



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**September 22, 2024**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**Mass Intentions  
for the week**

**Sunday, September 22**

9:30 a.m. — Anne Jantzen (Sabia Family)  
 Intentions of Fr. Joseph Alenchery (Wolz Family)  
 11:30 a.m.— John Sokolowski (Sokolowski Family)  
 People of the Parish

**Monday, September 23**

9:00 a.m.—Ralph Helmig (Family)  
 Macrina Hernandez-Rodriguez (Salazar-Hernandez Family)

**Tuesday, September 24**

9:00 a.m.— Sofia Guillermo (Calestini Family)

**Wednesday, September 25**

9:00 a.m.—

**Thursday, September 26**

9:00 a.m.—

**Saturday, September 28**

5:30 p.m.—John G. Joseph (DeFelice & Caiolas Families)  
 Joseph Calderone (Maria & Tony Brucculeri)

**Sunday, September 29**

9:30 a.m.— Mary Sears (Kelly McCoy Sr.)  
 Marilyn Huether (Family)  
 11:30 a.m.— Enrique Villaba (Rick & Rosanne Melucci)  
 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](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.

**So whoever is in Christ is a new creation:  
 the old things have passed away;  
 behold, new things have come. 2Corinthians 5:17**

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

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**  
 Last Week’s Collection: \$10,828  
 (includes Faith Direct)  
 Last Year’s Collection: \$10,160  
**Thank You!**

*Rest  
 in  
 Peace*

**Deceased Brothers &  
 Sisters of our Parish**

**Good News Reflection****A True Disciple Takes Up His Cross and Follows Jesus, the Humble Servant.**

Jesus tried to help His disciples understand the true nature of His kingdom. The people wanted to make Him king. He knew they hoped He would save them from civil turmoil and free them from Roman oppression. But Jesus came to establish the Kingdom of God, not a worldly kingdom. He came to teach them about His Father's love and the reign of God's holy will in their hearts. He wanted to take their souls to an everlasting spiritual kingdom for those willing to follow Him, accept self-denial, and take up their crosses.



Jesus' disciples didn't understand, and couldn't yet accept, the truths He tried to tell them about His upcoming passion, the suffering He would bear, His crucifixion and death on the cross, and His resurrection. They didn't realize that Jesus is the Servant Lord and we, all His disciples, are to follow His example. We are called to be servants to others. We must suffer and die, and then, because of our Savior Jesus Christ, our souls will rise to eternal life. Christ's disciples would not understand all this completely until they received the gift of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Jesus found His disciples squabbling amongst themselves over rank and status, fussing over which one of them was the greatest. They were probably "counting their chickens before they hatched," as they dreamed of being part of the new King's inner circle. Jesus stopped all this when He used a child to show them that, in His Kingdom, true greatness comes from being last and serving all. Greatness is defined by humility, purity of intentions, and service to others. Those who love and follow Christ with the open, pure, and innocent heart of a child that is willing to trust and obey Him will be welcomed first in the Kingdom of God.

Jesus used a child to show that we must welcome and care for everyone, even those society sees as least important. Comparing ourselves to others only leads to jealousy, pride, and unhealthy ambition. God gives each of us unique gifts to serve others and do His will. The Holy Spirit can help us value ourselves and our gifts without competing with others.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:** What motivates you to serve others? How do you live out humility and service in your daily life?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:** How can we accept our crosses and help others bear theirs? How can our crosses be gifts in disguise?





### Week three Scripture: James 3:16-4:3

Enough is the wrong goal but what do we do when we find out that we don't have enough. We don't have enough in the checking account. We don't have enough in the relational bank account.

There is one of two problems. We see them spelled out in the letter of James. Either we don't have enough because it is what we want is not good. It is not healthy. Or because we just haven't asked. We haven't asked God to give us what we needed and partnered with him to provide it.

James tells us that our lack of satisfaction and feeling we are doing enough often comes from our passions. We have a restless spirit. And because our spirit is restless we feel like we do not have enough. In this message we will look at how our passions cause us to feel like we do not have or have not done enough. We will then look at the simple solution James gives us to ask for what we need, knowing God will provide what we will need.

What do we want them do? Evaluate your desires. Anything they couldn't ask God for is probably a disordered passion.

