



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**December 29, 2024**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

**Happy New Year**

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**Sunday, December 29**

9:30 a.m. — Dr. Elisa Valisno, Frank Valisno & Gloria Roque  
(Aida, Tonypet & Arnold)  
Catherine Mary Wallace (Nick & Patti  
Campanelli)  
11:30 a.m.— Eric Scheriff (Harry & Luz Gaviola)  
People of the Parish

**Monday, December 30**

9:00 a.m.— Joseph Pacula (Eileen Dorrian)  
Frances Craig (Nancy Dentrone)

**Tuesday, December 31**

9:00 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of the  
Campanelli & Lang Families

**Wednesday, January 1**

9:00 a.m.—

**Thursday, January 2**

9:00 a.m.— Joseph Angland Jr. (Angland Family)  
Jay Holliday (Sharon Holliday)

**Saturday, January 4**

5:30 p.m.—

**Sunday, January 5**

9:30 a.m.— Geno Dellerose (Carlo Corriera)  
Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Gochan Family)  
11:30 a.m.— John Kuchinskas (Karen Kuchinskas)  
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](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.

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

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**  
Last Week’s Collection: \$8,344  
(includes Faith Direct)  
Last Year’s Collection: \$5,914  
**Thank You!**

Rest  
in  
Peace

Deceased Brothers & Sister of Our Parish

**Good News Reflection*****Trusting in Truths Beyond Our Understanding***

Saint John Paul II wrote about today's Gospel story in his encyclical on the Rosary, *Rosarium Virginis* (paragraph #20). This scripture, he pointed out, reveals that Jesus was already wholly dedicated to his Father's affairs. And it shows "the radical nature of the Gospel, in which even the closest of human relationships are challenged by the absolute demands of the Kingdom." Which relationships? Family relationships!



Today, we are like Mary and Joseph in their moment of failing to understand the words of Jesus. His teachings challenge us to accept a more difficult life, a life of doing good to our enemies, taking a stand against injustices, standing up for Christian values, getting persecuted for it, turning the cheek and going the extra mile, a life of courageously adhering to the ways of God.

Our preference, when it's inconvenient or unpleasant to be so holy, is to rationalize and make excuses for any behavior that the world says is good and right but which contradicts the Church's scripture-based teachings. However, if we are sincere about following Christ, we are willing to do what is difficult. And it's usually in the doing that we begin to understand the benefits of becoming more like Christ.

Without this understanding, however, we have to trust that the words of Jesus are truth. Like Mary and Joseph, we need to ponder in our hearts what we do not understand and at the same time move forward in holy living. Then we discover the joy that comes from a life that's lived wholly in Christ.

On this Feast of the Holy Family, let us pray that Mary and Joseph will help us hear Jesus whenever our troubles or temptations get so distracting that we lose sight of him. Let us learn to recognize that Jesus is always present with us in his Holy Spirit, helping us, guiding us, and mercifully loving us, especially in the challenges we face.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:** What teaching of the Church have you rationalized away so that you don't have to obey it? Or what teaching in scripture? Assume your disobedience is due to not understanding what is really being taught. What will you do to learn more about it?

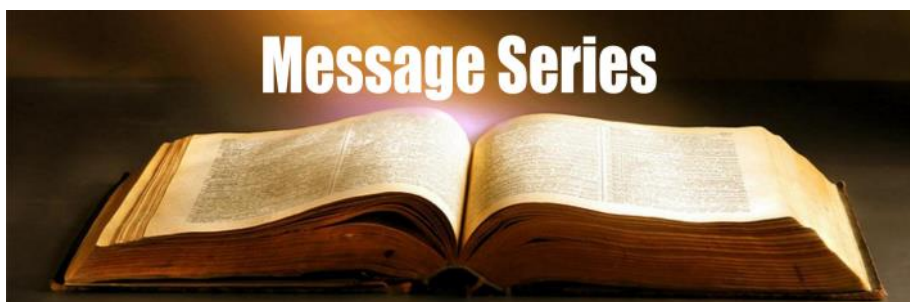
**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:** What is it about the relationships between Jesus, Mary and Joseph that appeals to you? What has this taught you about God's Kingdom?





