



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 18, 2024

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Sunday, August 18

9:30 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Gochan Family)
 Joan Bromante (Kaye Meehan)
 11:30 a.m.— Angelo Giarrusso (Steve & Linda Loverde)
 People of the Parish

Monday, August 19

9:00 a.m.— Intentions of Sofia Guillermo (Ed Uy & Family)

Tuesday, August 20

9:00 a.m.— Emilka & Elodie Sejour (Children)

Wednesday, August 21

9:00 a.m.— Patrick Joseph Kearney (Kearney Family)

Thursday, August 22

9:00 a.m.— Intentions of Corinne & Bill Addiss
 (Franciney & Angelo Recca)

Saturday, August 24

5:30 p.m.— Hilda E. Manitta (Maureen Riordan)
 Allan Carniello

Sunday, August 25

9:30 a.m.— Mary James (Angus & Joan Johnson)
 Celia Angeles Tagud (Gochan Family)
 11:30 a.m.— Thomas Engel (Joseph & Arlene Angland)
 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

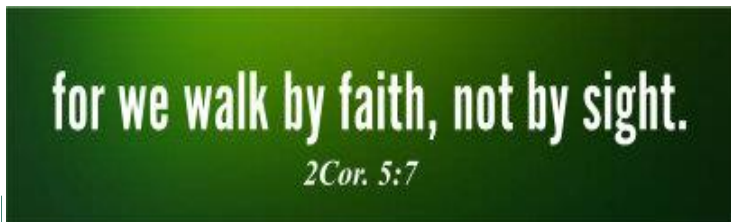
Second Saturday of the month: Sept - June at 10 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Vincent Zecca, papazecca@aol.com, or phone 631 588 3423.

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: \$9,394
 (includes Faith Direct)
 Last Year’s Collection: \$9,273
Thank You!

