



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

October 27, 2024

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week



Sunday, October 27

9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Gochan Family)
Antonia Perez & Jose Gomez (Isabel Gomez)
11:30 a.m.— Cesar Sales (Harry & Luz Gaviola)_
People of the Parish

Monday, October 28

9:00 a.m.— Intentions for Fr. Joseph Alenchery (Annette Wolz)

Tuesday, October 29

9:00 a.m.— Dawn Hearn (Rose Picariello)

Wednesday, October 30

9:00 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of Romeo & Wolz Families

Thursday, October 31

9:00 a.m.— Joseph Alberigo (Ferrara Family)

Friday, November 1

9:00 a.m.— Leo Tahchino (NY Metros)
Sofia Guillermo (Maria Freund)
7:00 p.m.—All Souls

Saturday, November 2

7:00 p.m.—All Souls

Sunday, November 3

9:30 a.m.— All Souls
11:30 a.m.— All Souls
People of the Parish

We celebrate **EUCCHARIST**

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 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.

STEWARDSHIP
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship
Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
Last Week’s Collection: \$9,648
(includes *Faith Direct*)
Last Year’s Collection: \$9,086
Thank You!

Rest
in
Peace



Deceased Brothers & Sisters of our Parish

Good News Reflection**Make the Most of Divine Opportunities**

After Jesus touches our lives – answers a prayer, gives us a healing, provides a life-changing insight, or makes any other kind of difference – what do we do next? Our life has been changed by divine grace. Do we make the most of this new opportunity?

God never forces us to take a new direction or follow a certain path, not even if we've made a bargain with him, such as: "Lord, if you heal me, I will go to Mass every day."

Jesus says to us what he said to Bartimaeus, the man he healed in this Sunday's Gospel reading: "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Go where?



Sometimes his instructions are a little more informative than that. When he cures someone from sin, he adds: "Go and sin no more". Okay, but go where?

Every step we take is important. Where we go and what we do next makes a difference that ripples off into the future with ramifications (blessings and/or woes) that are impossible for us to predict. Jesus isn't downplaying the significance of this. Rather, what happens next is so important that he wants us to have full control over it.

Jesus told Bartimaeus "Go your way." And what did Bartimaeus do with that freedom? He "followed him on the way." He opted for the best possible direction. His life changed dramatically, not only because he had been blind and now he had good eyesight, but because he wanted to learn from Jesus and become one of his followers.

How many times have we returned to an old familiar path after an encounter with Christ? If following him means taking a new direction, getting involved in a new ministry, or changing careers or friends, we too often settle back into old routines. Comfort zones are hard to leave. But following Jesus is a life-changing adventure if we're sincere about it.

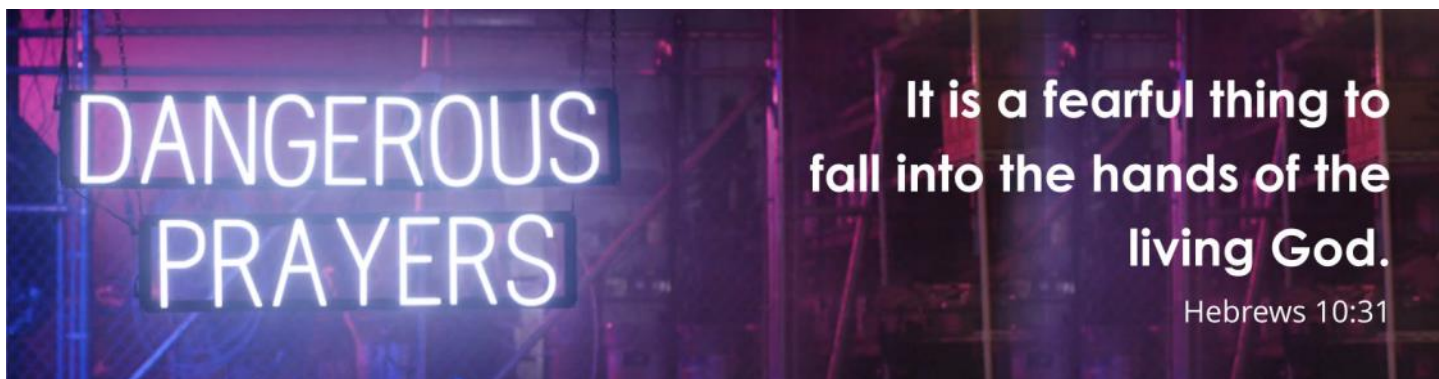
Following Jesus and learning from him should be our top priority. Every encounter with Christ should change us – even at Mass when we reunite ourselves to him in the Eucharist.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Think of the last time Jesus responded to your need for help. What changed afterward? How long did the change last?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

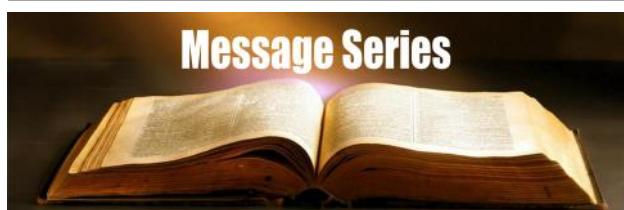
Describe a time when you changed directions in your life because of an encounter with Christ. What did Jesus do for you? How did you figure out which way to go afterward?



