



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

June 9, 2024

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!



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**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Sunday, June 9

9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Gochan Family)
Bob Newfield
11:30 a.m.— Margaret Byrnes (Elizabeth Leverock)
People of the Parish

Monday, June 10

9:00 a.m.— John Sokolowski (Sokolowski Family)

Tuesday, June 11

9:00 a.m.— Carole Mullen (Josephine Scala)
Andrew Cerqueira (Mom & Dad)

Wednesday, June 12

9:00 a.m.— Bill Rivers (Pat Rivers)

Thursday, June 13

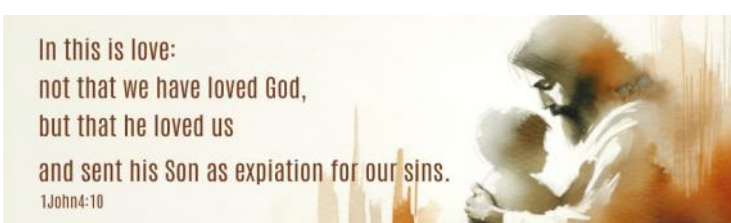
9:00 a.m.— Carl Erickson (Rudilosso Family)
Anthony Lang

Saturday, June 15

5:30 p.m.— Father’s Day

Sunday, June 16

9:30 a.m.— Father’s Day
11:30 a.m.— Father’s Day



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: \$9,541
(includes Faith Direct)
Last Year’s Collection: \$9,446
Thank You!

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.

