basso
Coleta Bartolomeo

Good News Reflection**The important virtue of collaboration**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, notice how strongly Jesus was moved by the needs of the people. His heart ached for them, because he knew they felt troubled and abandoned. What's surprising, however, is how he responded. Although he likened them to sheep without a shepherd, and elsewhere he describes himself as the Good Shepherd, instead of taking action as that shepherd, he immediately turned to his disciples and called them to do the work!

Today, there are many who suffer troubles and feel abandoned because not enough is being done to help them. So, when we see a parish lacking a pastor, or a ministry lacking a shepherd, or a need lacking a ministry, we do as Jesus tells us to



do: We beg the master of the harvest to send forth more laborers. And Jesus taps us on the shoulder and says, "YOU do it."

We ask God to increase the number of priest vocations, because there are too few men entering the seminary. And Jesus says, "Don't just pray, get up and do some of the work! You have a vocation, too!"

The reason why many people feel that God hasn't answered their prayers (and has therefore apparently abandoned them) is because Jesus responds to their needs through us — and too few of us are giving him a free hand to use. We don't have enough lay people assisting the priests we do have. We don't have enough Christians

standing up against injustices and other evils, and so of course, to many who suffer, God seems distant and uncaring.

Jesus was one man serving a whole nation, and he accomplished much in only three years because of the apostles who assisted him. The harvest needs collaborators. There are a few things that only a priest-shepherd can do; everything else can be done by his assistants, under his guidance, so that all needs are met. This is how the Church is made whole and holy and effective in evangelization.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What has Jesus asked you to do as an extension of himself? Which of his gifts are you using to help in the work of his kingdom? Which gifts has he given you that you're not using? Why not?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

What would our Church be like if everyone became an extension of Jesus using the gifts and talents that God has given them? How would this change the face of your parish?

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Summer is here! 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 19** instead of the regular five days (Mon to Fri). This gives our staff to catch up on things as well as prepare for the coming year. 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.

Message Series:

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



Scripture - Proverbs 1:1-6; Proverbs 2:1-6

In this message we will introduce the purpose of the book of Proverbs. In the first chapter Solomon describes the purpose of the book so that people will grow in wisdom, instruction and insight. He directs the book specifically to his son that he will find success in life by seeking wisdom from the Lord. On this Father's Day we will encourage fathers to encourage their own sons and daughters to seek God.

God desires to give us practical wisdom for living so that we will succeed.

Write down or record your own proverbs or life lessons that you have learned and would pass on to others.

Read through the book of Proverbs.

Vacation Bible School 2023

JULY 31ST - AUGUST 4TH

9AM - 12:30 PM

For Children K to 6th Grade

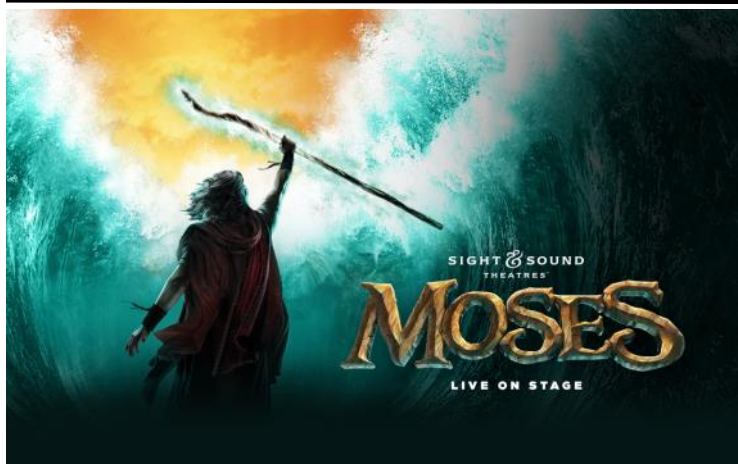
Junior Counselors Grade 7 and Up

Registration open online at www.abvmcentereach.com



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, Dishwashing Liquid, Mayonnaise, Tea, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Muffin Mix, Snacks, Pancake Mix, Macaroni & Cheese, Noodles, Instant Potatoes, Canned Fruit, Canned Chili, Pasta Sauce, Peanut Butter.**



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Ct. St Gerard #1920 is sponsoring a trip to Lancaster, PA to see The Story of Moses at the Sight and Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA on Thursday September 14th. The cost is \$215 per person which includes transportation, lunch at Miller’s Smorgasbord and the show. Please contact Rose 631-676-2855 for sign-up and payment by Tuesday, August 1st.



Long Island Coalition for Life

PROCLAIM THE RIGHT TO LIFE FOR PREBORN INFANTS FACE THE TRUTH PRO-LIFE EVENT

SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023; 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM.
LAKE GROVE - Route 347 (near Smith Haven Mall)
Pro-lifers are invited to join this peaceful public outreach.

