



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

March 2, 2025

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week



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)

Monday, March 3

9:00 a.m.— People of the Parish

Tuesday, March 4

9:00 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society

Wednesday, March 5

7:30 a.m. & 4:00 p.m.—Scripture Service
12:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.—Mass

Thursday, March 6

9:00 a.m.— Antoinette Meyers (Josephine Scala)

Friday, March 7

9:00 a.m.— Diane Pozzi (family)

Saturday, March 8

5:30 p.m.— Mary Tandy (Pat Rivers)
Mitchell Wolf (McGuinness Family)

Sunday, March 9

9:30 a.m.— Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Gochan Family)
Millie Prianti (Jo & Joan Johnson)
11:30 a.m.— Laurie Connolly (Jodie & Bob Kiss)
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.

STEWARDSHIP

GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last Week's Collection: \$9,843

(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection: \$11,739

Thank You!

Rest
in
Peace



Deceased Brothers & Sisters of our Parish

“From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”

(LK 6:45)



March 2, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sir 27:4-7 | 1 Cor 15:54-58 | Lk 6:39-45

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

It can be uncomfortable to admit, but our speech habits can truly reveal our interior life. Too often, I've fallen prey to the temptation of gossip or other alluring but unbecoming forms of conversation. Perhaps we all have to some degree, which is why today's words from Sirach capture our attention: "When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks." This theme of speech being connected to our hearts is woven throughout Scripture, and it both challenges and encourages us. Before God came to us in the flesh, he came to us as the *Word*. Our words carry eternal weight; they have the power to bless or to curse. For this reason, the Scriptures today challenge us to seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit, our Advocate, in order to grow in virtue so that our speech may reflect his glory and our words echo his truth.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In today's parable from Luke's Gospel, Jesus asks, "Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?" Ouch. Am I the only one who shifts uncomfortably when reading this? How often and how easily do we fixate on the way others have caused us frustration, discomfort, or hurt? While those things may (or may not) be true, it feels so easy to dismiss personal responsibility. In this passage, Jesus lovingly teaches us that when we live this way, we remain stuck in our patterns of sin. But he also gives us another option: "Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly." It is through this honest examination of conscience and cleansing of our own sin that we come to know God more fully, and as our vision is cleared, become more aware of how his beauty and mercy surround us.

REFLECT

Today, let us pray for a deeper personal conversion through an honest examination of conscience, so that as we empty ourselves from our sinful ways, we may become more tethered to God's holy will, speaking his truth and living in his light. Commit to praying an Act of Contrition each day this week and ask the Holy Spirit to help you grow in virtue.

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

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 today for the Lenten Small groups begins on the first week of Lent by stopping by the Welcome Desk or email the Office at rectory@abvmcentereach.com.

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

ASH WEDNESDAY

MARCH 5, 2025

MASS: 12:00 NOON

7:00 PM

SCRIPTURE SERVICE:

7:30 AM

4:00 PM





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.

FRIDAYS OF LENT
Mass at 9:00 AM
Followed by
Stations of the Cross

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, Paper Towels, Shampoo, Conditioner, Deodorant, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Salad Dressing, Jello Mix, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Rice-A-Roni, Baked Beans, Canned Potatoes.

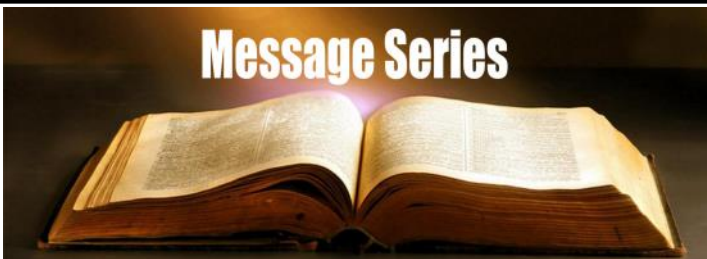


Our parish subscribes to a revolutionary online platform which provides the best in Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks, and video-based studies from trusted providers. This allows you, *free of charge*, to access online resources in bible study, apologetics, Christian entertainment, family catechesis, 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

THINKING ABOUT CATHOLIC EDUCATION?
 Schedule a visit for your child(ren) to spend a morning at SSPJ.
 For more information, email Ms. Anderson at danderson@sspjschool.net

Come Experience our Special Community for a day!

- Faith
- Academics
- Values
- Excellence
- Family
- Friends



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.

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.

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