Week Two – Heal me. Mark 10:42-46 Blind Bartimaeus

God wants to act in our lives but often he waits until we are very clear about what we want. Bartimaeus asks Jesus for sight and to regain his vision. He receives it but only after he perseveres in prayer and gets over the many obstacles to come to Jesus. We many know of areas where we need healing but allow fear of disappointment or what others will think of us to stop us from praying. In this message we will learn from Bartimaeus about how to pray for healing. This will be a reminder that Jesus' power to heal us is available to us.

The same Jesus who healed Bartimaeus can heal you. Name the healing you want. Go to prayer team for healing.



As you already know, at Assumption, we preach in message series. Over several weeks, we will examine a topic in depth. We select a topic based on the weekend's scripture readings.

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.

Daily Practice

"Daily Practice" is a daily devotional that is sent in an email weekly. It is a Scripture passage, and a reflection, for each day of the week. If you would like to subscribe to it, please sign up with an email. Please leave your name and email at the Welcome Desk or contact the Office at rectory@abvmcentereach.com.



Small Groups

Small Group is where our large church gets small. Groups are 6-10 people who meet usually once a week to discuss faith, go deeper in the weekly message, and support one another in their relationship with Christ. During this season of Lent it is a great opportunity to discover and explore the small group experience. 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 on Sunday or email rectory@abvmcentereach.com to sign up.



Children's Ministry for
ages four to fifth grade on
Sundays during 9:30 AM Mass

At the beginning of the Mass, children will be sent forth 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. For more information contact the Faith Formation Office.

Diocesan Bankruptcy

Many of you know that the Diocese of Rockville Centre has been undergoing a Chapter 11 Bankruptcy process since October 2020. This was the result of the New York State Legislature's passage of the Child Victims Act in 2019, which allowed lawsuits for historical accusations of child sexual abuse, regardless of how many years or decades ago the alleged abuse took place. The number of lawsuits that were brought against the Diocese, our parishes, schools, and other ministries made it impossible to equitably compensate victim-survivors of child abuse with meritorious claims through court trials. Trials would have resulted in the first survivors in line with claims receiving compensation and the rest receiving little or nothing.

Bankruptcy offered the possibility of equitable compensation and some measure of healing for survivors while allowing the Church to continue the saving mission of Jesus Christ by, first and foremost, securing the future of our parishes. The Diocese and every parish and ministry contributed to the settlement to accomplish these goals. To resolve all past claims of abuse of minors and to secure the future of the Church's ministries throughout Long Island, every parish needed to participate in the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy process. This is to ensure that no historical claims could place parishes or schools at risk in the future. Our Parish contributed \$127,748 to the settlement of all cases. These funds come exclusively from our investment income. No funds from our weekly collections or other donations were used. Because of the generosity of our parish family even in these difficult times, all our parish programs and activities will continue to grow to Love God, Serve Others and Grow Disciples.

We know that the thought of our Parish contributing to a settlement can cause anger, confusion, and resentment. Please understand that the cost of bringing current or potential future historical cases against our Parish to trials, especially if judgments were eventually rendered, would be devastating to our parish's work and future. This is about protecting our Parish now and for the future.

We know that we did not cause the horrific scandal of child abuse, but we inherited the devastating effects. In 2019, as a result of the law passed by the New York State Legislature, our parishes became subject to lawsuits based upon claims of abuse from decades ago, long before any of the current priests or staff members arrived here and before most of our current parishioners lived within the parish. By participating in the bankruptcy process, along with the whole Church throughout Long Island, we have helped to resolve all claims and secure the future of our Parish.

Victim survivors of child abuse deserve our respect, our prayers, and our pastoral support. This has been a painful time for them, their families, and the whole Church, but we pray that the settlement will give everyone an opportunity for healing and a new beginning. We pray for all survivors of child abuse that by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the compassion of others, they may find healing and comfort.

Out of this dark chapter in the Church's history, we look to a time of resurrection, to a Church purified and eager to bring the saving message of Jesus Christ to all people.