Signs available (near Staples S/C). Rain or shine.

Sponsored by Long Island Coalition for Life: 631-243-1435; info@prolifeLI.org.

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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 18, 2023**Your name here**

At county fairs there always seems to be a stand where someone offers to write your name on a grain of rice. As novel a proposition as that is, perhaps there are better places to have our names inscribed. Scripture mentions a "Book of Life" eight times. It's described as the registry of the just—a desirable place to be listed. Martyrdom is one sure way to make the registry and promoting the gospel is another. Simply put, bring Jesus to others. Witness with your values, decisions, and resources. Add your name to the book.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 19:2-6a; Romans 5:6-11; Matthew 9:36—10:8 (91). *"The names of the twelve apostles are these: first, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew."*

Monday, Jun 19, 2023**Take your place in paradise**

A thousand years ago, Italian monk Saint Romuald founded a religious order, the Camaldolese, that blended the Christian hermit tradition into monastic life. His monks lived in individual cells but participated in some communal activities. Romuald's rule of life put solitude and contemplation and meditation on the Psalms at the center of his order's spirituality. He wrote, "Sit in your cell as in paradise. Put the whole world behind you and forget it. Watch your thoughts like a good fisherman watching for fish. The path you must follow is in the Psalms—never leave it." Tap into this tradition and try finding a place of solitude and, with the Psalms handy, carve out some quiet time for contemplation in your busy day.

MEMORIAL OF ROMUALD, ABBOT

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 6:1-10; Matthew 5:38-42 (365). *"But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil."*

Tuesday, Jun 20, 2023**We are one vast body in this one vast Lord**

On this day in 1926, the [28th International Eucharistic Congress](#) opened in Chicago, the first one held in the United States. Mass at Soldier Field attracted an estimated 400,000 people gathered in and around the stadium and featured a "Nuns and Women's Choir of 10,000 Voices." At its conclusion, 750,000 pilgrims joined a 40-mile eucharistic procession—on foot or by car, bus, and rail—to St. Mary of the Lake Seminary in Mundelein, Illinois. A logistical marvel of mass transit, this gathering was as important for Chicago as it was for the U.S. church. Let these words, from 2021's international congress, be your meditation today: "He is our Lord and our Master, our friend and our food, our healer and our peace."

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 8:1-9; Matthew 5:43-48 (366).

"They gave themselves first to the Lord and to us through the will of God."

Wednesday, Jun 21, 2023**Your mission**

The brief life of Saint Aloysius Gonzaga (he died at 23) is instructive for all who hope to raise or nurture young faith. Though he was raised in royal privilege, a book about the experiences of Jesuit missionaries in India inspired Aloysius to leave his comfortable world behind and dedicate his life to God. As it turned

out, his mission field would be closer to home, as he gave his life serving the sick during a terrible plague in Rome in 1591. Young people are inspired by heroic examples of service. Be that inspiration.

MEMORIAL OF ALOYSIUS GONZAGA, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (367). *"Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them your Father who sees in secret will repay you."*

Thursday, Jun 22, 2023**Discipleship still can be costly**

Sir (and Saint) Thomas More, the British humanist and statesman, stared down King Henry VIII and paid the price. He was beheaded in 1535 for refusing to support the king's desire to control the Catholic Church. The 1960 play (and later film) *A Man for All Seasons* kept alive More's considerable reputation as martyr and man of letters. More's final words affirmed that he was the "king's good servant and God's first." Most of us won't have to die for our faith, but many will pay a price for doing the right and faithful thing in a difficult situation. What has your faith cost you?

MEMORIAL OF THOMAS MORE, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15 (368). *"Your Father knows what you need before you ask him."*

Friday, Jun 23, 2023**'Tis a gift**

The classic rock song "Simple Man" was written by two musicians who had recently lost loved ones: a grandmother and a mother. As the two were sharing stories and advice from these women, the verses of a song began to emerge. The women's advice was simple: Remember God, slow down in life, follow your heart, and find everything you need in your soul. Living simply was key for these women, and it is key for our life as Christians. As you encounter the gospels in your prayer and during Mass, what values of simple living do you hear woven into its verses?

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 11:18, 21-30; Matthew 6:19-23 (369). *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth."*

Saturday, Jun 24, 2023**Find your voice**

Zechariah, father of John the Baptist, stands in for all of us who fall silent when our doubt overcomes our faith. Along the path of life where we sometimes lose our way, it's difficult to trust that God is with us always. When Zechariah comes to his senses and realizes God is indeed active in his life through the wondrous birth of John, he is able to speak again. So it is with us. We find our authentic voice when we trust in God.

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80 (587). *"He asked for a tablet and wrote, 'John is his name,' and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God."*

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



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