



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**October 1, 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.

**RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday to Friday**  
**9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**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 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](mailto: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](mailto:rtbhuntington@yahoo.com) or Anita Wolf at [hwolf96@aol.com](mailto: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, October 1**

9:30 a.m. — Jimmy Burns (Maureen Reilly)  
Andrew Marino (Patricia Kloiber & Family)

11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

**Monday, October 2**

9:00 a.m. — Marcelot Estriplet (Marcelle Estriplet)  
Alonzo Werner Sr. (Family)

**Tuesday, October 3**

9:00 a.m. — Augustine Alenchery (Nancy Dentrone)  
John Francis Smalley (Merola Family)

**Wednesday, October 4**

9:00 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Altar Society  
Gary & Barbara Krupsky (Louise & Joe Ferrara)

**Thursday, October 5**

9:00 a.m.. — Andrew Cerqueira (Family)  
Anthony Morton (Pat Rivers)

**Saturday, October 7**

5:30 p.m.— Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)  
Anna Theresa Rempy (Family)

**Sunday, October 8**

9:30 a.m.— Joseph Alberigo  
Salvador Zoleta Jr. (Harry & Luz Gaviola)

11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

**So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:  
the old things have passed away;  
behold, new things have come. 2Corinthians 5:17**

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

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**  
**Last Week’s Collection: \$8,921**  
*(includes Faith Direct)*  
**Last Year’s Collection: \$7,648**  
**Thank You!**

*Rest  
in  
Peace*



John Vincent Sokolowski Jr.  
John G. Joseph  
John E. O’Neil

**Good News Reflection*****The correct answer isn't always right***

This Sunday's Gospel story was meant to shock people who think they're okay spiritually but do not honestly examine how well they do the Father's will. Jesus said that tax collectors and prostitutes (professions considered to be the most contemptible and unholy) were entering the kingdom of God ahead of religious experts!



These so-called "experts" knew the correct answer to the question that Jesus posed -- they knew to say yes to God -- but knowing the right answer and actually DOing the right answer is the dividing line between heaven and hell.

God doesn't want right answers; he wants righteous actions. God doesn't want dutiful compliance to Church teachings; he wants obedience motivated by love and an enthusiastic attitude of serving in the mission of the Church.

What's the value of going to Mass every Sunday, for example, if it doesn't result in deeds of holiness outside the Mass? Do you know someone who's saying "no" to coming to Mass? If they're doing good works because they genuinely love God, who's to say they won't reach full unity with him sooner than people who attend every Mass but do little to help others?

God wants us to do both: Know the right answers and be righteous. Go to Mass faithfully and be changed by it. Say yes to his calling to make the world a better place by uniting ourselves to Christ in church and following out him out the door, taking him to everyone we meet.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What opportunities to serve God in your parish or out in the community have you said "no" to? Spend some time praying to understand whether or not that was an invitation from Christ himself. What can you say "yes" to now?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

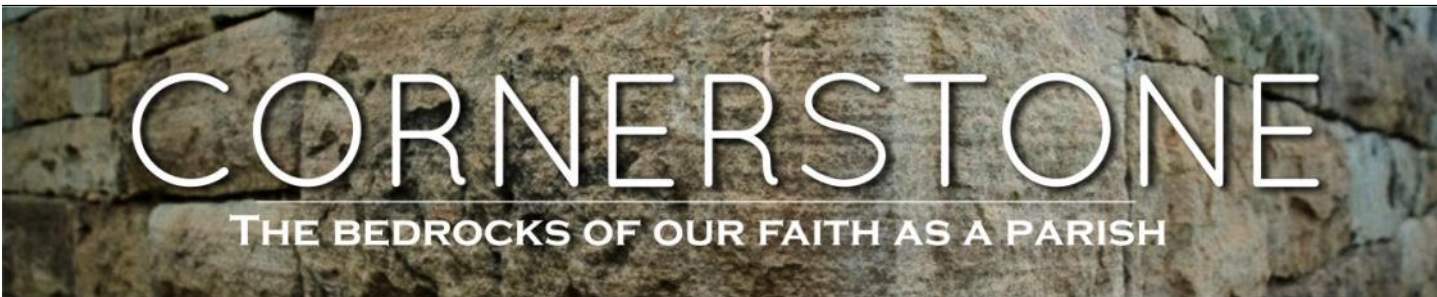
What types of people today are despised the most? Who seems least likely to get into heaven? (A terrorist perhaps? An ex-spouse?) How is it possible (to our surprise) that we might be greeted by them when we arrive in heaven? How would you feel about it?