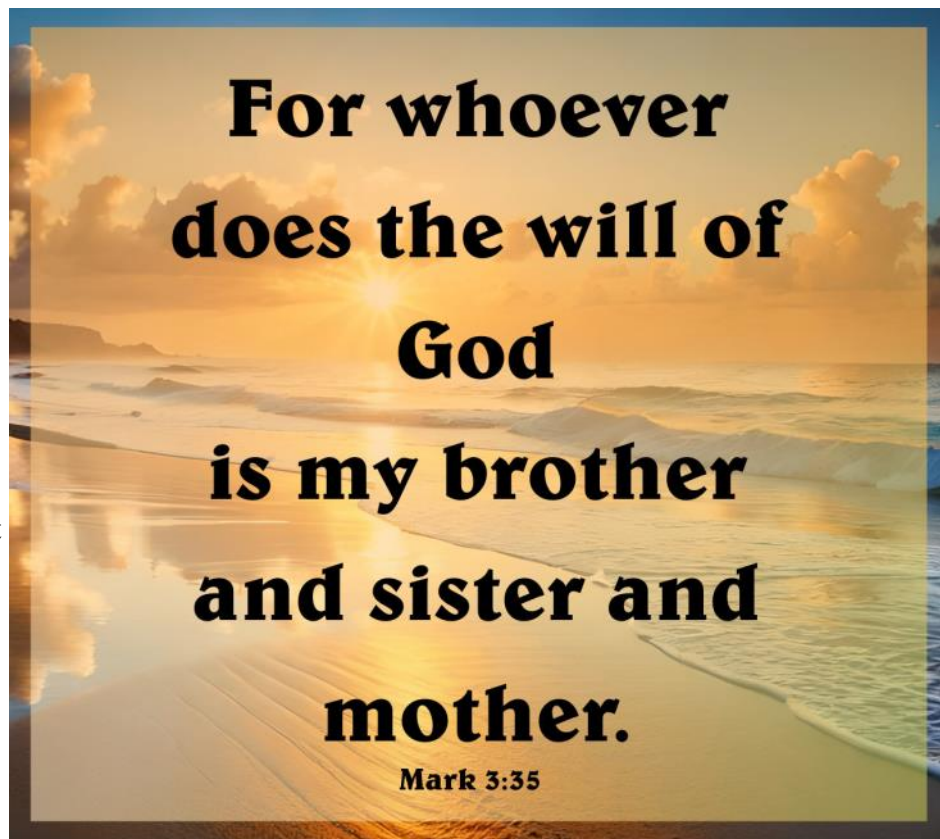
Rest
in
Peace

Carole Ann Mullen
Frank LoMonaco

Good News Reflection***We Are Family... my brothers, sisters, and me!***

Jesus asks in this week's Gospel, "Who are my mother, brothers, and sisters?" At first glance, this seems odd, considering his relatives were at home with Him. We must understand that Jesus had His mother there, along with some of His close cousins and relatives (whom, in those days, it was customary to call brothers and sisters.) They were trying to protect Jesus because He wasn't eating and caring for Himself. As crowds surrounded Him, they felt He was working himself into a frenzy, maybe even losing His mind in His zeal to heal and teach everyone. They were worried about Him, especially when the scribes began accusing Him of being able to cast out demons only because Satan Himself possessed him. Nonsense! This was far from the truth, and Jesus quickly stood up for Himself. Jesus instructed that He is the Conqueror of the Devil, and anyone who deliberately refuses to accept His power, mercy, forgiveness, and salvation blasphemes the Holy Spirit. This hardness of heart and unwillingness to repent will not be forgiven but will lead one to Hell for eternity.

It's important to remember that God's forgiveness is always available to us, even when we make mistakes or speak harshly in our frustration. He will continue to pursue us until our last breath. The unforgivable sin of blasphemy against the Holy Spirit is for those who deliberately reject God and refuse His love and mercy by not repenting.



Was Jesus putting down His own family in this Gospel scene? No! Jesus holds out His welcoming arms to all who have faith in Him and trust in the Father's Holy Will. All Christian believers are adopted into His faith family as brothers and sisters of Christ. Faith in Christ the Living Word and sincerely seeking and accepting God's Holy Will bind Christians together as a family. What a gift!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Do you often examine your heart and seek repentance and forgiveness for your sins in the Sacrament of Reconciliation? How does God's merciful hope and Christ's acceptance of you into His inner circle—His own family—impact your daily interactions with others? How do you discern God's Holy Will when making decisions and in your actions?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

How does it impact ministry knowing that Jesus redefines the definition of family as those who do God's Will? What can we do to lead others into our spiritual family with Jesus? In what ways can we show love and acceptance to our spiritual brothers and sisters who may be different from us?

NEXT DOOR

The Art of Neighboring

The people
God placed around us



Scripture: Genesis 3:9-15 Scripture: Mark 3:20-35

Genesis tells us that when our first parents ate the forbidden fruit, they introduced a three-fold alienation: we became alienated from God, ourselves and one another. The Gospel is about reversing that alienation and bringing back a connection.

In this last message series, we will encourage members to continue to look this summer for ways to unite their neighborhoods and rebuild the kingdom.

Jesus expands his family beyond his relatives to everyone who does God's will. We are connected to the people all around us.

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 some-

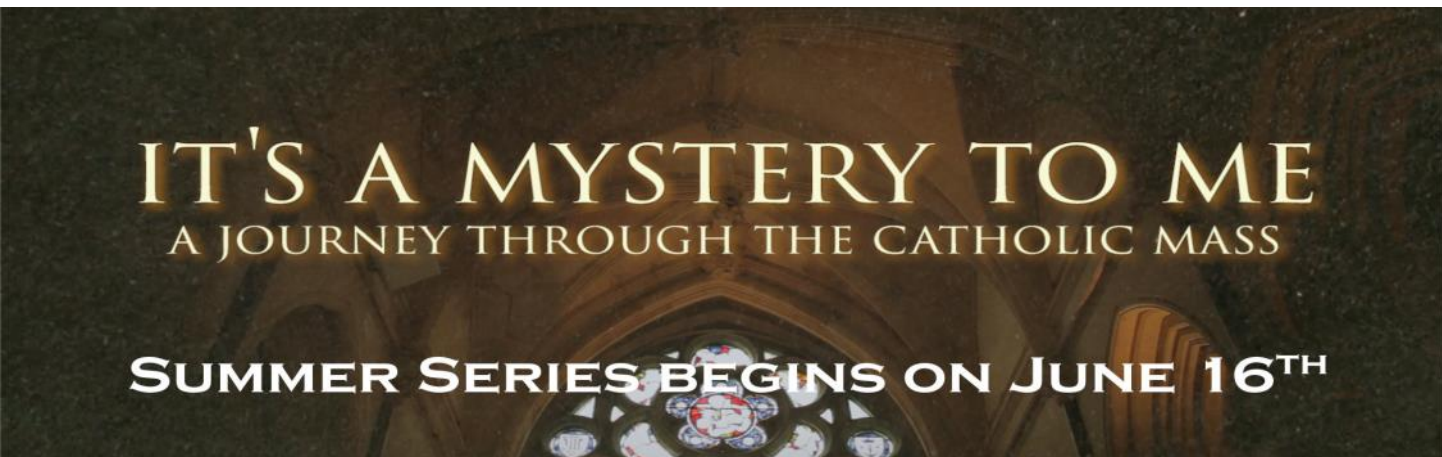
thing that flies over your head but touches the hearts and has practical applications for our daily lives. That's why I always mention "homework" in my messages. God speaks to us at every moment, especially in a community setting, when His people come together on Sundays and listen to the Word of God 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.

