



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**May 5, 2024**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**Sunday, May 5**

9:30 a.m. — Dominador Samson (Aida & Scott)  
 Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Gochan Family)  
 11:30 a.m.— Janet Franquet  
 People of the Parish

**Monday, May 6**

9:00 a.m.—

**Tuesday, May 7**

9:00 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society

**Wednesday, May 8**

9:00 a.m.— Clifford E. Semler (Family)

**Thursday, May 9**

9:00 a.m.— Fr. Thomas Alenchery  
 John Byrnes (Pat Rivers)  
 7:00 p.m.— People of the Parish

**Saturday, May 11**

5:30 p.m.— Mother’s Day

**Sunday, May 12**

9:30 a.m.— Mother’s Day  
 11:30 a.m.— Mother’s Day

**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.



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

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**  
 Last Week’s Collection: \$9,554  
 (includes Faith Direct)  
 Last Year’s Collection: \$9,792  
**Thank You!**

Rest  
 in  
 Peace

Timothy Patrick Bradley

**Good News Reflection****Know Christ, Love Christ, and Love Christ in Others**

“Love one another as I have loved you,” says Jesus. At the heart of all Christian faith are the words of the apostle John, who says that God’s very being is love. “God is love, and whoever remains in love remains in God and God in him.” In today’s Gospel, Jesus says, “You are to love one another....it is I who chose you.”

Has God chosen us to love everyone? Some people are easy to love, especially those who act and think like us. At times, though, it can be difficult to show love towards family and friends we generally like, let alone those outside our circle of friendship. Why is this? The main reason we have trouble loving others is sin, both ours and the sin of those we are trying to love. Without the power and grace of God, we can be very selfish. Without God’s grace, it’s easier for us to love ourselves and prioritize our own time, wants, needs, and narrow-minded wills than to love others through the eyes of God, whose holy will is always in our best interest.

Jesus never promised that love would be easy. He showed love and compassion to everyone, even those who mocked and hated Him. He embodied love in all His words and deeds, showing love back to those who hurt Him and those nobody else seemed to care about. He especially loved the poor, vulnerable, marginalized, and excluded. Jesus was unafraid to show love by setting healthy boundaries, sharing hard truths with the lost, and giving correction and forgiveness to those who repented to direct them on the right path.

God’s love is divine, and we are mere humans with too much reliance on our feelings and selfish attitudes, so how can we possibly love everyone as God commands? God demonstrated His love for us through the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus, His only Son, who suffered, died, and rose again to save us. He showed us that love is a sacrifice of ourselves for others. The more we know Jesus, the more we love Him, and we will want to love Christ as reflected in the faces of others. Every time we receive Christ’s Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist and we trust in the Holy Spirit to guide us, Jesus strengthens us to love as He loves.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

How have you experienced God's love for you? How have you seen God’s love revealed in the lives of others? How can you give the love of Christ to someone this week?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

How can we love others by sharing Christ’s truth and hope? How does loving others fulfill our joy in the Lord? How does receiving the Eucharist help us to love others better?





## Brand New Message Series

**Week Six – 5/ 5/24 –Legacy in Love**

**Scripture: John 15:9-17**

We influence others by loving them and nurturing them. In this message we will talk about the influence we can have by caring for others and how Jesus receives the love of the Father. Allows the love of God the Father to pour into his life and then he pours his love into the lives of his disciples

Organizations and institutions cannot love people. People love people. As part of the movement Jesus started, we love others, it is our ultimate legacy.

Following Jesus' commands means to love one another as Jesus has loved us.



**NEXT DOOR**  
THE ART OF NEIGHBORING

The people God has  
placed around us.

**Brand New Message Series begins on Pentecost Sunday**

One could understand John 1:14 this way, “The word became flesh, and moved into the neighborhood.” Jesus moved into our world to show us God’s love and concern. In the same way, God has placed us in our neighborhoods for a purpose and a reason. God wants to use us right where we live to make an impact for his kingdom--to show his love, care, and concern for our neighbors. And yet we are so often disconnected from them. We do not know our neighbors’ names much less their stories. In this series, we will look at some baby steps we can take to love the people God has placed around us.

### **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](mailto:rectory@abvmcentereach.com).





# Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

## Thursday, May 9

### Masses: 9:00AM & 7:00PM

# SPROUTS

Children's Ministry for  
ages four to fourth 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.

### ***New Altar Server Training***

All children are invited to be altar servers. This is a very special call to assist the priest to celebrate the Holy Mass on Sunday and other holydays. To become an altar-server you must have received First Communion, and participate in the training that will be offered in the Church from **4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.** **You are required to participate in all training days.**



Following are the training dates:

**Tuesday, May 21; Thursday, May 23; Tuesday, May 28; Thursday, May 30.**

**For more information and to register, Please call Melissa at 631-585-8760 ext. 100 or email: [rectory@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rectory@abvmcentereach.com)**

*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](http://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: Paper Towels, Kleenex, Dishwashing Liquid, Cooking Oil, Tea, Shelf Stable Milk, Muffin Mix, Pancake Mix, Noodles, Oatmeal, Cereal, Canned Chili, Canned Pasta, Jelly, Canned Chicken, Razors.**




**SAVE THE DATE**  
 Assumption  
 Vacation Bible School 2024  
 July 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup>

## Free Health Screenings



### Mobile Outreach Bus

The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church Parking Lot**

**Wednesday, May 8th, 9AM-2PM**

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. Use your phone camera to scan the QR Code to donate or pick up a brochure at the welcome desk or at the exits. 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.



*Revitalizing our Faith -  
Renewed by the Eucharist*





Peyton E Accovelli,  
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 Alexa Lundstrom  
 Amelia Becker  
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 Bryce Change  
 Scarlett Castiglione  
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 Elena Chong  
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 Emily Dusik  
 Violette Dusik  
 Ryleigh R. Erickson  
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 Adriana Tudisco  
 Owen Ventura  
 Ademir Villatoro Cruz  
 Alan Villatoro Cruz  
 Lucas Young  
 Aubrey Zamora

*As you partake in this sacred sacrament of the holy Eucharist, may the peace of Christ  
 fill your heart, and may His blessings guide you throughout your life.*