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**Brand New Message Series begins on  
Sunday, October 15**

STAYING  
POWER

In this series we will look at the power of commitment and the steps we invite to take as a church. We will talk about both the commitments and the benefits of those commitments. You can't be committed to everything but important to be committed to the right things.



Jesus came for the lost and this greatly upset the religious leaders. Jesus further upset them as he stated that tax collectors and sinners were entering the kingdom of God before them. The lost were coming into a relationship with God before the religious leaders because they were repenting and doing what God wanted them to do. Often people who turn back to God are the most zealous for him. At Assumption, we want to keep focused on the lost so that they can become fully devoted followers of Jesus

Reaching the lost and helping them turn to God is a cornerstone of our parish. Develop a heart for those separated from God. Invest and invite in someone who does not have a relationship with God.



We grow by the commitments we make and fulfill. Committing to a marriage, a job, a friendship allows us to grow. Committing to take a class in a foreign language or to dance classes or to martial arts and fulfilling that commitment helps us to grow in our ability to do those things. Likewise we come to mature as Christians, in Christ-likeness by the commitments we make and keep. In this series we will look at the power of commitment and the steps we invite people to take as a church. These are commitments or habits that must be practiced over and over again. Commit to a life-long journey of growth. We will talk about both the commitments and the benefits of those commitments. You can't be committed to everything but important to be committed to the right things.



### **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, October 6<sup>th</sup>**

**In the church 1:00—2:00 PM**

**Small Group** is where our large church gets small. Groups are 6-10 people who meet to discuss faith, go deeper in the weekly message, and support one another in their relationship with Christ. This is the place to care for others and be cared for; Assumption small groups are open to accept more people anytime during the year to help your faith journey. If you like to join a small group, stop by at the Welcome Desk in the church lobby on Sunday or email [rptak@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rptak@abvmcentereach.com)



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit [faithdirect.net/NY563](http://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!



## 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 on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 10AM to 1PM. **PANTRY NEEDS: Paper Towels, Kleenex, Toothpaste, Bar Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Liquid Hand Soap, Laundry Detergent, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Cake Mix & Frosting, Fruit Juice, Coffee, Tea, Box Milk, Hot Chocolate, Canned Tomatoes, Chili, Baked Beans, Canned Potatoes, Instant Potatoes, Canned Chicken, Rice, Snacks, Noodles, Cereal, Pasta Sauce, Canned Peas, Canned Carrots, Canned Pasta.**



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### Stand Up For Life: Respect Life Sunday Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>

Stand Up For Life 10/1/2023 this RESPECT LIFE SUNDAY - 2:00 to 3:30 PM. Join us in Huntington at State Routes 110 & 25 (near the Walt Whitman Mall) or in Manorville south of the Long Island Expressway, LIE at exit 70-S on County Road 111, rain or shine.

Come as you are to this Family-Friendly event, and you can bring a friend or the whole family. For information contact (631) 243-1435 or email Info@ProLifeLI.org

### Joining Our Catholic Community



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) might be what you are seeking if:

- You were never baptized or
- You were baptized in another religious tradition, or
- You were baptized Catholic but have not celebrated Confirmation or Eucharist.