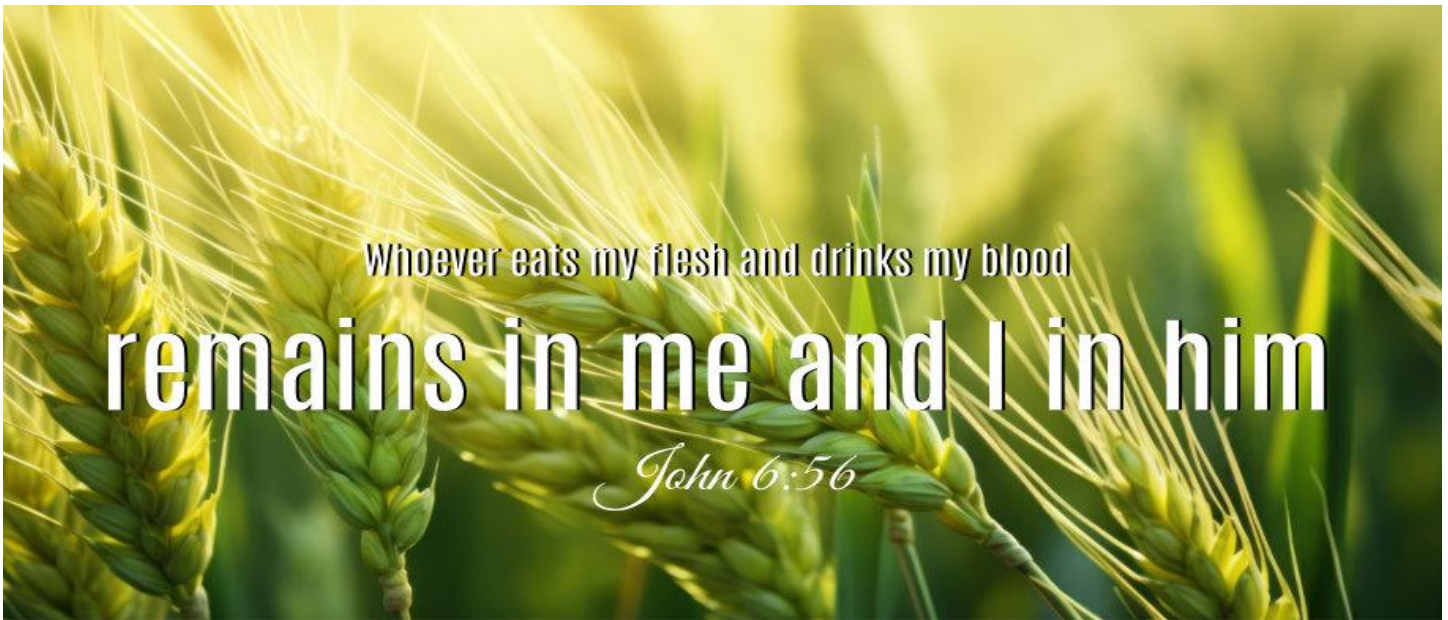
Rest
 in
 Peace

Marie A. Kerwick

Good News Reflection**Abide in me, Lord, and I will Abide in You.**

Jesus says, “He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and me in him.” This week, we continue focusing on Christ’s sermon, the “Bread of Life discourse,” a teaching of profound spiritual significance. We already know that Jesus meant exactly what He said when He told us to eat His body and drink His blood to gain everlasting life. Let us now look at what He meant by the words “abides in me, and me in him.”

God loves us and has a unique plan for each of our lives. Part of that plan is to have a loving relationship with Him so He can help us reach our potential. God wants to abide in us, to dwell or live in our hearts, and to fill our souls with His supernatural grace.



What a great blessing to receive Jesus’ real Body and Blood, His Real Presence, through the Holy Eucharist! Even amid this troubled world with so much discord and so many contrary messages against Gospel teachings, we know that God abides in us. If we allow Him, He will transform us to speak, think, and act according to His Holy Will. This heavenly food fuels us to discern right from wrong, fight temptations, forgive one another, and love like Christ.

Through the power of Jesus in the Eucharist living within us, we are empowered to live the Gospel daily, look for Christ’s face in others, and share the reason for our joy, hope, and peace with the world around us.

Questions for Personal Reflection: In what ways do you prepare your heart to receive Jesus in Communion? How does knowing Jesus is alive and abiding within you affect how you treat yourself and others?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing: How does receiving the Eucharist lead to a life of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society? How does the frequent reception of the Holy Eucharist in Communion build interior joy and peace?



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 kicking it off our 70th Anniversary celebrations with a **“Community**

Block Party” on **Saturday, September 14th from 12pm to 4pm.** Please stop by the Welcome Desk or stop at a Welcome Team Member to let them know if you are able to volunteer to help that day, bring a dessert for the dessert table, or if you can join us in celebrating with our Parish Community. **Everyone is Welcome**, so please invite your neighbors and friends. We celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish by Loving God, Serving Others, and Growing Disciples.

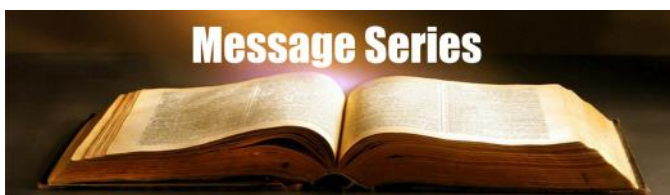
Thank you very much Phil

Over the last eight years, Phil Sorrentino has served in our wonderful Music Ministry. During transitions and transformations, Phil was the constant and helped me and the parish steady the Music Ministry where we are today. But he is moving out of state with his family, and this Sunday will be his last Sunday serving. Thank you, Phil, for your selfless service to the parish and your great faith in the Lord who inspired you to serve Him.

After each mass I encourage all of you to say thank you to Phil personally and wish him well as he moves to his next “State” of life. – Fr. Joe

Thank you

On a personal note: As I mentioned at one of the masses two weeks ago, I am going through some serious health issues. I have started the therapy treatment, but as a lot of you know personally or through your loved ones or your friends, how it goes. It has its ups and downs. Infections happen, side effects happen. But with all these, I know Our God is stronger. The scripture passage that guides and strengthens me is “Do not be afraid.” Isaiah 41:10. I believe the Lord has brought me to this point, and he WILL see me through it or like a beautiful song, says, “We will worship through it”. Thank you very much for your prayers - Fr. Joe



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.

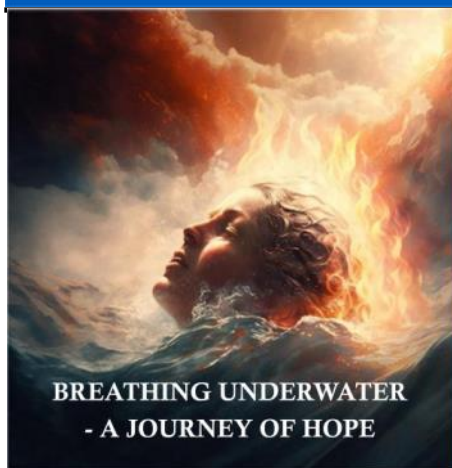
Assumption Faith Formation



Registration 2024-25

Begins on July 29th and ends on September 9th

Register online at www.abvmcentereach.com



L.I. Women's Retreat Ministry Annual Retreat

St. Joseph Villa Hampton Bays, N.Y.

