



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

June 23, 2024

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Sunday, June 23

9:30 a.m. — Otto Wolz
 John F. Curatin (Rosanna Ciavarella)
 11:30 a.m.— James Petrungaro (Joann Bellay)
 People of the Parish

Monday, June 24

9:00 a.m.— Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Gochan Family)

Tuesday, June 25

9:00 a.m.— Angelina Lisi (Family)

Wednesday, June 26

9:00 a.m.— Carole Mullen (Gochan Family)

Thursday, June 27

9:00 a.m.— John Palladino (Patirica Palladino)
 John Draghi (Wife)

Saturday, June 29

5:30 p.m.— Joseph Feiss (Anne & Bill Gruener)
 Momma Drago (Danielle Costello)

Sunday, June 30

9:30 a.m.— Thanksgiving Mass—Intentions of Marcus
 (Marcel Estriplet)
 Patricia Fountain (William & Diane
 Mihailovich)
 11:30 a.m.—John Spadaro (Harry & Luz Gaviola)

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.



STEWARDSHIP
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 Last Week’s Collection: \$8,975
 (includes Faith Direct)
 Last Year’s Collection: \$9,040
Thank You!

Rest
 in
 Peace

Deceased Brothers & Sisters of Our Parish

Good News Reflection

Prepare for the Storms in Our Lives

Springtime weather is unpredictable and dangerous in Tornado Alley, the Midwestern region of the United States. Destructive, violent winds and funnel-shaped clouds can wreak havoc on communities. During storm season, meteorologists do their best to watch and warn everyone when conditions look volatile so they can heed warnings, take appropriate shelter, and be prepared. Meteorologists carefully observe atmospheric conditions, windspeeds, and supercell thunderstorm circulation, but there is usually a lot of uncertainty about when, where, and if a “terrible twister” is coming. Sometimes, disaster is unavoidable even when people are prepared, and good people become victims of tragedy.



Life often throws unexpected storms our way. When we think everything is under control, we might face a sudden health scare, a job loss, a relationship crisis, or the heart-wrenching loss of a loved one. Then what?

We can weather storms by building shelters for spiritual support and peace before bad things happen. We can acknowledge our need for God the Father who

made and loves us. We can develop and nurture a personal relationship with Jesus, our Lord and Savior, through study, prayer, participation in Mass, and receiving the sacraments. We can prepare by surrendering our hearts to the Holy Spirit, who is with us to guide and protect us against the evil snares of the devil. We can prepare our hearts to rely on God and to accept the things we cannot change with grace and peace, knowing that Christ keeps his promises to be with us always, even in the storms of life.

It is helpful to remember that the storms we face often draw us closer to God and teach us to rely on Him fully. When we suffer through storms, our reliance on divine help builds our hope and trust in Him, the “Father Almighty,” whom we affirm in our Profession of Faith at Mass. This journey of faith and resilience allows us to share our experiences with others who need help. Mark’s Gospel reminds us not to be afraid and to be patient. As children of God, we are heirs of His grace and He promises to be with us always.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How are you nurturing your shelter in Christ ahead of possible storms? How have you waited for God’s help during a storm, and what helped you be patient? How have you shared the peace of Christ with others who are going through a storm?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

If God is Almighty and loves us, why do “storms” – bad things – still happen to good people? How does Christ’s suffering, death, and resurrection bring hope in life’s storms? How does the Holy Spirit help in difficult situations?

IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATHOLIC MASS

Mass is where we meet Jesus.

Week 2: Mass as Encounter/Stirring - Practice

Introductory Rites, Liturgy of the Word: four readings (OT, Psalm, NT, Gospel), all come from lectionary (3-year cycle based on one of the three synoptic Gospels each year)

Look behind the curtain: Homily (define) that we call the message - we believe it's the rudder of the ship, determines the direction of the people and the parish. This is the biggest opportunity to influence people and relate timeless truth.

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 feel? What do we want the people to know? 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.

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.



SPROUTS

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 information contact the Faith Formation Office.

BIBLE BUDDIES



Grades PreK to 3

Tuesday, July 9, 16, 23, 30 & Aug 13, 20
6:30pm – 7:30PM

Adopt a pet and learn stories from the Bible!

For more info contact dmaterazo@abvmcentereach.com or jmercado@abvmcentereach.com

CASE FOR CHRIST FOR KIDS

TUESDAYS



Grades 4 to 7

Tuesday, July 9, 16, 23, 30 & Aug 13, 20
6:30pm-7:30pm

Be an investigative reporter
in the case for Christ!