In life we hit certain turning points or crisis moments where we need to make crucial decisions. Sometimes those circumstances of our own making but often they are not. A problem or crisis or catastrophe occurs. While we didn't choose the circumstances, we can choose the response. By definition, we cannot plan for unexpected events, but we can prepare for them. We are going to look at how these events can actually draw us closer to God, rather than drive us away.

In this series we will draw encouragement and inspiration from the Scriptures and our own stories.



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.

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.

## Small Groups

**Small Groups** are where our large church gets small. Groups are 6-10 people who meet usually once a week for 90 minutes to discuss faith, go deeper in the weekly message, and support one another in their relationship with Christ. This is the place to care for others and be cared for; Assumption small groups are open to accept more people anytime during the year to help your faith

journey. If you would like to join a small group, you can sign up by stopping by the Welcome Desk on Sunday or email us at [rectory@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rectory@abvmcentereach.com) or *contact the leaders who are listed below.*

Small groups help us grow in faith with others. They make the parish community alive and a place we belong.

Testimonies:

"I feel like I am part of something again." "I am glad to have found this." "We are friends in faith."

Nick Gigante 516-659-4010, Dan Callahan 631-681-2559 Andres & Sandra (Spanish) 631-704-4606



Pope Francis stated in his February 2022 letter announcing the Jubilee 2025: "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision. The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so urgently desire..."

**THE JUBILEE PRAYER**



**Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.**


**May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,**

**when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.**

**May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.**

As we enter into New Year 2025 as Pope Francis reminds us let us be Pilgrims of Hope. Hope that is given to us by our Lord Jesus Christ when he came into this world as a baby. In our own lives too, sometimes we lose hope because of the circumstances or events or people. But Our God is with us and let us worship him through our hopelessness and His grace. As the whole Church is moving forward as Pilgrims of Hope, let us also join as Assumption parish family as a people of hope in our 70th year. May God bless you and keep you in His hope and strength. Happy New Year 2025.

 <p><b>After 9:30 AM &amp; 11:30 AM Masses in the parish center</b></p>	<p>on Recess this Sunday 12/29/2024 will resume on 1/5/2025</p>	 <p>at 9:30 AM Mass</p>
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**Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God**  
**Thursday, January 1, 2025**  
**Mass 9:00 AM**



**Christmas Donations:** Thank you to all made our Christmas Drive a huge success! Because of your donations, we were able to give Christmas baskets to 47 families in need that are living in our Parish. The generosity of our Parishioners is inspiring! If you or someone you know is in need of food assistance, please contact the Parish Social Ministry at 631 585-8760 x2 or email outreach@abvmcentereach.com.



**PANTRY NEEDS:** Canned Dog, Cat Food, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Toothpaste, Conditioner, Deodorant, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Tuna Fish, Jelly, Toothbrushes.

# STEWARDSHIP

## GIVING to our parish is an act of WORSHIP

I invite you to continue to pray and reflect upon your financial support of our parish in the year ahead. As always, we encourage electronic giving – it is the most helpful way to give. If you haven't made the commitment already please do so as soon as possible.

Thank you very much for your commitment to our parish as we journey together rebuilding our parish by Loving God, Serving Others and Growing Disciples. -Fr. Joe



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!



**FILLED WITH THE FULLNESS OF GOD!**

**EPHESIANS 3:19**

**ASSUMPTION PARISH MISSION**

**COMING IN APRIL 2025**

details to follow

### **Assumption Prayer Team**

We pray for every request in the prayer Petition Books, from Adoremus and those given to us in person. Prayer Petition Books are in the back of the church. When others pray for you, it can be very powerful and effective. That's why we ask you to write down your prayers in our prayer Petition books.

*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**





# Christmas Musical 2024