Daily Practice





Across cultures and time, Mass is the single most unifying event in the Roman Catholic faith, but there's a fair amount of confusion or apathy about what's happening in Mass and why it's important for us to be there. We'll explore the origins of Mass from the Bible and the Church. We'll look at the parts of the Mass and why we do them. We'll see Mass from different angles--Mass as *stirring*, Mass as *story*, Mass as *sacrifice*, Mass as *supper*, and Mass as *sending*. If Mass is a mystery to you, join us for this series.

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.



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: Pancake Mix, Syrup, Frosting, Hot Chocolate, Pasta Sauce, Shampoo, Ketchup, Salad Dressing, Napkins, Coffee, Household Cleaner, Paper Towels, Canned Tomatoes, Tomato Sauce, Mayonnaise, Deodorant, Boxed Milk.



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

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!

2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

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 RESTRICTED to the min-



istries 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.



Court St. Gerard #1920

2nd Annual Bingo Fundraiser



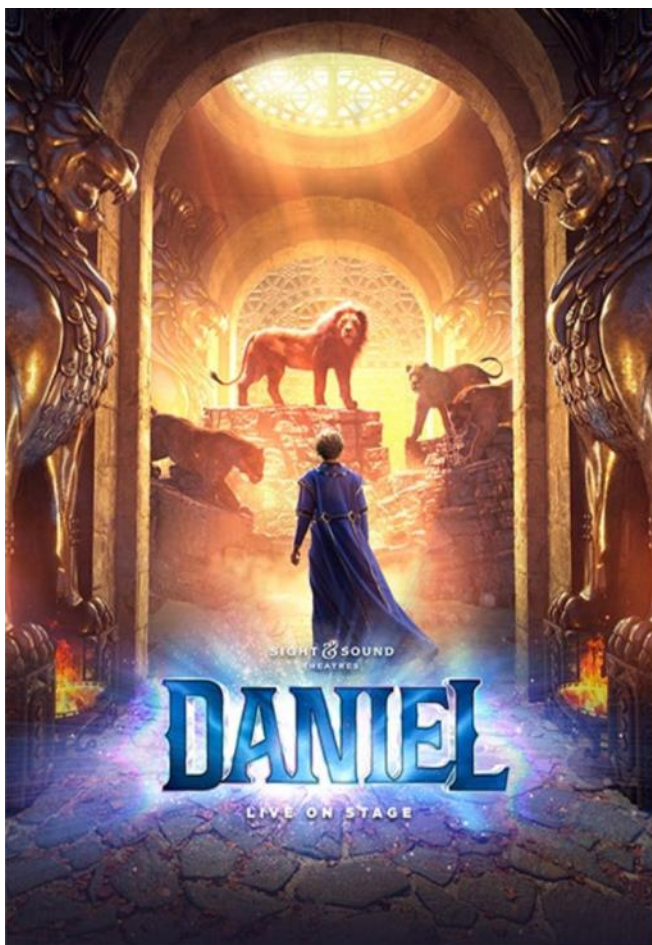
Friday, June 14, 2024 in the Parish Center Hall

Cost \$25 per person, \$12 for children under 10
(includes Dinner, Desserts Coffee and Tea)

Doors open at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm & Bingo starts at 8:00pm

All reservations MUST be made and paid by June 8th.

For more info and Reservations contact Jennifer Orlic 516-909-9589



**Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court St Gerard 1920**

**Sponsoring a Trip to Sight & Sound Theatre
Lancaster PA**

to see

DANIEL

Live on Stage

Thursday, September 12

Cost: \$250

(includes lunch, Orchestra Seating, Roundtrip Transportation)
Please contact **Rose Picariello** for more info and Reservations.
631-676-2855 (H) or 631-278-0073 (Cell)