



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**October 15, 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.

## 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 15**

9:30 a.m. — Alan Materazo Sr. (Materazo Family)  
Michael Kennedy (Kennedy Family)  
11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

**Monday, October 16**

9:00 a.m. — Augustine Alenchery (Elizabeth Leverock)  
Diana DeRosa-Poliseno (Virgilio Family)

**Tuesday, October 17**

9:00 a.m. — Augustine Alenchery (Maureen & Sheila)  
John Sokolowski (Maureen Reilly)

**Wednesday, October 18**

9:00 a.m.— Tom Agati (Mr. & Mrs. Randall)  
Clifford Semler (Cheryl Semler)

**Thursday, October 19**

9:00 a.m.. — John Sokolowski (Zoldak Family)  
Jose Perez (Gochan Family)

**Saturday, October 21**

5:30 p.m.— 61st Wedding Anniversary of Patricia & Frank Campanelli  
Peter George Avalos (Blanche Werner)

**Sunday, October 22**

9:30 a.m.— Dominick Bonavise (Family)  
Camilo Cuateros (Harry & Luz Gaviola)



## STEWARDSHIP

### GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**

**Last Week’s Collection: \$10,870**

(includes Faith Direct)

**Last Year’s Collection: \$11,281**

**Thank You!**

Rest  
in  
Peace

Deceased Brothers & Sisters of our Parish

## ***Good News Reflection***

### ***How to handle fakers***

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus addresses the problem of fakers, i.e., people who try to win his friendship by being religious and showing up for the banquet of the Eucharist (Mass) while refusing to enter into a genuine relationship with God.

You know the type: They are friendly as long as it works to their own advantage. They do good deeds but only when it's convenient. They perform Catholic rituals perfectly during Mass but at home they don't even take time to pray. Their faith is so shallow that distractions easily keep them away from Mass. When a priest sins, they leave Catholicism. When their relationship with you requires sacrifice or repentance, they abandon you.

Those who have a genuine relationship with God are identified by the presence of God's love within them radiating outward and blessing others, especially when it's not easy to love.



Jesus shows us in today's parable how to handle the fakers. The invitation to join the party is open to everyone, but when people want only the fun of being a child of God and they ignore the hard work of sharing his love with others, God sets up boundaries against them.

Think of the people you've invited to your banquet table, i.e., into a healthy, Godly relationship, but they've

tried to reshape it according to their unhealthiness and immorality. We should love them but not within harmful circumstances. We should do our own part to make the relationship healthy, but when others do not do their part, they've already abandoned the relationship.

God asks us to carry the cross of doing everything possible to invite them to repentance, conversion, and healing. However, healthy boundaries need to remain in place, and when our efforts are fruitless, eventually God says it's time to let go and move on.

And always, we're to go back out into the byroads to find those who genuinely value Godly friendships.

#### **Questions for Personal Reflection:**

How many Godly, healthy friendships do you really have? Where can you go to find more people who want to be in a holy, Christ-centered, faith-building relationship with you?

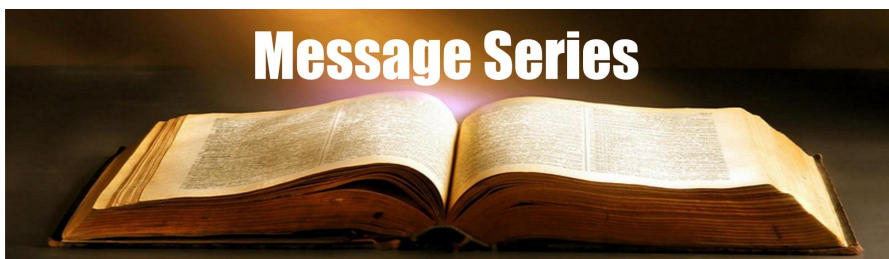
#### **Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

What makes a friendship truly good? How do you know when the time has come to say no to an unhealthy, unholy relationship? How have you handled it? Where have you gone to find support and healing and growth?



**The power of Commitment  
and the Steps  
we invite to take as a church.**

In this week we will introduce the importance of our commitments and by persevering in those commitments. As a parish there are certain commitments we want all our members to make because we believe they are essential to spiritual growth. Whenever we make these commitments, we can expect obstacles but need to persevere. Growth comes when we work through the obstacles and stay on course. We will use the parable of the wedding feast as our example. The king continued on his goal of filling the wedding banquet even when met with obstacles. Abraham Lincoln said, "Commitment is what transforms a promise into reality." Spiritual growth takes place as a result of the commitments we make and keep. Make a commitment to growing as followers of Christ. Is there something you need to stop doing so that Christ can be more of a priority in life.