Our parish desires to share our faith with all who wish to discover the beauty and power of a shared life in Christ the Lord. If you are interested, therefore, send the form below to the rectory (20 Chestnut Street, Centereach, NY 11720) or contact the office by email, rectory@abvmcentereach.com, or phone Melissa at 631-585-8760 at the office to get additional details.

### Assumption Prayer Team is praying for you.

We pray for every request in the prayer Petition Books, from Adoremus and those given to us in person.

What are your prayer needs? Prayer Petition Books are in the back of the church.

*Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16*



**PRAYER TEAM**



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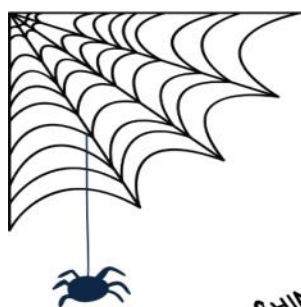
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Children's  
Liturgy of the Word  
**Sprouts**

Sprouts is our Children's Ministry for ages FOUR to SECOND grade on Sundays during 9:30am Mass.

Begins on Sunday, OCTOBER 15<sup>th</sup>

At the beginning of the Mass, children will be dismissed with catechists and assistants downstairs to the church basement to reflect and share the scriptures read at the Mass. A presentation is given, and then the children share in their small groups. This is an excellent opportunity for our youngest to engage during the Mass at their own level. We are ready to hear and be part of the stories of our parish's youngest disciples and invite them to the most incredible adventure of their lives, reminding them weekly, year after year, that our Father is madly after their hearts. If God puts in your heart to help at the Sprouts, please leave your name and phone number at the Welcome Desk or contact the Office.



JOIN US FOR SOME FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21  
12 NOON TO 2 PM  
ASSUMPTION CHURCH PARKING LOT

RAIN OR SHINE!  
INCLEMENT WEATHER  
WILL MOVE  
EVENT INDOORS!

NON-SCARY  
COSTUMES  
ONLY!



DEADLINE  
TO SECURE A  
TRUNK SPOT/TABLE  
IS  
OCTOBER 8!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO HELP MAKE THIS  
A GREAT EVENT FOR THE CHILDREN!!

LOOKING FOR PARISHIONERS & MINISTRY MEMBERS TO HOST A TRUNK OR TABLE!

ALL TRUNK THEMES WILL BE BIBLE-BASED AND MUST BE APPROVED.

PLEASE CONTACT MELISSA AT ABVM OFFICE - 631-585-8768 / MFERRARA@ABVMCENTEREACH.COM  
TO SECURE YOUR SPOT AND FOR THEME APPROVAL.



Coffee  
*in the*  
Courtyard

in the plaza between the church and the parish center

Coffee  
Conversations  
Community

After  
9:30 AM  
& 11:30 AM  
Masses

**Sunday, Oct 01, 2023****Seamless unity**

We work best when we work together. A society pulling in opposite directions tears itself apart. The final prayer Jesus offers at the Last Supper is for unity among his friends. Saint Paul likewise implores his communities to be of one heart. Today, on Respect Life Sunday, we soberly confess that we can't both honor the sacred gift of life and allow poverty, injustice, exclusion, and indifference to remain unchallenged. Coincidentally, it's the International Day of Older Persons, in a world where people over 60 outnumber children under 5. Make this world a welcome place for everyone.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 18:25-28; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32 (136). "Complete my joy by being of the same mind, with the same love, united in heart, thinking one thing."

**Monday, Oct 02, 2023****Watching over us**

What exactly does the church teach about angels? "The existence of the spiritual, non-corporeal beings that Sacred Scripture usually calls 'angels' is a truth of faith," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church. The church venerates angels as servants and messengers of God. And one is particularly looking out for you. But, as Pope Francis says, not just to protect but to prod: "The angels help us; they push us to continue on the journey [of life]." These pure spirits who are in communication with God encourage us to "be not afraid" and take risks. Join the church in welcoming these—and your—special guardians.

MEMORIAL OF THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:1-8 (455); Matthew 18:1-5, 10 (650). "I say to you that their angels in heaven always look upon the face of my heavenly Father."