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

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, Toilet Paper, Dishwashing Liquid, Canned Vegetables, Canned Soup, Mayonnaise, Cake Mix, Frosting, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Cereal, Noodles, Instant Potatoes, Baked Beans, Pasta Sauce, Canned Chili, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Chicken, Jelly, Canned Pet Food, Tomato Sauce, Deodorant, Salad Dressing, Fruit Juice, Household Cleaner .

Vacation Bible School 2024

July 22nd to 27th - 9:00 am - 12:30pm
 Children K to 6th Grade
 Junior Counselor Grade 7 and up
 Registration is open at abvmcentereach.com

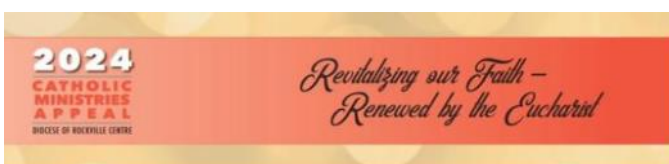


Starting Tuesday July 9th

A nine-week program beginning on Tuesday July 9th, which will end on September 3rd. Two sessions are offered. 2 pm and 7 pm.

**St. Joseph R.C. Church, 4 Church St., Ronkonkoma NY 11779
 (631) 588-8456**

If you are interested in joining, please call Michele Nappi, Director of New Evangelization at 631 588-8456. You will be mailed a registration form. Please complete the form and return it to Michele by June 30th. Once we receive your registration form your seat is reserved. The only cost to you is a one-time registration fee of \$25 for which you will receive the book that will be used in the group. Seating is limited to 8 people per session so please reserve your spot early.



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 RE-



STRICTED 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. 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.



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

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WORD OF THE WEEK

Servant Songs \ˈsər-vənt ˈsɒŋz\

Viewed as predictors of the vocation of Jesus, poems or oracles from the prophecies of Isaiah (42:1-4; 49:1-6; 50:4-11; 52:13–53:12). The songs refer to the faithful **servant** of God who is entrusted with a mission to his community and the nation and the suffering **servant**: rejected, beaten, and facing death because of his challenging message.

Pronunciation: <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-servant-songs>

CONTEXT

Through the **Servant's** ministry, the "bruised reed" will be strengthened and the "dimly burning wick" will be enflamed.
—Graziano Marcheschi, M.A. D.Min.

The fourth song is the famous "Suffering **Servant**" of Isaiah. It is a remarkable passage because it suggests . . . that God accepts one individual's suffering to atone for the sins of others.

—Lawrence Boadt, C.S.P., Reading the Old Testament: An Introduction

WHY IT MATTERS

Jesus has favorite scripture passages that he uses in his teaching. Deuteronomy and the books of prophecy score highest in frequency. But as Jesus "grows in wisdom, age, and grace," it's conceivable that he comes to understand his earthly mission through the **Servant Songs** of Isaiah that sing of the Messiah who comes not to rule, but to suffer for the sin of the world.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church (713): The Messiah's characteristics are revealed above all in the **Servant Songs**. These songs proclaim the meaning of Jesus' Passion and show how he will pour out the Holy Spirit to the many. Taking our death upon himself, he can communicate to us his own Spirit of life.

RELATED WORDS

Oracle | Suffering Servant | Messiah

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Is Jesus the Messiah?

The word *Messiah* has a complex history. Between Messiah and Christ—both of which mean "anointed"—lies a thousand years of evolving expectations. Messiahs aren't the only biblical saviors. Moses, the judges, Nehemiah, Ezra, and even Queen Esther are identified as saving figures. Israel needs frequent rescue, so the Bible contains many rescuers. Add to this gallery the biblical kings. Messianism reaches its height with Judah's second king: David. David's lineage is endowed with an everlasting anointing. Davidic kings don't "save the world": they are just supposed to keep Judah safe. Problem is, they don't.

The prophet Isaiah reboots messianic hope when he predicts a Messiah loyal to God, who establishes justice and peace. All nations have a stake in his Messiah. Yet, Isaiah's **Servant Songs** add a sober note: This Messiah will come in humility and go the way of suffering. Other prophets embrace this vision. So does Jesus.

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

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
(JUNE 24)

Respond to your deepest calling

The name John means "God's gift," and such was the Baptist. From the moment he came on the preaching scene, he proved himself a powerful, captivating herald of God. His bold, dramatic, austere, and uncompromising style is what many people had in mind when they hoped for a Messiah. But John understood that his role was to prepare the way for the One who was to come, the light of our salvation.

READINGS: Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80 (587 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/062424.cfm>).
"Behold, one is coming after me; I am not worthy to unfasten the sandals of his feet."

FAITH IN ACTION

John's prophetic witness and commitment to his call are his legacy to us. Share in his gift by being true to your own Christian calling.