



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

February 23, 2025

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Sunday, February 23

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

Monday, February 24

9:00 a.m.—

Tuesday, February 25

9:00 a.m.— Alaide Goncalves (family)

Wednesday, February 26

9:00 a.m.—

Thursday, February 27

9:00 a.m.— George Leverock (Elizabeth Leverock)

Saturday, March 1

5:30 p.m.— John Tandy (Pat Rivers)
 Aristides S. Cruz (Zenaida Cruz)

Sunday, March 2

9:30 a.m.— Joseph Pacula (Eileen Dorrian & Timothy Meyers)
 Catherine Secari (Rosary Altar Society)
 11:30 a.m.— Jerome Gangitano (family)
 Andrew Rosa (Ivone Marie Pereira)

*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: \$8,763
 (includes Faith Direct)
 Last Year's Collection: \$8,626
Thank You!

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.

Rest
 in
 Peace

Deceased Brothers & Sisters of our Parish

February 23, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23 | 1 Cor 15:45-49 | Lk 6:27-38

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

“Love your enemies” may be one of the most oft-quoted verses of Scripture. We tend to think of it as a moral principle to guide us in our dealings with people who rub us the wrong way. But do we ever consider what it tells us about God? After all, Jesus, who is God himself, speaks it. God tells us to love our enemies because *God* loves his “enemies” – that is, those who freely choose to oppose his plan of life and love. On the cross, Jesus forgave and prayed for the people who sought to kill him *while they were crucifying him*. But his mercy was not confined to that time and place alone; he died for each of us who, whenever we sin, refuse to love him. If we get this into our heads and our hearts – “God loves and forgives *me*” – we can begin to rest in his embrace like children confident in the unconditional love of their father’s heart.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

If, as a child, you learned a musical instrument for which regular recitals were the norm, you know how many hours of practice are required for a few short minutes of performance. You know, too, that if you are well prepared, a musical composition which appeared impossible months before comes easily and naturally on the day of the recital. For most of us, loving our enemies as Jesus commands us to do appears far beyond our reach – impossible, in fact. But this kind of heroic love is nevertheless God’s call for us, and he will never deny us the grace we need to respond to his call. What’s required on our part is a willingness to practice. If we practice loving in small things even when it’s difficult – listening patiently to someone whose conversation bores us, for example, or taking on an extra chore without seeking recognition or thanks – we will be prepared for the day when God asks us to make an even greater act of love for his sake.

PRACTICE

This week, go out of your way to find opportunities to love even when it’s difficult. Do your best to be conscious of your intentions, even in the moment, by asking God for the grace to love generously and by offering your act of love to him.





Week Three: February 19/20 – Be Supported Scripture: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus teaches about forgiveness, generosity, and non-judgment—challenging but essential for healthy relationships. Small groups provide support to live out these teachings and strengthen other relationships.

Small groups offer relationships that support and enhance other areas of life. Join a small group and experience the benefits of Christian community.



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

CMA 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.

RESTORE



Take a healing journey this Lent; you turn away from what wounds you and toward God, who heals you and makes you whole.

BRAND NEW SERIES BEGINS ON MARCH 9



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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OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, CENTEREACH, NY

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.

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