With prayers and gratitude to you and your family for your faithfulness. -Fr Joe





Coffee
in the
Courtyard

in the Parish Center Hall

Coffee
Conversations
Community

After
9:30 AM
& 11:30 AM
Masses



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit faithdirect.net/ NY563 or scan the QR Code on your right. Please use **the parish code (NY563)**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!





Parish Social Ministry

Gift Cards: With Thanksgiving just around the corner, we're getting ready to prepare our baskets. Gift cards to neighborhood markets will be very helpful in providing those in need with a great Thanksgiving dinner, allowing them the dignity to choose their favorite holiday foods. Please drop off gift cards at the office or at the Welcome Desk.

PANTRY THANKSGIVING NEEDS: Baked Beans, Cake Mix & Frosting, Canned Chicken, Canned Soup, Canned Vegetables, Canned Yams, Fruit Juice, Instant Potatoes, Mayonnaise, Muffin Mix, Peanut Butter & Jelly, Rice, Shelf Stable Milk, Stuffing Mix and any other non-perishable food items.

PANTRY NEEDS: Baked Beans, Canned Chili, Canned Vegetables, Canned Soup, Canned Chicken, Jelly, Rice-A-Roni, Syrup, Instant Potatoes, Mac-N-Cheese, Mayo, Salad Dressing, Muffin Mix, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Liquid Hand Soap, Deodorant, Household Cleaner.

GIVING THANKS GIVING BACK

Thanksgiving
DRIVE

Outreach Needs for Thanksgiving

Assumption Prayer Team

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



Friday, Nov. 1

Masses:

9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

ALL SAINTS DAY

Drug Crisis Assistance

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS? CATHOLIC CHARITIES / Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. For more information, please call: 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Sliding scale fees, Medicaid, Medicare, and other third-party insurance accepted.





Invest time each week to
expand your vocabulary and
deepen your faith.

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Responsoria I Psalm

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Part of the Liturgy of the Word proclaimed in the Mass drawn from the Psalter (the Book of Psalms) or, more rarely, from biblical canticles. Sung responsively between the lector/cantor and the assembly. Follows the First Reading and corresponds thematically to the day's scriptures.

Pronunciation: <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-responsorial-psalm>

CONTEXT

Through the singing of the **Responsorial Psalm**, we assent to how God's word heard in this particular liturgy is reshaping our identity.

—Kathleen Harmon, *New Developments in Understanding the Responsorial Psalm*

The **Responsorial Psalm** stimulates reflection upon God's saving deeds and serves both as a prolongation and reiteration of the scriptural text it accompanies.

—Elizabeth Harrington, *Liturgy Brisbane*

WHY IT MATTERS

In the **Responsorial Psalm**, we repeatedly chant a phrase to enable it to sink deeper into our being: "Taste and see that the Lord is good" (the most frequently used response); "The Lord hears the cry of the poor"; or "I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me." Across a lifetime, these internalized phrases become prayers that rise to consciousness for solace, contemplation, and instruction.

From the *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*: The table of God's Word is spread before the faithful, and the treasures of the Bible are opened to them. . . . After the First Reading comes the **Responsorial Psalm**, which is an integral part of the Liturgy of the Word . . . because it fosters meditation on the word of God (57-61).

RELATED WORDS

Psalter | Canticle | Prayer | Liturgy of the Word

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What's the difference between a psalm and a canticle?

Psalm comes from the Greek for the twanging of a harp or plucking of a stringed instrument. *Canticle* derives from the Latin for a little song. The main difference isn't style, but placement. Psalms are found entirely within the Book of Psalms, or Psalter. Canticles are located elsewhere in scripture.

The Psalter contains musical directions. A third of these 150 poems and hymns suggest stringed, flute, or harp accompaniment. Some were set to melodies everyone knew. Seventy-three psalms are internally attributed to King David, and he may have sponsored the whole collection. Canticles have a broader authorship. Song of Songs, ascribed to King Solomon, likely had multiple writers. Old Testament canticles include those of Miriam, Moses, Deborah, Hannah, and Judith. New Testament canticles include Zechariah's Benedictus, Simeon's Nunc Dimittis, and of course Mary's Magnificat.

—Alice Camille, *from Questions Catholics Ask* <http://tinyurl.com/QCA-psalm>

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (OCTOBER 27)

With a psalm in our hearts

Asked what liturgical song most fostered and nourished their spiritual life, the majority of respondents in a 2006 online poll cited "On Eagle's Wings" by Father Michael Joncas. The song, inspired by Isaiah's prophecy and Psalm 91, contains the beautifully crafted refrain:

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

READINGS: Jeremiah 31:7-9; Hebrews 5:1-6; Mark 10:46-52 ([149 https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/102724.cfm](https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/102724.cfm)). "The LORD has delivered his people."

FAITH IN ACTION

Remember those words of solace whenever your burden feels too great.