



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

July 21, 2024

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Sunday, July 21

9:30 a.m. — Ellen Gioia
 Ernesto Layug (Tayna & Jun Concepcion)
 11:30 a.m.— Carol Mullen (Ed Uy & Family)
 People of the Parish

Monday, July 22

9:00 a.m.—

Tuesday, July 23

9:00 a.m.—

Wednesday, July 24

9:00 a.m.— Kevin Rivers (Family)
 Michael Faircloth

Thursday, July 25

9:00 a.m.—

Saturday, July 27

5:30 p.m.— Lillian Lang
 Carol Mullen (Pat Rivers)

Sunday, July 28

9:30 a.m.— Intentions of Tom Donnelly (Pozzi Family)
 Antonio Sessa (Joe & Joan Johnson)
 11:30 a.m.—Honorato Nicolas (Ed Uy & Family)
 People of the Parish

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: \$8,188
 (includes Faith Direct)
 Last Year’s Collection: \$8,842
Thank You!

Rest
 in
 Peace

John Vecchio II

Good News Reflection**Jesus invites His disciples to rest in Him.**

This Sunday's Gospel speaks volumes about Jesus' tender care of His apostles as they came bursting in from their first successful missionary excursion. After shadowing Him for so long, Jesus sent His disciples out on their own to preach, teach, heal, and drive out demons. Exhausted and full of excitement, can you imagine all the stories they had to share? Many people followed them and begged for their attention. Jesus loved the passionate hearts of His new missionaries, but He also knew what they needed most before sending them back out to serve. They needed to step away and physically and spiritually rest with Him.



This is a vital lesson for all Christians actively serving in ministry. Like the apostles, we need time with Jesus. No matter how many good works we do, loving God and others through our actions alone is not enough. We must reserve time to nurture our interior life as we seek divine union with Him. Nourishing our souls with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist also brings us oneness with the Lord. Prayer helps us remember that God is in power

and control, not ourselves, and builds our trust in Him. It can be unhealthy and even dangerous for our souls if we fail to put our relationship with Christ before everything else. We need personal, contemplative time with Jesus, the lover of our souls.

As the Holy Eucharist is the summit of our faith, our interior life – our personal relationship with God – is the foundation of our faith. It is here that we can truly know and love God. We can also share our joys, sorrows, and questions in prayer. We can ask the Holy Spirit to continue guiding and molding our hearts and actions into the same heart as Jesus. In prayer, we can sit in His presence – in praise, worship, and grace – and listen for God's Holy Will as He speaks to our hearts. This rest and renewal of our souls is like putting gas in our spiritual tanks to fuel more of God's love and action through us. We should prioritize our contemplative life – falling deeper into knowing and loving God – as this is the life we will one day enjoy in heaven. Our active life of love and service will naturally flow from this as we learn to see God more clearly in others.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What are you doing to deepen your interior life with God?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

In what ways can too much service and not enough prayer time be a problem? How can physical and spiritual rest help your relationship with God and others?

IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATHOLIC MASS

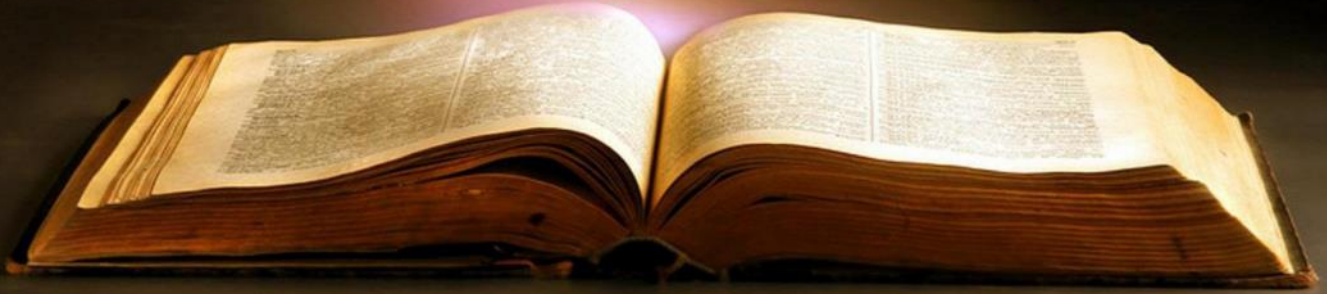
Mass is where we meet Jesus.

Week 5: Mass as Supper

We are continuing our series on the Mass. This week, we are looking at the Mass as supper. At each Mass we celebrate the supper of the Lamb. Jesus provides himself as food and drink to nourish our souls. The bread and wine become his body and blood. This is an incredible mystery that deserves to be freshly examined and reflected upon from time to time.

Pray for your mind and heart to be opened to the mystery of the Eucharist throughout this week.

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

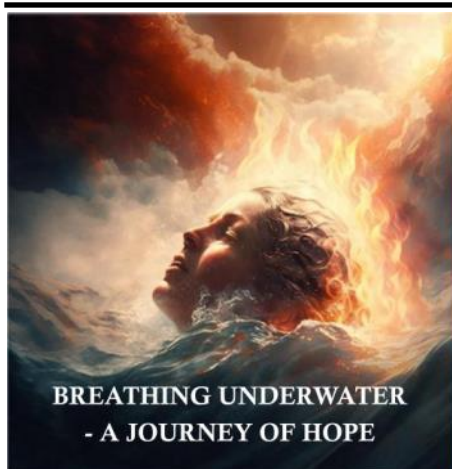
"Daily Practice" is a daily devotional that is sent in an email weekly. It is a Scripture passage, and a reflection, for each day of the week. If you would like to subscribe to it, please sign up with an email. Please leave your name and email at the Welcome Desk or contact the Office at rectory@abvmcentereach.com.



