



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

March 17, 2024

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 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.

Rest
in
Peace

Deceased Brother & Sisters of our Parish

Sunday, March 17

9:30 a.m. — Patrick J. Murphy Sr. (Lori Testa)
Ann Groom-Connolly (Ferrer Family)
11:30 a.m.—People of the Parish
Felice Joseph Scala (Josephine Scala)

Monday, March 18

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

Tuesday, March 19

9:00 a.m.—Rita Howard (Josephine Scala)

Wednesday, March 20

9:00 a.m.— Otto Wolz
Mary Ross (Children)

Thursday, March 21

9:00 a.m.—Edward Ferrante (Peter Witkowsky)

Friday, March 22

9:00 a.m — Vito Solimeno (Phyllis Solimeno)

Saturday, March 23

5:30 p.m.— Michael Kennedy (Kennedy Family)
Michael Rivers (Pat Rivers)

Sunday, March 24

9:30 a.m.— Kathleen A. Stevens (Connoly-Licari Family)
Frederick C. Lingen Jr (Family)
11:30 a.m.—People of the Parish

*Remember not the events of the past,
the things of long ago consider not;
see, I am doing something new!*
Isaiah 43:18-19

STEWARDSHIP
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
Last Week’s Collection: \$9,916
(includes Faith Direct)
Last Year’s Collection: \$9,185
Thank You!

Good News Reflection***We are called to die to ourselves in union with Christ.
I surrender to your will, Lord Jesus.***

To be a Christian is to follow Christ, be like Christ, serve as Christ, love as Christ, suffer and die as Christ, and ultimately rise as Christ. During his public ministry, Jesus told his disciples from the start that anyone who wished to be a follower of his must renounce himself and take up his cross every day to follow him. As “his hour” drew nearer and the Holy Will of his Heavenly Father was just around the corner, Jesus once again told his disciples in no uncertain terms that to follow him would mean to take up their own crosses and be willing to suffer and die for the love of others. Jesus challenged his disciples to live lives of selfless service to others then, and his challenge continues for us now.



What a beautiful image Jesus gave us of the grain of wheat! According to the Catechism, “The grain of wheat points to the Holy Eucharist in which the Sacrifice of Christ becomes really present. As we die to ourselves in union with him, especially in the Sacrament of the Eucharist, we become other Christs.” (CCC 2731)

As we submit our hearts to the Lord and give our lives as disciples of Christ, every one of us is called in many ways to share in the joys and sorrows of Christ. Just as at different seasons of our lives we are given different crosses to bear, we are also called to different ways to serve others. When we serve others, Christ works in us and through us. We can be Jesus to those he puts in our paths to help. We can see Jesus in those we serve. Sometimes it is easier than other times, but we must remember that Jesus is reflected in us when we are serving. Sometimes God uses our acts of faith and charity to break open seeds in other souls as well.

Questions for Personal Reflection: What has had to die in your life for you to draw closer to Christ? Thinking of a cross you have carried in the past, how has your faith grown since it has lifted? What is the heaviest cross you are being asked to bear right now?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing: How have you seen the face of Jesus in those you serve? What are ways that have helped you the most to bear your crosses as Jesus bore his?

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CREATIVE MINISTRIES PRESENTS

JOURNEY

CROSS & CRUCIFIXION

A live dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross

PALM SUNDAY, March 24 at 3:00 PM in the Church

BRAND NEW MESSAGE SERIES FOR LENT

rebuilt
FAITHFORTY
DAILY EXERCISES FOR
REBUILDING OUR FAITH,
ONE DAY AT A TIME**Week Six: Share Your Faith Scripture: Hebrews 5:7–9; John 12:20–33**

In the message we will look at the importance of sharing our faith. Sharing our faith helps us to grow as followers of Jesus Christ, and it gives other people an opportunity to know him. We introduce people not to a religion but to the person of Jesus who willingly laid down his life for us.

The message will also wrap up the whole series and encourage listeners to take their next step of faith.

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Invest in people who do not have a relationship with God. Identify the step from the series that is their next step of faith.

