



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

June 25, 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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Thursday
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Friday: CLOSED

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.

Sunday, June 25

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

11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

Monday, June 26

9:00 a.m. — Matthew Borkowski (Family)
Francisco Ella (Luz & Harry)

Tuesday, June 27

9:00 a.m. — Anne Cecilia Saggio (Terry Riedy)
Linda T. Montebello (Elizabeth Leverock)

Wednesday, June 28

9:00 a.m.— Richard Allen Spindler II (Family)
John Palladino (Patricia & JJ)

Thursday, June 29

9:00 a.m.. — Josephine Zecca (Zecca Family)

Saturday, June 30

5:30 p.m.— John Houghton (Pat Houghton)
Kevin Rivers (Lea Galante)

Sunday, July 2

9:30 a.m.— Judy Carlson (Maureen Reilly)
Nora Erario (Reilly Family)

11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

“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: \$9,040
 (includes *Faith Direct*)
Last Year’s Collection: \$9,448
Thank You!

Rest
in
Peace

Eleanor Criscuolo
Maria L. Ambrose
Grace Rose Soricelli

Good News Reflection**Be bold with your good news!**

Think of a time when you were in darkness: a sin, for example, or when you felt abandoned by God or your prayers seemed dry and your spiritual gifts seemed covered over. What did Jesus say to you at that time (perhaps through scripture or friends or a homily at Mass)? What did his whisperings tell you? His words and his guidance were good news for you!

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus says: "What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light."



He's calling you and commissioning you and empowering you, through his Holy Spirit, to share your good news with others, so that they can hear him in their darkness. Proclaim it boldly and visibly so that those who want to hear it will stop and listen. Do not be afraid to openly share how Jesus has been working in your life and how he's helped you grow or heal or turn away from sin.

Yes, when we're this bold, some people ridicule us and reject us, like how Jeremiah was treated in the first reading. But the Lord is with you, too, as "a mighty champion," and your persecutors will eventually stumble and fail. Jesus tells us to "fear no one." God takes good care of us.

Jesus acknowledges those who acknowledge him. In other words, when we're insulted or persecuted for our faith, God holds us and comforts us. It's his opinion of us that matters anyway, and no one else's. Listen to him. In the whispers of the sanctuary of your heart, he's telling you all the good that he sees in you. He's telling you that he appreciates the good you have done. He's giving you good news worth sharing.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What is your testimony? What did Jesus teach you when you were in sin or handling a recent difficulty? Write it down; this exercise will help you feel more confident when you try to share your story with others.

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Practice sharing the testimony you realized during the above personal reflection: Proclaim it first to your community of friends who understand. And as you listen to the testimonies of others, encourage them: Tell them how their story helps you. Then, make a commitment to go forth and spread the good news. What does this commitment look like? What will you do first to fulfill your commitment?

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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 3:1-8

Proverbs tells us to put trust in the Lord and not to lean on our own insight and understanding. In return, God promises to make straight our paths. In this message we will look at how we can practically put our trust in the Lord.

Trusting in God - putting the weight of our life on him and not our own abilities or talents - makes straight paths for us. Examine how our own life lessons compare to God's word. Examine how well we are leaning on God or whether we are leaning on something else.

Vacation Bible School 2023

JULY 31ST - AUGUST 4TH

9AM - 12:30 PM

For Children K to 6th Grade

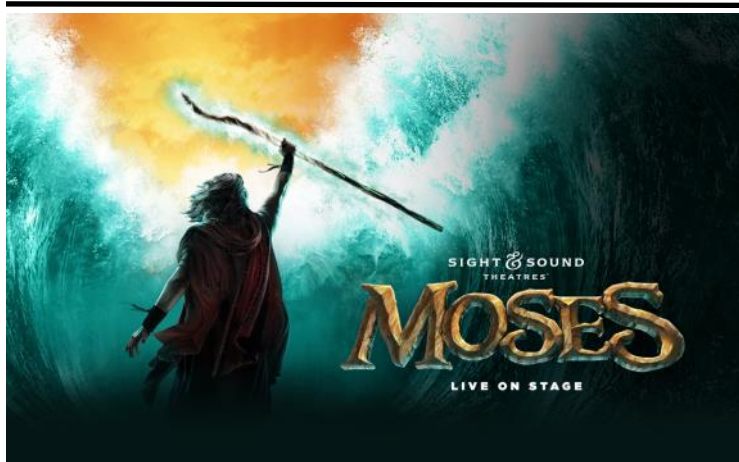
Junior Counselors Grade 7 and Up

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. **Kleenex, Muffin Mix, Cake Mix, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Salad Dressing, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Instant Potatoes, Canned Chili, Canned Dog Food, Canned Cat Food.**



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.



BIBLE BUDDIES



Grades PreK to 3

Tuesday, July 11, 18, 25 & Aug 8, 15, 22
6:30pm – 7PM

Adopt a pet and learn stories from the Bible!

For more info contact dmaterazo@abvmcentereach.com or jmercado@abvmcentereach.com

CASE FOR CHRIST FOR KIDS PROGRAM



Grades 4 to 7

Tuesday, July 11, 18, 25 & Aug 8, 15, 22
6:30pm-7:30pm

Be an investigative reporter in the case for Christ!

