



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

October 6, 2024

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Deacon Michael Montelione
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Faith Formation: 631-588-6408



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.

*Rest
in
Peace*

Deceased Brothers & Sisters of our Parish

Sunday, October 6

9:30 a.m. — Catalino V. Magsakay(Gochan Family)
Patrick O’Toole (Elena & Kevin O’Toole & Family)
11:30 a.m.— Marie A. Kerwick (Rosary Altar Society)
People of the Parish

Monday, October 7

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

Tuesday, October 8

9:00 a.m.— Dawn Hearn (Rose Picariello)

Wednesday, October 9

9:00 a.m.— Howard Bresloff (Kevin Bresloff)

Thursday, October 10

9:00 a.m.— Inez Spindler (Melissa Inez Ferrara)

Saturday, October 12

5:30 p.m.—Intentions of Fr. Joseph Alenchery (Catholic Daughters of America Ct. St. Gerard #1920)
Raymond Legalla (DeSena Family)

Sunday, October 13

9:30 a.m.—Linda Streuli & Frances Jamotta (Peter Ferrara & Family)
Sofia Guillermo (Gochan Family)
11:30 a.m.— Marie A. Kerwick (Joe & Arlene Angland)
People of the Parish

**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: \$10,119
(includes Faith Direct)
Last Year’s Collection: \$8,560
Thank You!

Good News Reflection

Supernatural Love in Marriage

Do you love someone who isn't loving you back? Have you experienced God's supernatural love helping you love those who are difficult to love?

Those of us who are married expect to be loved by our spouses as much as we need to be loved. And we assume that it's always going to be mutual: We will always be loved with the same passion as we love them.

However, most marriages enter difficulties that require supernatural love as well as supernatural persistence. That's why we need the Sacrament of Matrimony instead of just a civil ceremony at the courthouse or beach.

Marriages need divine grace to endure with the permanence that God provides.

Jesus explained that the law of Moses permitted divorce because of the hardness of people's hearts. This is not an approval of divorce. He wants us to have hearts like his own, which never stops loving anyone.

In the days of Moses, when a marriage became difficult or unsatisfying, many men abandoned their wives. Although marriage was, from the beginning (Genesis Chapter 1) supposed to be a permanent covenant that united one man with one woman, a bill of divorce would allow an abandoned or rejected woman to re-

marry for her protection. It was never intended to be an approval of divorce.

Marriage is a reflection of God's faithful union with us. Permanence in marriage is a divine gift from God so that we can reflect him well. If we don't believe in the permanence of love within marriage, how can we believe that God is always in love with us – including when we don't deserve it? And how can children who watch us believe?

Remember, sometimes the lover goes to the Cross for the beloved. The vocation of marriage ordains the spouses to be a reflection of Christ's passion for all.

God never forces us to stay "married" to him. He loves us even when we turn away from him. Likewise, an unloved spouse is called by God to continue loving the one who abandons the marriage, even if only from afar. This is also true in any God-ordained friendships, and between priests and the laity they serve, and parents with their children.

Questions for Personal Reflection: Have you ever quit a relationship because it was too hard? Did you really stop loving that person? How is the way you handled it like or unlike the heart of Christ?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing: How has God helped you love someone who quit loving you? How did you open yourself to receive his divine help? Describe how this reveals to others what God's love is really like.





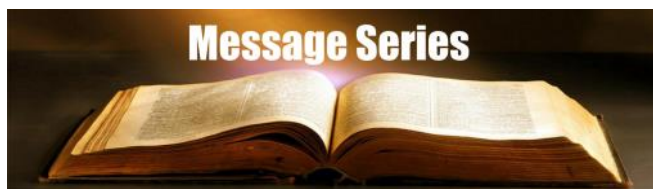
Week Five—Scripture: Genesis 2:18 -24

We often feel like we are not doing enough because we try to meet our needs and fulfill our responsibilities all on our own. It is not good for us to try and live independently. God has created us to live in relationship. We are not enough on our own. We need God and we need people. In this message we will look at how our feeling of not being enough shows our need for others. Life is to be a team sport. We are not enough on our own to meet our own needs.



Prayer is often seen as a good thing but not necessarily effective. We say our prayers and hope it makes a difference but at the end of the day see it as a backup plan to our efforts and activities. We say things like, “All we can do is pray.” But what if we have been selling prayer short? What if we don’t pray fully because we are afraid it actually will work? As Hebrews 10:31 says, “It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.” In prayer we connect with the power that created the heavens and the earth. The power of the sun and the depths of the ocean are nothing compared to the power and depth of our God. In prayer we meet this same God and have an opportunity to receive and draw upon his power.