**Message Series**

At Assumption, we preach in message series. Over several weeks, we will look at a topic and go deeper into it. We select a topic based on the weekend's scripture readings and dive deeper. These are the three questions we ask as we prepare each message series. What do we want the people to know? What do we want the people to do? What do we want the people to feel?

What do we want the people to do? This way, the message you hear in the church is not some head knowledge or something that flies over your head but touches the hearts and has practical applications for our daily lives. That's why I always mention "homework" in my messages. God speaks to us at every moment, especially in a community setting, when His people come together on Sundays and listen to the Word of God as we celebrate, pray, praise, and thank God. Then the discussion continues in the Small Groups and goes deeper. Our message series usually runs from September to July. Our mission continues to Love God, Serve Others, and Grow Disciples.

**ADO REMUS**  
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Friday, October 20, 2023 - 7:30 - 8:30 PM**

**in the church & LIVE Streaming**

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP \* SILENT ADORATION \* BENEDICTION**



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## 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: Canned Chicken, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Coffee, Tea, Instant Oatmeal, Pudding, Jell-O Mix, Fruit Juice, Tissues, Bread Mix, Muffin Mix, Instant Potatoes, Ketchup, Mustard, Individually Packaged Toothbrushes, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Bar Soap, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Liquid Hand Soap, Hot Chocolate, Box Milk, Shampoo, Conditioner, Snacks, Noodles, Cereal, Canned Carrots, Canned Peas.**

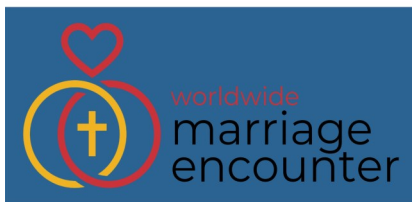


### Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St Gerard #1920

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Fall Fundraiser November 2023</b>			01 <b>50</b>	02 <b>50</b>	03 <b>50</b>	04
05	06 <b>50</b>	07 <b>50</b>	08 <b>50</b>	09 <b>50</b>	10 <b>100</b>	11
12	13 <b>50</b>	14 <b>50</b>	15 <b>50</b>	16 <b>50</b>	17 <b>50</b>	18
19	20 <b>50</b>	21 <b>50</b>	22 <b>50</b>	23 <b>100</b>	24 <b>50</b>	25
26	27 <b>50</b>	28 <b>50</b>	29 <b>50</b>	30 <b>50</b>		

Tickets are 1 for \$10.00 Or 3 for \$20.00. Each ticket gives you multiple times to win within the month. Proceeds will be used for charitable purposes. Winner will receive their money by check mailed directly to them.

For tickets please contact: Rose Picariello 631-676-2855 or Jennifer Orlic



Renew and Refresh your relationship With a weekend away to focus on your spouse. 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.

Our next weekend experience will be on **November 10-12** Held at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Huntington, Long Island

Register at WWME.org or contact: Kevin & Regina Hickson (516) 554-3835

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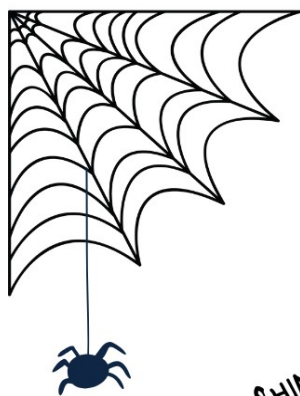
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Children's  
Liturgy of the Word  
**Sprouts**

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!



DONATIONS  
OF CANDY IS  
GREATLY  
APPRECIATED.

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



Coffee  
*in the*  
Courtyard

in the Parish Center Hall

Coffee  
Conversations  
Community

After  
9:30 AM  
& 11:30 AM  
Masses

**Sunday, Oct 15, 2023****Stretch your spirituality**

Your doctor says that even a little exercise is important to keep the body flexible. Joints that move regularly are body parts that can function well a while longer. Walking 20 minutes a day or taking a water aerobics class are easy ways to lubricate the joints we need to perform our daily tasks. Saint Paul reminds us that flexibility is also a significant aspect of the spiritual life. Can we accept good times and bad, seasons of plenty or want, with the same light grip? Moving through circumstances fluidly makes for a freer life, and a gentler death.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14 (142). *"I have learned the secret of being well fed and of going hungry, of living in abundance and of being in need."*

