A Message to the Parishioners . . .

I am always in awe of the power of the prayers we pray to God at Our Lady of the Assumption Church.

We have prayed for many things during Mass as well as through our prayer ministry and our private prayers. I know — I think we all know — that God hears our prayers and acts upon them according to His will. Those prayers have helped many through storms in life. You



prayed my Mom through some major health crises in the 1990s. She felt those prayers. They gave her hope and strength and she recovered when the doctors didn't think it was possible. During my 9-month journey when I was stricken with COVID and its complications, your prayers carried me through, gave me that hope and strength, and the medical team the strength and courage to push forward in what seemed like an impossible situation. Just knowing you were praying gave me hope. We know that God is the source of all hope. I think of you as vessels of God's hope and I'm grateful for each one of you.

After much encouragement, prayer, and contemplation I have written a book about hope, available for those who wish through Barnes & Noble and Amazon.

Beth and I have cherished journeying with you through life in the Lord for the more than 38 years we have been a part of Our Lady of the Assumption, and we hope for many more years ahead. We invite you to bring your books to a **Book Signing & Launch Gathering on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 2:00 PM in the O.L.A. Parish Center Lower level.** I can't think of any place I would rather have the official launch of my book than the place where the priests and parishioners are constant vessels of God's hope for me — and the ongoing epicenter of so many prayers!

Love you all. Hoping many of you get and read the book. Every parishioner is invited to the celebration whether you buy the book or not.

May God's love and hope be with you always,



Gary Texter, Pastoral Assistant





Saturday, October 21 2:00 pm to 4:30 pm

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Parish Center, lower level
17 High St., Bloomingburg, NY

If you have already read the book, please come and participate in a lively discussion.

Books can be autographed by the Author.

Light Refreshments Will Be Served

The book is available in Hard Cover & Soft Cover ONLINE at:





Finding

Within the Crisis

by Gary Texter