



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

July 28, 2024

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week

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

Monday, July 29

9:00 a.m.—William Joseph Treia (Tim & Jack McCarthy)

Tuesday, July 30

9:00 a.m.— Maurice Greehy (Angus Johnson)

Wednesday, July 31

9:00 a.m.—

Thursday, August 1

9:00 a.m.— Otto Wolz
Teodara V. Lopez (Angela Roaquin)

Saturday, August 3

5:30 p.m.— Patrick Thomas Kearney (Kearney Family)
Edward Bassett (Bassett Family)

Sunday, August 4

9:30 a.m.— Joanne Carter (Kelly McCoy)
Cheryl Ann Colantonio (Gregory Vavady)
11:30 a.m.—Ernesto Rey Lyug (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 McMahan 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.

In this is love:
not that we have loved God,
but that he loved us
and sent his Son as expiation for our sins.
1John4:10



STEWARDSHIP
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last Week's Collection: \$10,388
(includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection: \$10,320
Thank You!

Rest
in
Peace



Deceased Brothers &
Sisters of Our Parish

Good News Reflection**The Miracle of the Loaves and Fishes Points to the Miracle of the Eucharist**

The miracle of the loaves and fishes showcases Christ's radical love and compassion toward the people in the crowd who had been listening to Him for hours. Constantly aware of every need of His followers, Jesus knew the people were tired and hungry. He also knew their minds and souls hungered for more time with Him. This moment on the Sea of Galilea offered the perfect opportunity for Jesus to reveal His divine identity as God's Chosen One.

He wanted them to trust Him to care for their needs. He wished to show them He was sent to complete the work of salvation, the one who would usher in the New Kingdom. This supernatural miracle was also a great precursor to His soon-to-be-coming institution of the Holy Eucharist, Christ's ultimate gift of nourishment for our souls. The people were impressed with Jesus' fantastic miracle but still misunderstood His intention. Although he spoke to them at length about the kingdom of heaven, they seemed eager to make Him a king only to serve their political and temporal needs on earth.



The supernatural power of Jesus, as demonstrated in the miracle of the loaves and fishes, is not a distant memory but a living reality in our lives today. For those who dare to believe, Jesus offers His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Eucharist, just as He promised. This Sacrament is not a mere ritual but a transformative experience. It is very real. When we partake of His Body and drink His Blood, the Trinity – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – becomes alive within us, shaping us

into the image of God, who is pure love, mercy, and compassion.

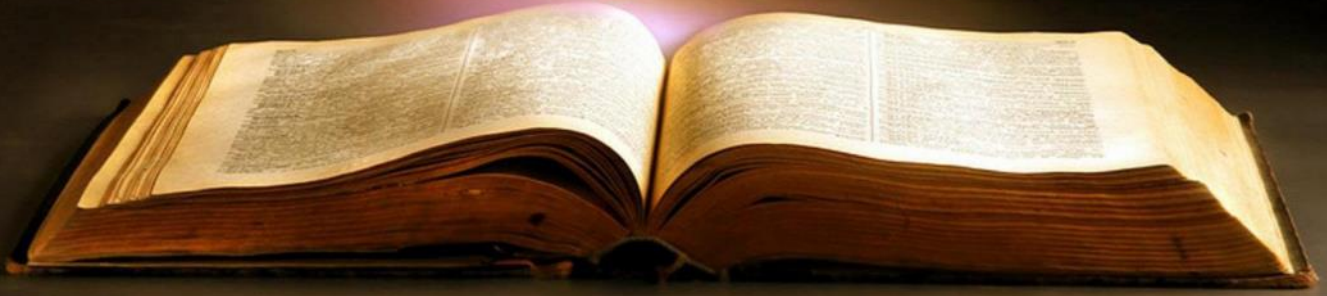
This ongoing connection with Jesus, as He continues to nourish our souls, not only guides us towards the heavenly kingdom but also equips us to overcome the obstacles of sin, to see Christ in others, and to be Christ to others. This connection is a constant source of reassurance and comfort, reminding us that we are never alone on our spiritual journey. The Spirit of Christ is alive, and He is with us. Expect miracles!

Questions for Personal Reflection: How has God provided for your temporal and spiritual needs in different seasons of your life? In what areas of your life do you need to trust God more?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing: What implication does this miracle story of the loaves and fishes have for families and ministries?



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.