October 11, 12 & 13th, 2024

Guest Speaker – Eileen Benthall

God enables us through the Power of the Holy Spirit to move towards holiness. If you have the desire, God will show you the way! Come join us at St. Joseph Villa in Hampton Bays for a women's weekend retreat. For more info: email: l.i.womensministry@gmail.com or call **Yvonne Bracone** at (631) 398-4086 or **Nina McGee** at (516) 449-6197.

Limited space. Respond as soon as possible.



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: Shampoo, Conditioner, Liquid Hand Soap, Deodorant, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Muffin Mix, Jell-O Mix, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Cereal, Syrup, Snacks, Baked Beans, Canned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Carrots, Canned Potatoes.



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.



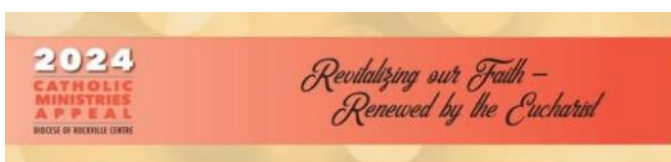
Assumption Prayer Team

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.



Invest time each week to expand your vocabulary and deepen your faith.

18 August 2024

WORD OF THE WEEK

Gaudium et spes 'gau-dē-əm 'et 'spes'

Literally, "joy and hope," also known as the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World. One of four Vatican II Constitutions, it expresses how the church perceives its mission in relation to the wider world and its responsibility to the needs of all people.

Pronunciation: <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-Gaudium-et-spes>

CONTEXT

The joys and the hopes, the griefs and the anxieties of the men of this age, especially those who are poor or in any way afflicted, these are the joys and hopes, the griefs and anxieties of the followers of Christ.

—Opening line from **Gaudium et spes**

Synodality empowers the faithful to actively participate in the life and mission of the church as we discern together the signs of the time and respond with creativity and courage to the challenges and opportunities of our day. This is also what Vatican II called us to do in **Gaudium et Spes**.

—Cardinal Wilton Gregory

WHY IT MATTERS

Gaudium et Spes marks a turning point in the church's relationship to secular society. It regards our rapidly changing world not only spiritually but scientifically and looks at the benefits the church and humanity have received from one another. In the modern world, it declares, history is no longer a private affair. The future of our precious and fragile world depends on the development of a global identity.

From the Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World: "Christians are convinced that the triumphs of the human race are a sign of God's grace and the flowering of His own mysterious design. The greater [the human race's] power becomes, the farther individual and community responsibility extends (34).

RELATED WORDS

Constitution | Magisterium | Vatican Council II

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Who is Karl Rahner and why is he important?

Jesuit theologian Father Karl Rahner is often described as a 20th-century Thomas Aquinas. He fearlessly brought Christian faith and contemporary thought into fruitful conversation. To combat Modernism, the institutional church at the time presented itself as the sole possessor of truth and dispenser of divine grace. It viewed with suspicion anything that arose from the secular world, such as ideas, art, and politics. Rahner changed the starting point of the conversation. What if grace is not exterior to the world, but an intrinsic aspect of the universe as God created it with all people having access to grace?

The Rahner approach begins with the idea that the human person is the place where divine revelation occurs, where God's self-communication is most perfectly expressed. If we accept this, then humanism is no threat to faith. Christians are actually the ultimate humanists as they profess that God, through Jesus, assumes our humanity into divinity by deliberate intention. Rahner's vision was influential at Vatican II, especially in shaping **Gaudium et spes**. A church that perceives its mission in dialogue and friendship with the world can lift its truth higher and dispense its storehouse of grace farther.

—Alice Camille, from *Questions Catholics Ask* https://www.vocationnetwork.org/en/blog/questions_catholics_ask/2015/1/@ho_is_karl_rahner_and_why_is_he_important

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

FEAST OF PIUS X, POPE (AUGUST 21)

Check the temperature

Saint Pope Pius X pastored the church at the turn of the 20th century, a tumultuous period that saw traditional ways threatened by an emerging culture determined to transform society with freer thinking. Remembered for his staunch anti-Modernist beliefs, Pius had a warm and charitable nature. After the Messina earthquake of 1908, Pius acted fast and filled the Apostolic Palace with refugees.

READINGS: Ezekiel 34:1-11; Matthew 20:1-16 (421) <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/082124.cfm>. "Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will look after and tend my sheep."

FAITH IN ACTION

No matter where you stand on controversial issues, be sure to act with warmth and compassion.