



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 11, 2024

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Deacon Michael Montelione
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Sunday, August 11

9:30 a.m. — Teresita Valisno (Aida, Tonypet & Arnold)
 Carmen Perez (Gochan Family)
 11:30 a.m.— Gerard Burke (Laura & Vinny Passantino)
 People of the Parish

Monday, August 12

9:00 a.m.—Intentions of Halina Wiszowaty (Family)

Tuesday, August 13

9:00 a.m.—

Wednesday, August 14

9:00 a.m.— Intentions of Fr. Joseph Alenchery (Wolz Family)

Thursday, August 15

9:00 a.m.—
 7:00 p.m.—People of the Parish

Saturday, August 17

5:30 p.m.— Diane Marie Pozzi (Pozzi Family)
 Thomas Tandy (Pat Rivers)

Sunday, August 18

9:30 a.m.— Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Gochan Family)
 11:30 a.m.—Angelo Giarusso (Steve & Linda Loverde)
 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

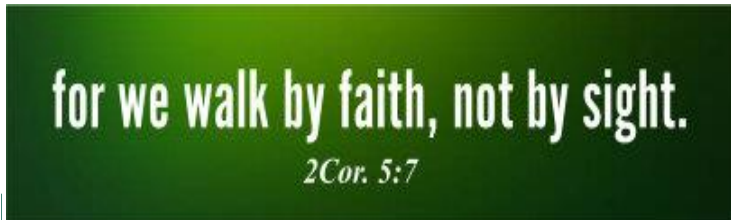
Second Saturday of the month: Sept - June at 10 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Vincent Zecca, papazecca@aol.com, or phone 631 588 3423.

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.



Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 Last Week’s Collection: \$8,705
 (includes Faith Direct)
 Last Year’s Collection: \$8,576
Thank You!

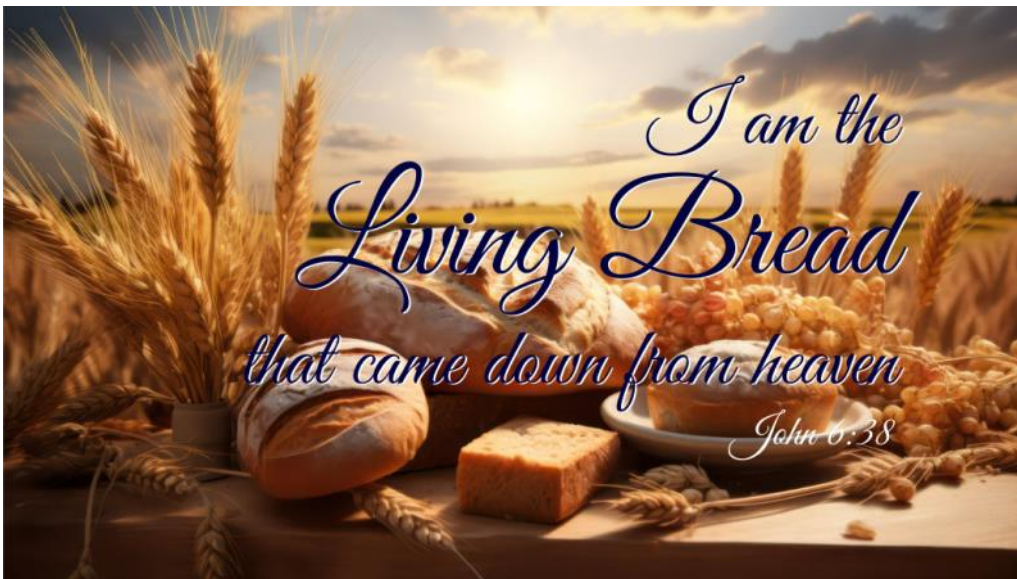
Rest
 in
 Peace

Mary James
 Miriam Selig
 Josephine Connors

Good News Reflection**Jesus is the Living Bread, the Gift of Eternal Life.**

Jesus said, "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever, and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." (John 6:51) The crowd of Jewish people, and even some of His disciples, had been listening to Jesus and they could not understand these strange and difficult words, so they chose to walk away from Him.

People had been amazed by Jesus' healing miracles and fascinated by His stories. If they had given Jesus more time and trusted Him, perhaps there would have been more believers in what He was sharing about being the Bread of Life. Jesus tried to show them that just as God had provided manna to feed the hungry Israelites in the desert, He knew their hearts were hurting and wanted to feed them, too. This bread from heaven, Jesus Himself, would feed their souls and give them everlasting life. This heavenly food would be a gift of total love, self-surrender, suffering, and sacrifice and would lead the way to victory over death through His Resurrection. Jesus was pointing out His divinity, which was more than they could handle.