Assumption Faith Formation

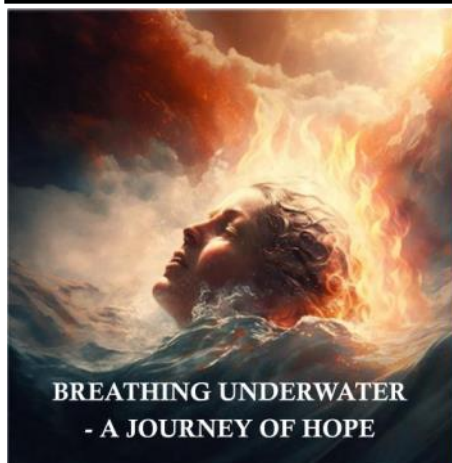


Registration 2024-25



Begins on July 29th and ends on September 9th

Register online at www.abvmcentereach.com



BREATHING UNDERWATER
- A JOURNEY OF HOPE

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, Tissues, Shampoo, Liquid Hand Soap, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Muffin Mix, Jell-O Mix, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Rice, Noodles, Cereal, Syrup, Mac-N-Cheese, Snacks, Baked Beans, Canned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Potatoes, Canned Chicken, Jelly.



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

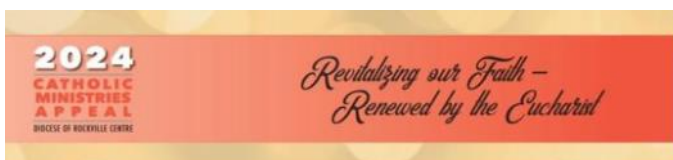
Remember Our Parish in Your Will

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: "I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Assumption of the BVM parish, with offices at 20 Chestnut St., Centereach, NY 11720, all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate (trust) to be used for its most urgent needs." For more information about remembering the parish in your will or living trust, contact Fr. Joseph at 631-585-8760 or jalenchery@abvmcentereach.com or Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 x 257.



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



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. We have \$46,120 pledged; that means we have some way to go. 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.

28 July 2024

WORD OF THE WEEK

Faith \ˈfāth\

Belief, confident trust in, and loyalty to God; implies a vital relationship with God; one of three "theological virtues" that last forever according to Saint Paul, along with hope and love. Also, a system of beliefs; belief in the doctrines of a religion.

Pronunciation: <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-faith>

CONTEXT

Through the eyes of **faith**, no two hours are alike, and the dullness and monotony [of life] disappear.

—*Saint Faustina Kowalska*

Faith is to believe what you do not see. The reward of **faith** is to see what you believe.

—*Saint Augustine of Hippo*

By **faith** we understand that the universe was ordered by the word of God, so that what is visible came into being through the invisible.

—*Hebrews 11:3*

Faith and Reason are like two wings of the human spirit by which it soars to the truth.

—*Saint Pope John Paul II*

WHY IT MATTERS

The eternal always beats the ephemeral. The things of this world are passing away, while a trusting relationship with God will never pass away. **Faith** is our lifeline to the everlasting. We can bank on today, or put our **faith** in forever.

From *The Collegeville Pastoral Dictionary of Biblical Theology*: For the Old Testament the notion of **faith** centers on the belief in God's reliability.... In the New Testament, **faith** is identified with accepting Jesus as coming from God.

RELATED WORDS

Belief | Creed | Trust | Theological virtues

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What does it mean to have faith?

When we put our **faith** in other people, it means we trust them to do as they say and to follow through on their promises. It doesn't mean we believe that they exist. Yet this minimalist definition of **faith** seems to be what's most often applied in the realm of religion. Contrast that with what happens if we extend the same **faith** in God that we offer to people. As Jesuit theologian Michael Cook describes it, we only surrender our trust to those with whom we have a shared history. Committing our **faith** to another person involves risk. We become vulnerable to betrayal, deceit, or disappointment. Who would take such a risk unless the one to whom we give our **faith** has proven worthy of it? This is precisely the kind of **faith** Abraham surrenders to the God who invites him to leave home and embark on a future that's unknown. God promises land and descendants. If Abraham hadn't believed God was good for it, he would never have left his father's tents.

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

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

MEMORIAL OF SAINTS MARTHA, MARY, AND LAZARUS (JULY 29)

A moment of truth

In the aftermath of her brother Lazarus' death—and before Jesus raised him from the dead—Christ tells Saint Martha in the Gospel of John, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die." What a promise! Then he asks the crucial question: "Do you believe this?" In her answer Martha speaks the words attributed to Saint Peter in the other gospels: "Yes, Lord, I believe you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world." At that moment her **faith** is revealed, probably to herself as well as others.

READINGS: [Jeremiah 13:1-11](#); [John 11:19-27 \(401/607\)](#)
<https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/072924.cfm>. "*I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you.*"

FAITH IN ACTION

When you face a moment of truth about your **faith**, what are you prepared to answer?