



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

July 2, 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, July 2

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

11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

Monday, July 3

9:00 a.m. — Erlinda L. Quilaneta (Gochan Family)

Tuesday, July 4

9:00 a.m. —

Wednesday, July 5

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

Thursday, July 6

9:00 a.m.. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)
Amy Serlis (Uy Family)

Saturday, July 8

5:30 p.m.— Kaylee Rivers (Family)
Judy Carslon (Angela Nugent)

Sunday, July 9

9:30 a.m.— Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)
Ramoncito Armarnento (Greta Ella)

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: \$7,925
 (includes *Faith Direct*)
Last Year’s Collection: \$10,164
Thank You!

Rest
in
Peace

Dorothy Rudnicki
John Draghi

Good News Reflection**What matters most to you?**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus emphasizes the importance of keeping our eyes on him and always making him our top priority. Nothing else matters as much as our relationship with God. This means following Jesus wherever he leads, doing everything his way, all the way, every day, giving him our 100% (no excuses for being mediocre in our faith), laying down our lives in service to others like he did.

Laying down our lives means making sacrifices, such as giving our cup of cold water to someone who's thirsty. It means receiving someone into our busy schedules and listening for the prophet in him; for example: What is God saying to us through this person?



When we refuse to lay down our lives for others, we reject the Cross of Christ and his sufferings, which he submitted to for our sake. This does not mean, however, that we can never say no to others. Jesus wants to lead us away from the harm of abuse or demands that are sinful or the enabling of unhealthy behaviors. Saying no in such cases is yet another Way of the Cross.

When we truly follow Christ, we can receive all that he is and all that he has for us. When we let go of our fears and personal goals, letting Jesus lead us into new places and new ways of handling problems, we discover new life in Christ. His ways are always far better than what we had feared would happen.

This is the difference between a mediocre faith and a life in Christ that is full of adventures, miracles, surprising solutions, healing, victories, and realizing how very precious and important we are to God.

Questions for Personal Reflection: Who has asked you (either consciously or unaware) to lay down a part of your life for them? When have you said no? When have you said yes -- and was it worth the sacrifice?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing: Why is laying down our lives for the needs or requests of others worthwhile? Share a story from your own life that illustrates this.

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Message Series:

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



Scripture - Proverbs 3:9-10 (giving), 11:24-25 (giving), 12:11 (work hard) 13:4 (work hard) 13:11 (Save), 20:4 (work hard), Proverbs 21:20 (Save), 22:27 (Debt), Proverbs 24:30 – 34 (work hard), Proverbs 27:23-25 (account for your money)

The book of Proverbs helps us to find success. It has a wealth of wisdom when it comes to handling money and finances. In this message we will look at some of the core principles necessary to win with money. They include work hard so you earn it, give to God, save little by little, avoiding debt and keep track of your money.

God has much to say about our finances and how to win with money. Implement one core principle in order to be more successful with finances.

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 Thursday from 10 AM to 1 PM.

Kleenex, Razors, Toothbrushes, Laundry Detergent, Tea, Coffee, Muffin Mix, Shelf Stable Milk, Hot Chocolate, Pancake Mix, Instant Potatoes, Canned Chili, Canned Potatoes, Fruit Juice, Canned Cat Food, Canned Dog Food.



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, July 7

In the church 1:00—2:00 PM

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



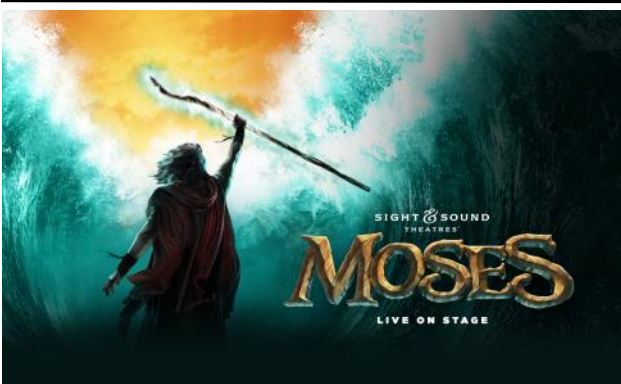
Grades 4 to 7

TUESDAYS

Tuesday, July 11, 18, 25 & Aug 8, 15, 22

6:30pm-7:30pm

Be an investigative reporter in the case for Christ!



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.



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!