### Message Series



As you already know, at Assumption, we preach in message series. Over several weeks, we will examine a topic in depth. We select a topic based on the weekend's scripture readings.

Usually, we welcome back everyone with a new series on the second Sunday of September. This year, for obvious reasons, we are not able to do that. But we are not entirely going away from the series either. This is what happens. The theme is **Important Enough**. We are not preaching on the theme, but Small Groups will have their videos and reflection questions sent to them. A summary of each Sunday will be printed in the bulletin and sent in the Daily Practice emails. We are hoping that small groups will start again regularly in the week of September 9th. If you haven't signed up to get them please see the details about it below. We will discuss it by reflecting on the week's readings.

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](mailto:rectory@abvmcentereach.com).



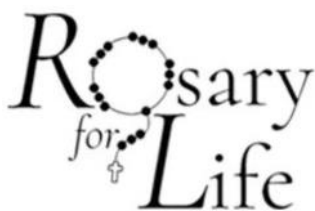
# ASSUMPTION MINISTRY *Fair*

September 28 & 29

Sat. 5:30 PM, Sun: 9:30 & 11:30 AM Masses  
in the Plaza between Church and the Parish Center

At Assumption, we talk about Ministry and Mission. We do Ministry within our parish, and a Mission is done outside of our parish. A Ministry Fair is held to generate awareness, enthusiasm, and involvement among parishioners. It is a celebration of the work of the Church, a special event that recognizes the importance of all volunteer efforts. The Ministry Fair is a wonderful way for parishioners to meet and gather information about the various ministries and educational opportunities available within the parish community. We always talked about consumers and owners. When you are a consumer, you think about only what benefits you from the activities in the church. But when you are a disciple, you get out of the pew and serve; that helps you grow in your faith and help others grow in their faith, and you will be a part of the growth of the whole parish community.

This festive event allows us to ask questions, discern their many gifts and talents, listen to the ministers, how they grew in their discipleship, and learn how they can serve within a particular parish ministry. For those already involved, Ministry Fair helps to recommit their time and talent to carry out the parish's mission statement and help build the Kingdom of God on earth and encourages all of us to commit or recommit ourselves to the discipleship path we follow with the Lord in Loving God, **Serving Others**, and Growing Disciples.



**Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 1:00PM in the Church**

Sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society,  
we will pray the entire rosary, led by the parishioners to protect the sanctity of life,  
from conception to natural death.

Please join us.

## **National Day of Prayer**

Prayer service on National Day of Prayer for the unborn is on **Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 10:00 a.m., at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery** Route 112 Entrance Coram. It is sponsored by the Long Island Coalition For Life. Questions and information contact Tom (631) 588-4590



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### 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:** Household Cleaner, Liquid Hand Soap, Deodorant, Mayonnaise, Salad Dressing, Jell-O Mix, Pudding Mix, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Syrup, Mac-N-Cheese, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Chili, Canned Carrots, Canned Potatoes, Jelly, Canned Chicken, Canned Dog Food.

# 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 more information contact the Faith Formation Office.



## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 26  
12:00 to 2:00 PM

Join us  
for some Family  
Friendly Fun

### 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





# COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

*Thank you!*



Beautiful Day! Great fun for kids and Adults! Thank you for attending our fabulous Block Party on Saturday, September 14th, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of our beloved and vibrant parish Assumption. Your presence and participation helped to make it a memorable and engaging experience. We hope that you gained valuable insights and connections from the event. If you have any feedback, please share it with us.

First of all, I want to thank you, the Committee leaders, and the great volunteers who gave their time to make this event a huge success. It's always great to see the whole community coming together, not just in the church but in events like this. I also want to say a big thank you to the **Lions Club of Lake Grove** for providing us with great food to enjoy and serving the community. **Rant 'n Rave and Brendan**, I don't know how to thank him for everything he does for the parish, especially DJ-ing for all the events. Thank you very much, Brendan.

Thanks again for your participation in making our Block Party a great success. As we move forward, there will be several events throughout the year, concluding our 70th anniversary celebrations in August 2025. May God bless us as we live our parish mission: Love God, Serve Others, Grow Disciples. –Fr. Joe

