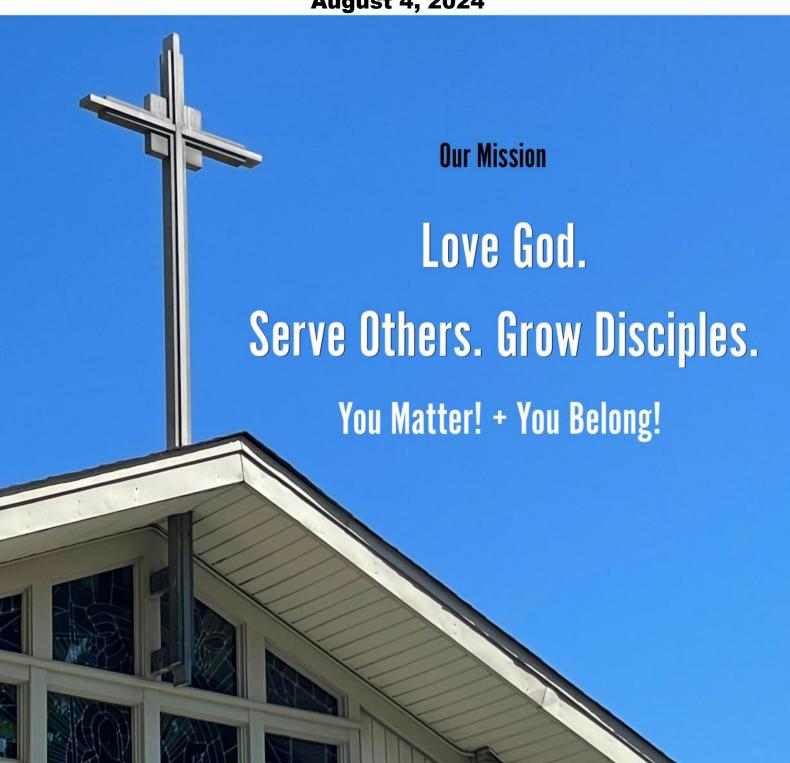


ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 4, 2024



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Rev. Joseph Alenchery, Pastor Deacon Michael Montelione

Rectory Office: M - F 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Phone: 631-585-8760; Fax: 1-866-214-3365

Faith Formation: 631-588-6408



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

Monday, August 5

9:00 a.m.—Vito & Assunta Solimeno (Phyllis Solimeno)

Tuesday, August 6

9:00 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of Rosary Altar Society)

Rodrugue Morency (children)

Wednesday, August 7

9:00 a.m.— Delia Vidal (Dan & Patty Callahan)

Thursday, August 8

9:00 a.m.— Thomas Donnelly Jr. (Donnelly Family)
Nicholas J. Campanelli (Family)

Saturday, August 10

5:30 p.m.— Ann Joseph Alenchery
Pasqua Pulito (Mr. & Mrs. Eby)

Sunday, August 11

9:30 a.m.— Teresita Valisno (Aida, Tonypet & Arnold)

Carmen Perez (Gochan Family)

11:30 a.m.—George Burke (Laura & Vinny Passantino)
People of the Parish

for we walk by faith, not by sight.

STEWARDSHIP GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last Week's Collection: \$8,240 (includes Faith Direct) Last Year's Collection: \$7,454 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 10 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.



Colin Breslin Elena Camet

Good News Reflection

Christ nourishes our hungry and thirsty souls with His own Body and Blood.

Jesus loved using simple examples to teach about Himself, the way to holiness, and about heaven. He knew everyone would understand the natural experience of hunger and thirst for food and drink and how it affects people's lives. A baby cries when it is time to nurse. Children get fussy before dinnertime... sometimes adults do, too! Students and workers who do not eat breakfast might notice that their concentration and work performance suffer. Those who go shopping on an empty stomach tend to make unhealthy choices and do more impulse buying.



Hunger can affect mental health and cognitive abilities, causing fatigue, depression, and irritability. On the other hand, those who maintain a healthy, balanced diet on a regular schedule feel better, have more energy, lead more active lives, have fewer diseases, have happier moods, and usually live longer lives.

Beyond hunger and thirst for food and drink, many naturally crave other things that can shape their lives for the good or the bad. Some have a strong desire for acceptance, popularity, power, control, pleasure, or wealth. These powerful forces of hunger can destroy us through things like obsessive gambling, drugs, alcohol, sex, and other addictions.

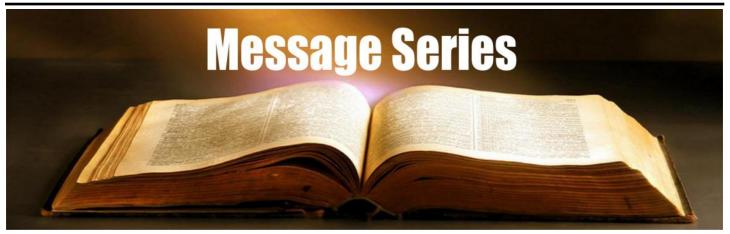
Jesus sought to help the crowds following Him to Capernaum make a new spiritual connection to satisfy their hungry hearts and souls. He wanted them to understand the real meaning behind the manna in the desert and the miracle of the loaves and fishes. The Father had sent Him to nourish our souls as heavenly food. His wholesome grace would give us the power to avoid temptations, satisfy our unhealthy passions, and draw us to holiness.

Christ is the Bread of Life sent from God to feed their souls and ours. It is a gift of the Father to draw believers to Jesus. All that is required is that we truly believe that He is the Son of God and follow Him and His teachings with our whole hearts and lives. We must sincerely believe in and receive the gift of His Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. This holy food for our souls will nourish us in faith, hope, and love and lead us to eternal life.

Questions for Personal Reflection: Are you hungry for Jesus in your life, or do you hunger for something else? How is the True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist transforming your life in Communion with Him?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing: How does receiving Christ in the Holy Eucharist help us in today's challenging world?





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

Catholics Care. Catholics Vote.

Catholics Care. Catholics Vote. Participate in political life.

In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops remind Catholics about the call to partici-

pate in political life. "In the Catholic tradition," they write, "responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (no. 13). Visit www.faithfulcitizenship.org today to read the statement, watch videos, download podcasts, and access other great resources.





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: Toothpaste, Bar Soap, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Cake Mix & Frosting, Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Rice, Noodles, Cereal, Syrup, Macaroni & Cheese, Baked Beans, Canned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Soup, Canned Chicken.



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.

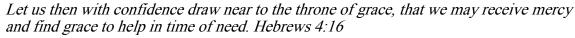
Making this gift is easy. You can instruct your attorney to use this wording: "I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Assumption of the BVM parish, with offices at 20 Chestnut St., Centereach, NY 11720, the sum of \$_____to be used for its most urgent needs." As an alternative, you can make a gift of 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.

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.







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 is 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 5 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.

