



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

June 30, 2024

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Sunday, June 30

9:30 a.m. — Thanksgiving Mass—Intentions of Marcus (Marcel Estriplet)
 Patricia Fountain (William & Diane Mihailovich)
 11:30 a.m.— John Spadaro (Harry & Luz Gaviola)
 People of the Parish

Monday, July 1

9:00 a.m.— Intentions of Sister Joachima
 50th Anniversary (Franciney & Angelo)
 Intentions of Sister Berenika
 25th Anniversary (Franciney & Angelo)

Tuesday, July 2

9:00 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of the Romeo & Wolz Families
 Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Altar Society

Wednesday, July 3

9:00 a.m.—

Thursday, July 4

9:00 a.m.—

Saturday, July 6

5:30 p.m.— Anna Schwin
 Carole Mullen (CDA Ct. St. Gerard #1920)

Sunday, July 7

9:30 a.m.— Peter & Marorie Gochan (Gochan Family)
 Vito & Assunta Solimeno (Phyllis Solimeo)
 11:30 a.m.—Joselito Velesquez (Harry & Luz Gaviola)
 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: \$10,331
 (includes *Faith Direct*)
 Last Year’s Collection: \$10,164
Thank You!

*Rest
 in
 Peace*



Joseph A. Calderone

Good News Reflection**Trust in God's continuing miracles, even when you are not aware.**

Word was getting around that Jesus was miraculously healing people of many ailments, including blindness and leprosy; the disabled could walk again, those possessed by demons were being delivered, a hemorrhaging woman was made well again, and He was even raising people from the dead. More and more people with ailments and trust in Jesus followed Him to ask for healing favors. Jesus always showed



much love and compassion when He stepped in to heal someone, but He usually told them not to tell anyone afterward. Scripture scholars think this may be because of His humble desire not to become an earthly king and to keep people from thinking He only gave physical healing.

As we delve into the Gospels, we often focus on Jesus' miracle healings. But what about those who hoped for healing and didn't receive it? This doesn't mean their faith was lacking or their requests deemed unworthy. It's a reminder that our faith is not about getting what we want but about trusting in God's plan, even when our prayers go unanswered.

God sent Jesus into the world because He loves us. Jesus is love because He is also God. He would never push us away because He only wants the best for us and our world. We must be patient and remember that God is omniscient. He sees and knows things we can't comprehend in our human state. He hears our prayers and pleas and answers our prayers in the best way possible, many of which are invisible miracles that take care of everything. We must trust Him. Jesus came to conquer death, which is the devil's work, and Jesus always wins. He repeatedly tells us in Scripture not to be afraid because He is with us. Jesus is a lifesaver for all who believe in Him, and He does not wish death on anyone. Our Savior brings everlasting and eternal life to all who love and trust Him. The bottom line is that we must remember and follow the First Commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." Because we know He loves us, we must trust Him and never be afraid. He is always with us, and He has everything in control because He loves us.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How have you come to know that God loves you? How do you know that God hears your prayers? What helps you to be patient when the Lord seems slow to answer your prayers?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

How have you shared your faith in God with those facing serious illness? How has your faith in God helped you in times of grief over the loss of loved ones? How is God continuing to perform miracles today? If you are aware of a miracle in your life, please share.

IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME

A JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATHOLIC MASS

Mass is where we meet Jesus.

Week 3: Mass as Encounter/Stirring - The Liturgy of the Word

1. Old Testament - the history and wisdom of God's people before Jesus
2. Responsorial Psalm - a song or poem expressing emotion to God
3. New Testament - the early church and instructions in how to follow Christ
4. Gospel - the four accounts of Jesus' life

Homily: we call the message - we believe it's the rudder of the ship, determines the direction of the people and the parish. This is the biggest opportunity to influence people and relate timeless truth.

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.

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!



