



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**September 1, 2024**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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Deacon Michael Montelione  
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**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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:rtbhuntington@yahoo.com) or Anita Wolf at [hwolf96@aol.com](mailto: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.

**Sunday, September 1**

9:30 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Gochan Family)  
Michelle Lea Cintron & Richard Martin Sr.  
(Martin Family)  
11:30 a.m.— Carmen Jeanbattiste (Family)  
People of the Parish

**Monday, September 2**

9:00 a.m.—Jake Scott (Palmer Family)

**Tuesday, September 3**

9:00 a.m.— Living & Deceased Member of the Rosary Altar Society  
Maria, Mariano Jr. & Salome (Angela Roaquin)

**Wednesday, September 4**

9:00 a.m.— Manuel Roaquin (Maria Freund)

**Thursday, September 5**

9:00 a.m.— MaryJane Woznick (Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Porcoro)

**Saturday, September 7**

5:30 p.m.— James Moley (CDA Ct. St. Gerard #1920)  
Intentions of Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Wiszowaty  
25th Wedding Anniversary (Family)

**Sunday, September 8**

9:30 a.m.— Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Gochan Family)  
Augustine Alenchery (Ron & Marty Homa)  
11:30 a.m.—George Leverock (Elizabeth Leverock)  
People of the Parish

**STEWARDSHIP**  
**GIVING to our parish as an act of worship**

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**

Last Week’s Collection: \$7,233  
(includes Faith Direct)

Last Year’s Collection: \$6,056  
**Thank You!**

Rest  
in  
Peace



Deceased Brother & Sisters of our Parish

## Good News Reflection

### ***What matters most to Jesus is our inner purity and our love in action.***

The Pharisees were a group of pious, law-observant Jews who tried hard to maintain the purity of Jewish traditions by avoiding contact with impure pagan cultural influences of the time. They practiced strict purification rituals, observed special dietary restrictions, and held themselves and others firmly to their faith's rigid traditions and practices. They were known for their expectations of personal piety, and their leaders were sticklers for adherence to all 600-plus laws in the Torah. The leaders of this Jewish sect were very devout, and they sincerely believed their devotional customs and traditions honored God.



However, their long list of dos and don'ts was often judgmental of others, and they frequently clashed with how Jesus preferred to do things. Jesus tried to show them many times that they were missing the point of what God desires most of us: love in action and the purity of our hearts.

The center of Christ's teachings revolves around two things: love of God and love of neighbor. Jesus is most interested in the love and purity of our hearts, our humility and compassion, and our faith in action shown in our sincere love and kindness to others. When it comes to purification, rather than picking at someone else's flaws, Jesus wants us to look inward to discover our own sins and work to unplug the channels of grace in our relationship with Him. The bottom line is that we must rid our hearts of anything that is not of God, who is love itself.

### Questions for Personal Reflection:

Is there anything in your life blocking the entire flow of grace God wants to give you to reach the potential that He sees in you? How is God calling you to be a doer of the Word and not a hearer only?

### Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

What traditions and habits can sometimes distract people from true faith, and how? How can we nurture our inner spiritual lives to keep our faith pure and holy against worldly temptations?



# COMMUNITY BLOCK PARTY

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup> - 12:00 - 4:00PM**

**IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT AND LAWN**

**Everyone is Welcome! Invite your neighbors!**

*Games, Music, Dance, Food Vendors & Free Desserts*

We are kicking off our 70th Anniversary celebrations with a “**Community Block Party**” on **Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> 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 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish by Loving God, Serving Others, and Growing Disciples.

## Message Series



As you already know, at Assumption, we preach in message series. Over several weeks, we will examine a topic in depth. We select a topic based on the weekend's scripture readings.

Usually, we begin welcoming back the faithful with a new series on the second Sunday of September. This year, for obvious reasons, we are not able to do that. But we are not entirely going away from the series either. This is what happens. The theme is **Important Enough**. We are not preaching on the theme, but Small Groups will have their videos and reflection questions sent to them. A summary of each Sunday will be printed in the bulletin and sent in the Daily Practice emails. If you are a small group leader, you will get them by next week. We are hoping that small groups will start again regularly in the week of September 9th. Also, we will start again with our Daily Practice – daily reflections emails, if you have signed up to get them that same week too. Please see the details about it right under this note. We will discuss it by reflecting on the week's readings.

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](mailto:rectory@abvmcentereach.com).



# Assumption Faith Formation



## Registration 2024-25

Begins on July 29<sup>th</sup> and ends on September 9<sup>th</sup>

Register online at [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com)

# BLESSING OF BACKPACKS



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8<sup>TH</sup> 9:30 AM MASS

Join us to worship together at Mass as we celebrate the beginning of the new school year. Students of all ages are invited for a special blessing at the 9:30 AM Mass.

### **National Day of Prayer**

Prayer service on National Day of Prayer for the unborn is on **Saturday, September 21<sup>th</sup>, 10:0 a.m., at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery** Route 112 Entrance Coram. It is sponsored by the Long Island Coalition For Life. Questions and information contact Tom (631) 588-4590



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit [faithdirect.net/NY563](http://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](mailto:outreach@abvmcentereach.com). The Outreach Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 10AM to 1PM.



**PANTRY NEEDS: Shampoo, Conditioner, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Cake Mix & Frosting, Muffin Mix, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Cereal, Syrup, Dry Soup Mix, Snacks, Baked Beans, Pasta Sauce, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Carrots, Canned Potatoes, Jelly.**



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](http://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](mailto:jalenchery@abvmcentereach.com) or Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 x 257.



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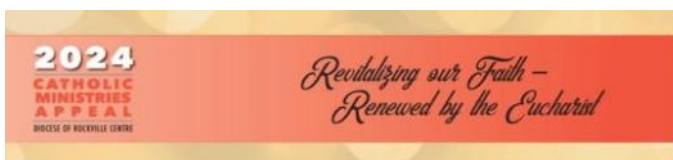
## Assumption Prayer Team

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.

**ASSUMPTION**  
**MINISTRY Fair**

**September 28 & 29**

**Sat. 5:30 PM, Sun: 9:30 & 11:30 AM Masses**

**in the Plaza between Church and the Parish Center**

At Assumption, we talk about Ministry and Mission. We do Ministry within our parish, and a Mission is done outside of our parish. A Ministry Fair is held to generate awareness, enthusiasm, and involvement among parishioners. It is a celebration of the work of the Church, a special event that recognizes the importance of all volunteer efforts. The Ministry Fair is a wonderful way for parishioners to meet and gather information about the various ministries and educational opportunities available within the parish community. We always talked about consumers and owners. When you are a consumer, you think about only what benefits you from the activities in the church. But when you are a disciple, you get out of the pew and serve; that helps you grow in your faith and help others grow in their faith, and you will be a part of the growth of the whole parish community.

This festive event allows us to ask questions, discern their many gifts and talents, listen to the ministers, how they grew in their discipleship, and learn how they can serve within a particular parish ministry. For those already involved, Ministry Fair helps to recommit their time and talent to carry out the parish’s mission statement and help build the Kingdom of God on earth and encourages all of us to commit or recommit ourselves to the discipleship path we follow with the Lord in Loving God, **Serving Others**, and Growing Disciples.

**SPROUTS**

Children’s Ministry for  
 ages four to fifth grade on  
 Sundays during 9:30 AM Mass

**WE ARE BACK ON SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 8TH (Next Sunday)**

*Coffee in the Courtyard*  
 in the plaza between the church and the parish center

*Coffee Conversations Community*  
 After 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM Masses