Clergy and those who have ever served as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion on visits to the homebound in hospitals, nursing homes, or prisons often witness a profound demonstration of what Jesus meant by "living bread." It is truly humbling to walk into a hospital room to visit an elderly patient who is suffering and crying. When they receive Communion, their whole disposition often changes, and their face breaks out in a smile of relief and peace. By the same token, how beautiful it is

when a retired deacon in the final stages of Alzheimer's Disease cannot carry on a conversation or do anything for himself, yet when offered prayers and Communion, he mouths the familiar prayers and smiles in recognition when receiving Jesus.

Without a doubt, the True Presence of Christ is with us in the Eucharist. Christ brings hope, healing, strength, and renewal to our souls. This gift is for all of us at every stage of our journey in life. Best of all, Christ promises everlasting life in heaven with Him for those who believe and follow Him. May we all be grateful and treasure this incredible gift of the Eucharist that we have been given.

Questions for Personal Reflection: Do you embrace the Eucharist as Christ's true Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity? Are there any other Church teachings that you struggle with? If so, will you commit to seek out the Church's wisdom with patience and trust – and the help of the Holy Spirit – in order to increase your understanding?

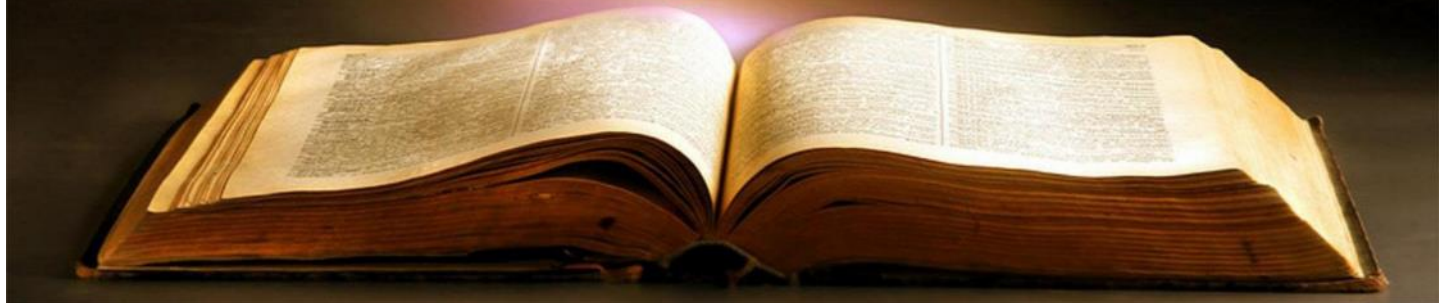
Questions for Community Faith Sharing: What does it mean to experience the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist? What are the fruits of going to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament?



In July, Fr. Fitzgerald, arriving with only \$400 to start the new parish, rented a small summer bungalow on Wood Road. He offered his first Sunday Mass in Centereach on July 10, 1955. His temporary church was the local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) hall, a Quonset hut on Middle Country Road, where Sunday Masses would be offered until the present church was completed in 1958. Here we are in 2024-25, celebrating 70 years as a parish. Time goes so fast. I am sure some of you remember when the parish was established, and how it grew through trials and struggles, all

through these years. We are planning some events and spiritual renewal as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish to Love God, Serve Others, and Grow Disciples. More information will follow soon.

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.



Assumption Faith Formation



Registration 2024-25



Begins on July 29th and ends on September 9th

Register online at www.abvmcentereach.com



Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 15th

MASSES 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM



Coffee *in the* Courtyard

After
9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Masses

in the parish center

On
Summer
Break in
August

Will be back
on Sunday,
September 8

Children's Liturgy of the Word

SPROUTS

During 9:30 AM Mass

All children ages
FOUR to FIFTH grade
are Welcome.



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.



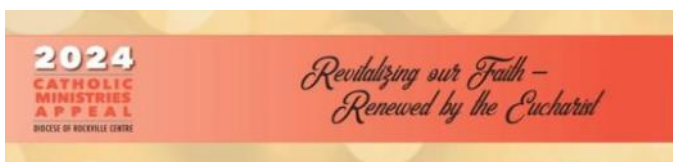
Assumption Prayer Team

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.

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



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 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.



Camp HiLight Vacation Bible School 2024 Camp HiLight