**Monday, Oct 16, 2023****A heart as wide as the world**

Depicted as a flaming, shining, bleeding heart, pierced by a lance, encircled by a crown of thorns, and topped with a cross, the Sacred Heart of Jesus symbolizes Christ's boundless, suffering love for humanity. The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is one of the best known and most practiced of all Catholic devotions, but the 17th-century French Visitation nun who received the revelation of this devotion, Margaret Mary Alacoque, was doubted in her lifetime, and the practice wasn't officially recognized until 75 years after her death. Incorporate an aspiration, or short prayer, to the Sacred Heart each day to remind you that you are unconditionally loved. Examples are "Sacred Heart of Jesus, make my heart like yours," "Sacred Heart of Jesus, I believe in your love for me," or "Sacred Heart of Jesus, may you be known, loved, and imitated!"

MEMORIAL OF MARGARET MARY ALAOCQUE, RELIGIOUS  
TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32 (467). *"At the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here."*

**Tuesday, Oct 17, 2023****Bread of Life, bread for the poor**

Saint Ignatius Theophorus wrote seven epistles while trudging from Antioch to Rome. As Roman soldiers pushed him toward martyrdom in a coliseum, Ignatius decried a different enemy of Christian faith: docetism, whose Christian adherents claimed Jesus never existed physically on Earth—that he only appeared to. In denying the Incarnation, Ignatius says, such heretics also fail to see the Lord's presence in the Eucharist and in the poor. "They have no concern for love, none for the widow, none for the orphan, none for the oppressed, none for the prisoner or the one released, none for the hungry or thirsty." And "they abstain from Eucharist" because "they refuse to acknowledge the Eucharist." Ignatius, help us to see Jesus—in all the places he said he'd be.

MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP, MARTYR  
TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41 (468). *"As to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you."*

**Wednesday, Oct 18, 2023****Pack lightly for the journey of faith**

Today we celebrate the feast of the evangelist Luke. Best known for his gospel, Luke was a dedicated disciple of Paul who goes so far as to join Paul in prison—twice. You can read Luke's account

of the early Christians in the Acts of the Apostles. But first, read what Luke says in today's gospel, which gives Jesus' directives to the disciples who are serving as his advance team. These directives are simple but not easy: "Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals"—and they remain amazingly relevant to living a simple life of faith. How can you enact them in your own life?

FEAST OF LUKE, EVANGELIST

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9 (661). *"Luke is the only one with me."*

**Thursday, Oct 19, 2023****Reconciling our past**

Today is the memorial of several men who were killed for evangelizing native people in Quebec. The documentation of these encounters is almost entirely from the perspective of European American Christians, with missionaries as heroic martyrs and natives as murderous heathens. The truth is much more complicated. Pope Francis' 2022 apology to indigenous [people in Canada and the U.S. Catholic Indigenous Boarding School Accountability and Healing Project are two efforts to look at the bigger picture of Christian-Indigenous relationships with accountability and reconciliation as goals. Join these efforts by exploring \[Native American culture and history.\]\(#\)](#)

MEMORIAL OF JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 3:21-30; Luke 11:47-54 (470). *"Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge."*

**Friday, Oct 20, 2023****GPS for the soul**

Spiritual direction is a great tool for navigating with God the ups and downs of everyday life. The practice involves a one-on-one relationship with a spiritual director who helps us to see how God is moving in our lives. A director listens and offers wisdom such as that of Paul of the Cross: "Let everything in creation draw you to God. Refresh your mind with some innocent recreation and needful rest, if it were only to saunter through the garden or the fields, listening to the sermon preached by the flowers, the trees, the meadows, the sun, the sky, and the whole universe." In honor of Saint Paul cultivate the art of listening wisely.

MEMORIAL OF PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7 (471). *"Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God."*

**Saturday, Oct 21, 2023****A higher law**

All of us run afoul of the law at some point or another, even if it's as minor as a parking ticket. Laws, religious or secular, are there to set standards and impose order. They have their purpose, but if we hope to be released from all that afflicts us in this life, we'll need a different kind of law—the law of love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. As 20th-century monk and mystic Thomas Merton explains, "The first obligation of the Christian is to maintain their freedom from all empty forms of legalism" and "live by a higher law—the law of grace and love." Let faith lead you there.

TODAY'S READINGS: Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12 (472).

*"Brothers and sisters: It was not through the law that the promise was made to Abraham and his descendants . . . it depends on faith."*

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



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