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 P8DGQ8



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 25, 2023

With justice for all

Politics is noble, among the highest forms of charity, Pope Paul VI once said. Pope Francis speaks often about the intersection of politics and justice. Yet Francis points out, "Some people continue to defend trickle-down theories which assume that economic growth, encouraged by a free market, will inevitably succeed in bringing about greater justice.... This opinion ... expresses a crude and naive trust in the goodness of those wielding economic power and in the sacralized workings of the prevailing economic system." Politics is noble, but regrettably, not all politicians are. Work for justice, both in the system and on the street.

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:10-13; Romans 5:12-15; Matthew 10:26-33 (94). "*Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!*"

Monday, Jun 26, 2023

The journey of faith has surprising twists

French missionary to the United States Simon Bruté, who died on this day in 1839, lived through major upheaval. His father came from a wealthy, aristocratic family. His mother often told him, "You were born to live in opulence." But Bruté later wrote, "God ordered it otherwise." His father died deeply in debt and his affairs in disarray. His mother saved the boy from military service during France's Reign of Terror. Disguised as a baker's assistant, he brought the Eucharist to imprisoned priests. He was eventually ordained, moved to Baltimore to teach, and later became the first bishop of the Diocese of Vincennes, Indiana. Life rarely turns out the way you plan, but if you surrender to God's will for you, you might find your faith takes you on an adventure you never could have imagined.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 12:1-9; Matthew 7:1-5 (371). "*The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you.*"

Tuesday, Jun 27, 2023

It takes two

When patriarch Nestorius refused to accept Mary as *Theotokos*—Greek for "God bearer"—it was Cyril of Alexandria who took him on. Nestorius insisted that Mary, as human, could only bear another human—not God—thus disputing the Incarnation. Cyril would insist upon the "hypostatic union" of human and divine in Jesus. Or, as proclaimed by the Council of Ephesus: Jesus is always and ever "one person" with "two natures." But another type of union also stirred Cyril. Use his words as your meditation today: "As two pieces of wax fused together make one, so [the one] who receives Holy Communion is ... united with Christ."

MEMORIAL OF CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 13:2, 5-18; Matthew 7:6, 12-14 (372). "*How narrow the gate and constricted the road that leads to life.*"

Wednesday, Jun 28, 2023

Room for everyone at the table

Saint Irenaeus, living a scant 100 years after Jesus, was a staunch defender of orthodoxy and church unity: "The Church, having received this preaching and this faith, although scattered throughout the whole world, yet, as if occupying but one house, carefully preserves it." Yet he also made room for those who, through no choice of their own, lived and died without having heard the Good News: "Christ came not only for those who believed from the time of

Tiberius Caesar, nor did the Father provide only for those who are now, but for absolutely all [persons] from the beginning, who, according to their ability, feared and loved God and lived justly." Focus on loving God and living justly and there will be a place for you at the heavenly feast.

MEMORIAL OF IRENAEUS, BISHOP, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Matthew 7:15-20 (373).

"*Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but underneath are ravenous wolves. By their fruits you will know them.*"

Thursday, Jun 29, 2023

Let your life be transformed

It's hard to imagine the development of the church we know today without Saints Peter and Paul. Saint Peter was among the 12 apostles, one with a starring role in the gospels. Saint Paul's spiritual encounter with Jesus transformed him into a tireless Christian evangelizer and likely author of what eventually became half of the New Testament. Peter and Paul were contemporaries who were leaders in the church and both were martyred around the year 64 as a result. Jesus utterly transformed their lives, leading them to build up the fledgling Christian church. What can you do today to help build the church?

SOLEMNITY OF PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18;

Matthew 16:13-19 (591). "*You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.*"

Friday, Jun 30, 2023

Water the seeds that have been planted in you

The early followers of Jesus found themselves in a strange new world. Sure, it was the same dusty streets and ebb and flow of life they always had known. Yet nothing was the same. The disciples had to navigate a world in which they found life in the risen Christ but also persecution and even death at the hands of those determined to punish and erase Christianity. Today the church remembers these protomartyrs as being "seeds of life," as early Christian author Tertullian noted. Their faith and witness continue to grow the church. What seeds of life have been sown in your faith journey?

MEMORIAL OF THE FIRST MARTYRS OF THE CHURCH OF ROME

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Matthew 8:1-4 (375).

"*Walk in my presence and be blameless.*"

Saturday, Jul 01, 2023

We leave a mixed legacy

When we think of 1776, we think of Anglo colonists up in arms along the East Coast. But on the other side of what is now the continental United States, a very different process was taking place. Spanish Franciscans led by Junípero Serra were establishing missions along what is now the California coast, then Spanish territory. While the legacy of the missions is a mixed one, and rightfully open to scrutiny, near the end of his life Serra made an arduous trip from the California coast to Mexico City and demanded legislation protecting the indigenous people and the missions from military abuse. The result was the first step toward a bill of rights for Native Americans. It might have been Saint Teresa of Ávila who said, "God writes straight with crooked lines."

MEMORIAL OF JUNÍPERO SERRA, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 18:1-15; Matthew 8:5-17 (376). "*Amen, I say to you, in no one in Israel have I found such faith.*"

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



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