



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

February 16, 2025

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Sunday, February 16

9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Gochan Family)
 Domenica Bellavia Ferrara Family)
 11:30 a.m.— Rosemary O’Connor
 People of the Parish

Monday, February 17

9:00 a.m.— Marie Claude Casimin (children)

Tuesday, February 18

9:00 a.m.— Joseph George (Janet Helmig)

Wednesday, February 19

9:00 a.m.—

Thursday, February 20

9:00 a.m.—

Saturday, February 22

5:30 p.m.— Jane P. Hall (Susan Buquicchio)

Sunday, February 23

9:30 a.m.— Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Gochan Family)
 Geraldine Camera (Phyllis Solimeno)
 11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish
 Ralph Schoenfeld Sr. (Ron & Patti Palmer)

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.

*Whoever is begotten by God
 conquers the world,
 and the victory that conquers the world
 is our faith. 1John 5:4*

STEWARDSHIP
 GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 Last Week’s Collection: \$8,230
 (includes Faith Direct)
 Last Year’s Collection: \$8,752
Thank You!

*Rest
 in
 Peace*



Deceased Brothers & Sisters of our Parish



February 16, 2025

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 17:5-8 | 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 | Lk 6:17, 20-26

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

“It is so good to be poor, to have nothing, to await all from God!” These sentiments of the humble French religious sister St. Jeanne Jugan sum up the spirit of Jesus’ words in today’s Gospel. Jesus praises poverty, hunger, sadness, and rejection, but certainly not as ends in themselves; God does not take pleasure in our suffering! He does use our suffering, however, to awaken us to our need for him. Poverty can spur us to pursue *heavenly* goods, and thus Jesus assures the poor, “the kingdom of God is yours.” Hunger can cause us to seek God who alone can truly satiate our desires, and thus Jesus says to the hungry, “you will be satisfied.” Those who weep will laugh, Jesus says – so long as their sadness inspires them to seek happiness in the service of God and the joys of eternal life. For all of us, no matter our means or our circumstances, today’s Gospel is a reminder to allow everything – including our difficulties, disappointments, and unfulfilled desires – to turn our hearts to God and rely on his loving care.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

It can be difficult to practice the spirit of the Beatitudes (as the “blessings” in today’s Gospel are called) in the moment. Suffering, distress, and confusion easily divert our attention from God as we attempt to “make the problem go away.” Sometimes we are even tempted to give up, to turn aside from God, and to seek consolation in other things. This is exactly the opposite of what he wants for us, and for good reason! God knows that it is best for us to always rely on him. This is why, as today’s first reading explains, the man who trusts in the Lord is secure – “like a tree planted beside the waters ... it fears not the heat when it comes” – and fruitful – “its leaves stay green.” For those who trust in the Lord, help comes from the all-powerful, infinitely loving Creator of the universe. When we entrust ourselves to him, we have nothing to fear.

ACCOMPANY

Is there someone in your life who is struggling with fear, loneliness, anxiety, or sadness? Take time to pray with that person and, together, try to discover God’s invitation to a deeper reliance on him in the midst of the distress. These moments of suffering are never occasions for us to get “preachy.” Instead, accompany your friend and be a reminder of the hope we have in God.



Week Two: Thrive in Community Scripture: Jeremiah 17:5-8

Jeremiah warns against relying on worldly ways or isolating ourselves. God created us for community. This message builds on Week One, painting a vision of thriving in Christian connection and emphasizing why small groups are vital.

We are designed to thrive in community, not in isolation or relying solely on ourselves. Take the step to join a small group.



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 today for the Lenten Small groups begins on the first week of Lent by stopping by the Welcome Desk or filling out the form below.

Testimonial: "Joining a Small Group has been one of the most remarkable positive differences in my life"

RESTORE
LENTEN SMALL GROUP SIGN UP 2025

Name _____
 Address _____
 Email _____
 Phone _____
 (preferably Cell Phone)

I am available:
(Please select
more than one day
of the week)

| Days of the week | | Time of day | Type of group |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mondays | <input type="checkbox"/> Fridays | <input type="checkbox"/> Mornings | <input type="checkbox"/> Spanish |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tuesdays | <input type="checkbox"/> Saturdays | <input type="checkbox"/> Afternoons | <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesdays | <input type="checkbox"/> Sundays | <input type="checkbox"/> Evenings | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Adult |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thursdays | | | |

We will be in touch soon with group days and times.
 For more info: (English) Dan Callahan 631-681-2559, Nick Gigante 516-659-4010
 (Spanish) Adres & Sandra Castiblanco 631-704-4606



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.