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.



L.I. Women's Retreat Ministry Annual Retreat St. Joseph Villa Hampton Bays, N.Y.

October 11, 12 & 13TH, 2024

Guest Speaker – Eileen Benthall

God enables us through the Power of the Holy Spirit to move towards holiness. If you have the desire, God will show you the way! Come join us at St. Joseph Villa in Hampton Bays for a women's weekend retreat. For more info: email: l.i.womensministry@gmail.com or call **Yvonne Bracone** at (631) 398-4086 or **Nina McGee** at (516) 449-6197.

Limited space. Respond as soon as possible.

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

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, Kleenex, Liquid Hand Soap, Dish-washing Liquid, Household Cleaner. Cooking Oil, Jell-O Mix, Pudding Mix, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Cereal, Syrup, Mac-N-Cheese, Snacks, Jelly, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Canned Potatoes, Canned Chicken, Canned Pet Food.



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

Remember

Our Parish in Your Will

we often do not realize how helpful it is to the parish that serves our spiritual needs when a person decides to share his/her resources as a way of saying "thank you" for all that has been provided. Most assuredly, a gift to the parish in your will or trust affirms your continued commitment to the parish's life and works.

Making this gift is easy. You can instruct your attorney to use this wording: "I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Assumption of the BVM parish, with offices at 20 Chestnut St., Centereach, NY 11720, the sum of \$ ___ to be used for its most urgent needs." As an alternative, you can make a gift of what remains in your estate or living trust after all other bequests and expenses have been paid:



<p>O.B. DAVIS FUNERAL HOMES HOST BLOOD DRIVE DONATIONS SAVE LIVES</p>		<p>CENTEREACH LOCATION 2326 Middle Country Road, Centereach Tuesday, July 23rd 9am-3pm</p> <p>PORT JEFFERSON STATION LOCATION 4839 Nesconset Highway, Port Jefferson Station Tuesday, August 20th 9am-3pm</p>
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2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

Revitalizing our Faith - Renewed by the Eucharist

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

Dei Verbum \ˈdā-ē ˈvər-bəm \

Meaning “word of God,” *Dei Verbum* references a Vatican II document also called *Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation*. *Dei Verbum* explores the ways God communicates with humanity and describes the church’s foundation on scripture, tradition, and the teaching authority of the church. It also upholds the divinely inspired nature of scripture and its compatibility with both scientific and historical truth.

Pronunciation: <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-dei-verbum>

CONTEXT

The affirmation of the Bible in the life of the church, resoundingly given by *Dei Verbum*, would be consistently reaffirmed by every pope since the Council.

—*Donald Senior, C.P.*, Paulist Biblical Commentary

Listening in faith to the revealed **Word of God**—Christ himself—is the definitive principle of Catholic theology; it leads to understanding and speech and to the formation of Christian community.

—*International Theological Commission*

WHY IT MATTERS

Like Eucharist, the **word of God** is intended to be food for the journey. A sound appreciation of our sacred story and its inspired guidance is vital to the life of every believer: God becomes known to us through the conversation he desires to have with us.

From *Dei Verbum*: Hearing the **word of God** with reverence and proclaiming it with faith, . . . this council wishes to set forth authentic doctrine on divine revelation and how it is handed on, so that by hearing the messages of salvation the whole world may believe, by believing it may hope, and by hoping it may love” (1).

RELATED WORDS

Scripture | Tradition | Revelation | Lumen Gentium

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Should I read the Bible?

Don't think of it as an obligation. Do it because it's the most wonderful choice you can make for your life! If you attend Mass faithfully, you're already familiar with the overall story. The lectionary—the book of readings used at Mass—covers a cross-section of passages from Old and New Testaments, paired as promises fulfilled.

The idea of opening to Genesis, chapter one, makes many folks shrink from the attempt. You don't have to read scripture cover to cover. You may appreciate the support of parish-sponsored Bible study or faith-sharing groups. Page-a-day reflection books provide an easy introduction to bite-sized verses for beginners. Think of it like a swim class: Sign up at the level that suits your current skill.

The Bible is the Everest of books. You won't conquer it at once. It will take training to reach the more exotic parts. But with practice, you'll become more fit for the journey you're undertaking. Start today!

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

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

FEAST OF SAINT MARY MAGDALENE (JULY 22)

Jesus is for everybody

Mary Magdalene was the first person in history to encounter the risen Jesus. That's pretty amazing when you consider that she was perhaps the lowliest of the disciples, mistrusted by the others. Why not the apostles Peter or John? They were also at the tomb that morning, had seen it empty, and had gone to tell the others. Jesus chose Mary precisely so that the possibility of such an encounter could be realized by everyone.

READINGS: [Song of Songs 3:1-4](#); [John 20:1-2, 11-18 \(603 https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/072224.cfm\)](#). "*Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord.'*"

FAITH IN ACTION

Lowliness does not disqualify a person from discovering Christ. Ponder the empty tomb and you, too, can see the Lord.