In this series we will seek to uproot some of the limiting attitudes towards prayer and lead our community to make dangerous prayers.



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.

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 Disci-

Daily Practice

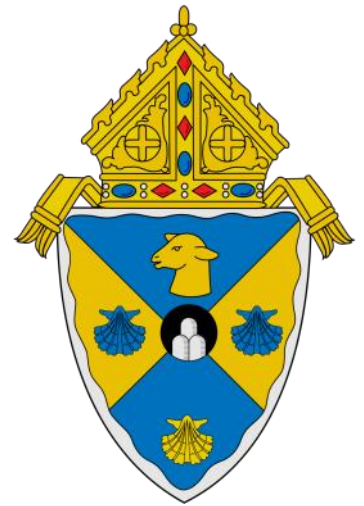
“Daily Practice” is a daily devotional that is sent in an email weekly. It is a Scripture passage, and a reflection, for each day of the week. If you would like to subscribe to it, please sign up with an email. Please leave your name and email at the Welcome Desk or contact the Office at rectory@abvmcentereach.com.



Diocesan Bankruptcy—Statement

The Diocese of Rockville Centre and its related ministries are grateful that preliminary terms have been agreed upon for the settlement of our bankruptcy case. For the sake of survivors and the Church's mission on Long Island, we pray that the plan is approved and completed as quickly as possible.

The total proposed settlement amount is just over \$323 million, which includes insurance contributions, Diocesan assets and sale proceeds from Diocesan property, and contributions from parishes and other related entities. The Diocese, Parishes and other related entities will contribute a total of \$234.8 million. Insurance companies will contribute a total of just over \$85 million. Counsel for the Creditor's Committee will contribute \$3 million. All participated in order to help offer equitable compensation to survivors and move this difficult ordeal towards a conclusion.



Part of the settlement plan involves all parishes entering into an abbreviated Chapter 11 with the approval of the court and the parties to the case in order to secure a release from liability for the parishes. It is expected that parish Chapter 11's will be resolved within 48 hours of filing and will not interfere with parish work and ministries. No parishes are closing as a result of this process.

The Diocese's goal has always been the equitable compensation of survivors of abuse while allowing the Church to continue her essential mission. We believe that this plan will achieve those goals.



Friday, October 11th, 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.

Join us for some Family Friendly Fun

Saturday, October 26th

12 Noon to 2:00 PM in the Parish Center Hall

DEADLINE TO
SECURE A TABLE IS
OCTOBER 12TH

NON-SCARY &
NON VIOLENT
COSTUMES ONLY



INDOORS!

**SAVE THE
DATE**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO MAKE THIS
A GREAT EVENT FOR CHILDREN

ALL TRUNK (TABLE) THEMES WILL BE BIBLE-BASED & MUST BE APPROVED.

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT MELISSA AT THE RECTORY OFFICE 631-585-8760

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: Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Toothbrushes, Liquid Hand Soap, Deodorant, Household Cleaner, Mayonnaise, Salad Dressing, Gelatin Mix, Pudding Mix, Coffee, Fruit Juice, Rice-A-Roni, Noodles, Syrup, Canned Chili, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Peas, Canned Carrots, Canned Potatoes, Canned Chicken, Jelly.



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.

**Tickets are 1 for \$10.00 or 3 for \$20.00.
Each ticket gives you multiple times to win within the month.**

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23 Walter Street
Holbrook, NY 11741 (631) 585-8547

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Make Check Payable to: Ct. St. Gerard #1920

ASSUMPTION MINISTRY *Fair*

Our Parish Ministry Fair helped us experience the great ministries and the dedicated volunteers who serve in them. It was a great success because of the hard work of so many people who love our parish. I am sure if you have visited the fair, you have noticed that, too. As parishioners, it helps us see the great work done through so many to make disciples of our Lord Jesus Christ. That is our goal always.

I am grateful to all who have worked tirelessly for the last few months under the leadership of David Murphy to make this event a great success, especially keeping the focus on our parish Mission: Love God, Serve Others, Grow Disciples. As we continue to rebuild our church (it is an ongoing process), may God bless all of us, especially the volunteers who generously give their valuable time and energy to the kingdom of God. Also, I pray that it inspires those who haven't gotten out of the pews to serve others, too. God bless you. – Fr. Joe