Rebuilt Faith, written by Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran proposes five simple steps to learn (or relearn) more about our Catholic faith and deepen our relationship with God. Rebuilding and renewing our faith starts with a nagging feeling that we want more connectedness, community, and purpose. That's the spark that leads to a flame that burns brightly around Jesus, the foundation of living and growing in faith. Rebuilt Faith is the theme of our weekend message series (homilies) throughout Lent. It will also be the focus of all our small group discussions this season. We're also encouraging parishioners to read the book this Lent and make a commitment to a small group experience in Lent.

Small groups are about life change, and small groups promote life change at a fundamental level that rarely happens in a weekend congregation. That's why growing our small group program is one of our primary goals for this Lenten season at Assumption.

Small groups are for everybody. Whether new to the faith, you can partake in or lead a group in person or online. If you're skeptical about whether you really need religious faith in your life, or if you're having that feeling something is missing, and you need more, or maybe you're just feeling stuck and don't know where to start, don't worry. When you join a small group, you'll receive a free copy of Rebuilt Faith, which is strategically designed with daily readings over the course of six weeks to help you develop your faith. We all know somebody who is skeptical, and you may even know somebody who may just be on the brink of giving themselves entirely to Christ. Let this be your call to action to join a small group, and just watch how much Jesus can change your life for the better.

It's time to begin a transformative journey. If you're already part of a small group, consider taking that next step in becoming a leader. Guiding others in their faith journey not only deepens your own understanding but also contributes to the growth within our community.





Communal Penance Service
(Sacrament of Reconciliation)

**Friday,
March 22nd, 7:00 PM**

All are invited

As we face our wounds Jesus heals us.

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



**Children's Ministry for ages
FOUR to SECOND 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 information contact the Faith Formation Office.



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

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: Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Mustard, Salad Dressing, Fruit Juice, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Snacks, Pasta, Noodles, Canned Chili, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Potatoes, Canned Peas, Muffin Mix, Jell-O, Pudding Mix, Frosting, Canned Pet Food.



The **Catholic Ministries Appeal** is an Island-wide effort by our Church to support the critically important services and programs that serve more than 600,000 people every year. 100% of every dollar raised is RESTRICTED to the ministries of the Appeal.

Through the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we can provide pastoral care to those in need on Long Island. This year our parish goal is \$56,600. Parishes who make their goal receive a rebate from the diocese, amounting to 20% of the actual goal. Last year we got back \$11,200.

If you have not already contributed, please prayerfully consider joining with me as One Faith, Family and Community, and make a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please remember no gift is too small, and all gifts make a difference in someone's life! The pledge you make will be billed for the next 10 months if you like to do so or you can pay it off in full amount. Thank you very much for your generous heart in Serving Others.



Our parish subscribes to a revolutionary online platform which provides the best in Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks, and video-based studies from trusted providers. This allows you, **free of charge**, to access online resources in bible study, apologetics, Christian entertainment, family catechesis, etc. at your convenience. It's available 24/7 thus allowing you to put time aside when it's best for you. To access please visit abvmcentereach.formed.org. Our parish code is P8DGQ8

Coffee in the Courtyard
in the Parish Center Hall

Coffee Conversations Community

After 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM Masses

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Lent 2024 Schedule

Friday, March 22 – 7:00 P.M., Parish Penance Service

Holy Week Services — 2024

Palm or Passion Sunday Services

Saturday, March 23 - 5:30 PM

Sunday, March 24 - 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

JOURNEY, CROSS AND CRUCIFIXION - 3:00 PM Presented by Creative Ministries

Holy Thursday – March 28

9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer

8:00 P.M. – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Visits to Repository until 10:00 P.M.

Good Friday – March 29

9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer

3:00 P.M. – The Lord's Passion and Holy Communion

7:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross

Easter Vigil – March 30

9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer, followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 P.M. – Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday – March 31

9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M., 1:00 P.M.

(Easter Egg Hunt for Children after 9:30 AM Mass)

Reconciliation Schedule

Friday, 22 – 7:00 P.M., Parish Penance Service

Sat., March 23 – 4:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Mon., March 25 – 11:00 to 12:00 P.M.

Mon., March 25 – 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.