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Sunday, Jul 02, 2023**Say what you see**

Upon winning the Nobel Peace Prize in 1986, Elie Wiesel was named a "messenger to mankind." The *Los Angeles Times* called him the "most important Jew in America." A Holocaust survivor, Wiesel didn't speak of his experiences for 10 years after his liberation from the camps. Eventually he understood the world needed his witness: "We must take sides. Neutrality helps the oppressor, never the victim. Silence encourages the tormentor, never the tormented.... Wherever men and women are persecuted because of their race, religion, or political views, that place must—at that moment—become the center of the universe." Tell the truth from where you stand.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a; Romans 6:3-4, 8-11; Matthew 10:37-42 (97). "Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."

Monday, Jul 03, 2023**A twin to us all**

Three times in the Gospel of John, the apostle Thomas is also called Didymus. Both names mean "twin"—in Aramaic and Greek respectively. He is referred to in some non-biblical historical texts as "Judas Thomas"—a.k.a. "Judas the Twin." It's likely "the twin" was his nickname and he was known by it among Jews and Greeks. But there's no explanation of whose twin he was. Today, Christians mostly know him as "Doubting Thomas" because he didn't believe Jesus had risen until he saw for himself. While we don't know the identity of Thomas' biological twin, do we resemble him in our disbelief from time to time? Ask Jesus for the grace of faith and the same graciousness he showed to Thomas.

FEAST OF THOMAS, APOSTLE

TODAY'S READINGS: Ephesians 2:19-22; John 20:24-29 (593). "Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."

Tuesday, Jul 04, 2023**Born on the Fourth of July**

Born on the Fourth of July is the best-selling memoir of Ron Kovic, Catholic Vietnam vet turned peace activist. On the fourth of July, in 1336, Saint Elizabeth of Portugal was born into eternal life. Like Kovic, Elizabeth threw herself into peacemaking—twice intervening to avert war. Like Kovic, the queen bucked authority: When her husband forbade her from giving royal wealth away to the poor, Elizabeth smuggled contributions out of the castle in her robes. As Americans celebrate our good fortune this day, may the rights enshrined in the Declaration of Independence—"life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness"—be tempered by Elizabeth's example: "God made me queen so that I may serve others."

OPTIONAL MASS FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 19:15-29; Matthew 8:23-27 (378). "He said to them, 'Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?'"

Wednesday, Jul 05, 2023**Be an island of justice**

On this day in 1868, Rafael Cordero was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, one of three children in a free black family. Throughout his life he was a passionate advocate for equitable education on the island, opening a free school for children in his home—the pupils of which would later include some of the most influential figures in Puerto Rican history. A devout Catholic, Cordero was also known

for his charity to the poor. He also fought for the abolition of slavery in Puerto Rico, which was achieved in 1873. Following his death, his schoolhouse became a historic site, and the archbishop of San Juan opened his cause for canonization. He was declared venerable by Pope Francis in 2013. May his legacy of justice live on in our own works of mercy.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 21:5, 8-20a; Matthew 8:28-34 (379). "God was with the boy as he grew up."

Thursday, Jul 06, 2023**Girl power**

Today's saint, Maria Goretti, died a difficult death at age 12 after being stabbed for resisting a rape. She is one of several patron saints of rape survivors. Traditional hagiography about Goretti focuses on her concern for chastity during her resistance, but women who have survived similar ordeals might see saintliness in Goretti's resistance itself. They might reclaim Goretti's story as one of female empowerment, a refusal to be degraded, and a rising above violence when Goretti—on her deathbed—forgave her tormentor. Her act of mercy lives on as a triumph over evil. Saint Maria Goretti, pray for all who have been hurt by sexual violence.

MEMORIAL OF MARIA GORETTI, YOUTH MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 22:1b-19; Matthew 9:1-8 (380). "He then said to the paralytic, 'Rise, pick up your stretcher, and go home.'"

Friday, Jul 07, 2023**Make a wish come true**

When asked what he wished for his birthday on July 7, 2008, the Beatle's drummer Ringo Starr replied, "Peace and love." That simple wish grew into International Peace and Love Day celebrated around the world and even in outer space when a message of peace and love was sent from the International Space Station in 2020. Of course, wishing doesn't make it so. Start small. A little show of mercy and forgiveness will go a long way toward creating a world of peace and love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67; Matthew 9:9-13 (381). "Go and learn the meaning of the words, I desire mercy, not sacrifice."

Saturday, Jul 08, 2023**New wine for modern minds**

Do you know anybody who sews patches on an old coat or drinks wine out of a wineskin? And that's exactly the point of the Lord's teaching. It is the work of preachers, teachers, and translators to rearticulate the ancient truths of Christianity in terms that 21st-century learners can understand. Otherwise, much of the language and images of the ancient texts just keeps getting recycled. Pray for the preachers and teachers who have positively influenced you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 27:1-5, 15-29; Matthew 9:14-17 (382). "People do not put new wine into old wineskins."

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



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