ASH WEDNESDAY
 MARCH 5, 2025

MASS:
 12:00 NOON & 7:00 PM

SCRIPTURE SERVICE:
 7:30 AM & 4:00 PM

2025
 Catholic Ministries Appeal
 DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist
 Sent on Mission*

CMAA Prayer 2025
 O loving God, we ask that as we begin our journey through this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal, We may recognize our missionary call. You call us, as Catholics, to spread Your Love and Gospel to all we meet. Revitalize our faith, Lord, and give us the courage and wisdom to revitalize the Faith in others. Lord, guide us on our mission. We desire to please you and build up your Kingdom on our Island. Help us, Lord, to do what we can to help our brothers and sisters carry their crosses. May our participation in this year's Catholic Ministries Appeal be an opportunity to grow closer to You. Bless all those who make a sacrifice and give a gift to help others. Bless all those who are served by the programs made possible through this Appeal. Comfort the needy, give wisdom to our seminarians and strengthen the faith of our youth. May this Appeal be the catalyst to do something greater in Your Name. Amen

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL Every year through the support and commitment of our parishes, we can serve more than 600,000 people in our Long Island community. The Catholic Ministries Appeal enables our Church to continue to form our youth and adults in the faith, promote the dignity of life, provide quality education to our young people, feed the hungry, and foster vocations to the priesthood.

Assumption Parish family has been very generous with our participation in the Catholic Ministries appeal over the years. This year 2025, our goal is once again \$56,600. You can pledge and pay it off for the next 10 months. It is not about the amount you pledge but the generosity and love for others that counts. Thank you very much for your generosity and, because of that, God poured out so many blessings on people of Long Island. God bless you. Let us live our mission, Love God, Serve Others, Grow Disciples. Your generosity helps to make all of this, and so much more, possible! - Fr Joe

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: Toilet Paper, Conditioner, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Salad Dressing, Jell-O Mix, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Box Milk, Fruit Juice, Rice-A-Roni, Pasta, Syrup, Snacks, Canned Fruit, Baked Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Canned Potatoes, Canned Chicken.

Men's Weekend Retreat

February 28 @ 4:00 pm - March 2 @ 11:00 am

Cormaria Retreat Center, 77 Bay Street, Sag Harbor, NY 11963

Offering - Meals included \$275.00



God's Incredible, Tender Forgiveness.

Embraced by a loving, vulnerable God, promising to be with us always.

To Register: 631-725-4206 or Email info@cormaria.org

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. *“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



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

Coffee in the Courtyard
in the Parish Center Hall

Coffee Conversations Community

After 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM Masses



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!



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LENTEN PARISH MISSION

EPHESIANS 3:19

“FILLED WITH THE FULLNESS OF GOD!”

A parish mission event is when a parish brings in an inspirational guest speaker to preach an uplifting message to equip the people of God to better live out their identity as a son or daughter of the Most High God.

APRIL 6, 7, 8, 2025

7:00 PM to 8:45 PM in the church



GIVE JESUS 3 EVENINGS AND HE WILL GIVE YOU...

..HIS LOVE, HIS HEART, AND THE FULLNESS OF LIFE THAT YOUR HEART IS LONGING FOR.

COME BE A PART OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LENTEN PARISH MISSION AND EXPERIENCE DYNAMIC PREACHING, BEAUTIFUL WORSHIP, AND A POWERFUL ENCOUNTER WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS.

The mission will be led by **John Beaulieu**, founder and president of Romans 5:5, a Catholic Apostolate committed to the renewal of the Catholic Church.

John Beaulieu has been sharing the love of Christ and witnessing about the power and person of the Holy Spirit with youth and adults for the past 40 years. After graduating from Franciscan University, Steubenville he continued his ministry journey serving as a full-time youth minister. In 2003, John returned to Franciscan University to serve as the Director of Youth Conferences for 10 years in the Conference Office at Franciscan University. For the past 11 years, he served as the Director of Evangelization and Formation for the office. He has mentored and helped form hundreds of students at Franciscan University in spirit-filled leadership and spiritual growth. John has been active in the renewal for nearly 4 decades and currently serves on the Board of Pentecost Today, USA. In October 2024, he left his position at Franciscan University to invest full time in his apostolate, Romans 5:5. He speaks to thousands of teens and adults each year at parish, diocesan, and national retreats, missions, and conferences through his ministry. John lives in Steubenville with his lovely bride of 34 years, Lisa. They have five children Andrew, Madeleine, Catherine, JohnPaul, and Therese Marie and one granddaughter, Rita Joy

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There is no charge for the mission - a free will offering will be taken each night that supports a Catholic Mission in Haiti.

For more information: 631-585-8760 or rectory@abvmcentereach.com