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, Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Household Cleaner, Deodorant, Mayonnaise, Ketchup, Salad Dressing, Muffin Mix, Jell-O, Pudding Mix, Coffee, Baked Beans, Pasta Sauce, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Chili, Canned Chicken, Canned Pet Food.



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



Starting Tuesday July 9th

A nine-week program beginning on Tuesday July 9th, which will end on September 3rd. Two sessions are offered. 2 pm and 7 pm.

St. Joseph R.C. Church, 4 Church St., Ronkonkoma NY 11779
(631) 588-8456

If you are interested in joining, please call Michele Nappi, Director of New Evangelization at 631 588-8456. You will be mailed a registration form. Please complete the form and return it to Michele by June 30th. Once we receive your registration form your seat is reserved. The only cost to you is a one-time registration fee of \$25 for which you will receive the book that will be used in the group. Seating is limited to 8 people per session so please reserve your spot early.



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

Synoptic \ˈsə-ˈnāp-tik\

From Greek for “seen together,” sharing a common view or perspective; specifically, relating to the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, and Luke, because, unlike the Gospel of John, which is 90 percent unique, the three **synoptic** gospels present similar parables, sayings, and episodes.

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

CONTEXT

Despite the likeness among the **synoptics**, comparing them can feel like comparing apples and oranges.

—Santiago Cortés-Sjöberg

Even though John does not appear to depend upon the **synoptics**, the evangelist may have known of one or more of the **synoptics**.

—Pheme Perkins, Reading the New Testament

WHY IT MATTERS

The gospels comprise the mystery of faith in Jesus Christ, whose entrance into human history confirms that God, who is love, is with us to free us from sin and death and lead us to everlasting life. Believers are charged to bring this “Good News” to all the world. Though the **synoptic** gospels tell the same stories or present truths in a similar way, they are meant for different audiences at different times. Appreciating the cumulative testimony of all four gospels enables us to fulfill our mission as church.

From *Dei Verbum* (Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation): The sacred authors wrote the four gospels, selecting some things from the many which had been handed on by word of mouth or in writing, reducing some of them to a synthesis, explaining some things in view of the situation of their churches . . . but always in such fashion that they told us the honest truth about Jesus.

RELATED WORDS

Gospel | Good News | Evangelion | Evangelist

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What’s the difference between “gospel” and the “gospels”?

Our word *gospel* comes from the Anglo-Saxon “god-spell,” good tidings. In Greek it’s *evangelion*, used to describe the proclamation of Jesus. The gospel isn’t what Jesus says. It’s the teachings about Jesus—Incarnation, Crucifixion, and Resurrection—which reveal him as God’s Son. Plurally, “gospels” are books that tell how the gospel (Good News) came to be.

Saint Paul frequently refers to “God’s gospel” and boils the evangelion down to a single idea: “Christ crucified.” That the world is saved from sin and death by the death of the Messiah seemed like foolishness to Greeks and a theological obstacle to Jews. Yet Paul refused to back down from the “absurdity” of the cross.

Among the **synoptic** writers, Mark calls his book “The gospel of Jesus Christ.” To Matthew, the Good News is that God has seized power over evil and begun a new reign. Luke emphasizes “glad tidings to the poor.” John doesn’t use the term *gospel*, but his message of God’s Incarnate Word has the same implications.

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

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (JUNE 30)

Healing takes many forms

Many gospel stories of healing are of the miraculous variety; they’re “supernatural”—above nature—in order to focus on God’s power over everything, including natural things like illness. One of the keys to “miraculous” healing is trust in God, whether the outcome is an actual cure or the acceptance of one’s situation. Either way, suffering eases.

READINGS: Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24; 2 Corinthians 8:7, 9, 13-15; Mark 5:21-43 (98

https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/063_024.cfm). “Your faith has saved you.”

FAITH IN ACTION

“Grace does not destroy nature but perfects it,” wrote Saint Thomas Aquinas. Let the grace of faith bring healing to your life.