**Tuesday, Oct 03, 2023****The Lord loves justice**

Mother Theodore Guerin, whose feast is today, was a missionary to the United States who established schools, a pharmacy, and orphanages. But her love of Christ made her denounce injustices, too. She described a slave auction: "These Americans, so proud of their liberty, thus make game of the liberty of others. Poor negroes! I would have wished to buy them all that I might say to them, 'Go! Bless Providence. You are free!'" Her mission continues today with her Sisters of Providence of Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, who strive for peace and justice, particularly in the area of racial equality and equity, criminal justice reform, human trafficking, and immigration. Take to heart Mother Guerin's words as you work to transform the world: "Above all things; justice, justice. If any preference may be shown let it be to the poorest or most abandoned."

TODAY'S READINGS: Zechariah 8:20-23; Luke 9:51-56 (456). "Every nationality, speaking different tongues, shall . . . say, 'Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.'"

**Wednesday, Oct 04, 2023****Make mercy your song to all creation**

The feast of Saint Francis of Assisi is a great date to reflect on one's care for creation, as we are often wont to think all that matters in the spiritual life is our connection to God and other humans. The great Franciscan founder showed us by his life, including preaching to the creatures of the air and the field, that all of creation is listening to hear what we have to say. Is our

message that of compassion and prudence, or rather convenience and the "throwaway culture"? Perhaps God himself is choosing to lend an ear by means of all God's creatures, great and small.

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 2:1-8; Luke 9:57-62 (457). "Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head."

**Thursday, Oct 05, 2023****Mercy prevails**

Saint Faustina Kowalska is one of a long list of saints who held low status but whose intense relationship with God fueled a power that gained attention. A peasant who became a nun assigned low-level jobs, Faustina's mystical visions of Jesus—at first doubted by church authorities—eventually were embraced widely. They are [the foundation of Divine Mercy Sunday, characterized by an image of Jesus with rays of mercy emanating from his heart](#). Faustina's focus on God's mercy is a message that helped her native Poland through harrowing years of war and repressive government, and it continues to inspire. Commit yourself to an act of mercy today.

MEMORIAL OF FAUSTINA KOWALSKA, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Nehemiah 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12; Luke 10:1-12 (458). "Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.'"

**Friday, Oct 06, 2023****Leading indicators**

The stories of the founders of religious institutes most often begin with reluctant souls who feel unworthy to accept such an important task. But, luckily for the church and all blessed by their service and legacy, they eventually take up the mantle of leadership. The decision is not without its benefits, according to Saint Bruno, founder of the Carthusians: "God gives his athletes the reward they desire: a peace that the world does not know and joy in the Holy Spirit." And, for Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, founder of the Sisters of the Holy Names of Jesus and Mary, prayer is key to finding the answers you seek when unsure of next steps: "I suggest that you pray to Our Lord that He assist you and give you the direction you need." Gain strength from the witness of these two great leaders.

MEMORIALS OF BRUNO, PRIEST; BLESSED MARIE ROSE DUROCHER, RELIGIOUS

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 1:15-22; Luke 10:13-16 (459). "Whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

**Saturday, Oct 07, 2023****By any name**

Today's celebration has seen a lot of changes over the centuries. It started out as the Feast of Our Lady of Victory to commemorate the Christian defeat of the Turkish army on this date in 1571. A few years later Pope Gregory XIII changed the name to the Feast of the Holy Rosary. Pope Clement XI in 1716 changed the date to August 5. Pius X changed it back to October 7. John XXIII changed the name to the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary of the Rosary. Then Paul VI changed the name to Our Lady of the Rosary. However you name it, today's Joyful Mysteries invite you to celebrate Christ in your life.

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

TODAY'S READINGS: Baruch 4:5-12, 27-29; Luke 10:17-24 (460). "I have given you the power 'to tread upon serpents' and scorpions and upon the full force of the enemy and nothing will harm you."

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



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