



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

April 21, 2024

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Sunday, April 21

9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Gochan Family)
 Lloyd Estriplet (Fidelity Family)
 11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

Monday, April 22

9:00 a.m.—Johnny Viserto (Gale & Family)
 Bronislaw Tutka

Tuesday, April 23

9:00 a.m.—

Wednesday, April 24

9:00 a.m.—

Thursday, April 25

9:00 a.m.—

Saturday, April 27

5:30 p.m.— CDA Ct. St. Gerard #1920 60th Anniversary
 George Leverock (Family)

Sunday, April 28

9:30 a.m.— Dan Wright (Maureen Reilly)
 Steve DelVecchio (Ferrer Family)
 11:30 a.m.— Rey Edwards (Harry & Luz Gaviola)
 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.

*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: \$9,899
 (includes Faith Direct)
 Last Year’s Collection: \$10,168
Thank You!

*Rest
 in
 Peace*



Catherine Zawadski

Good News Reflection**From Wayward Sheep to Good Shepherds**

As a child, I always loved hearing about Jesus the Good Shepherd and seeing pictures of our Lord holding His staff in one hand, surrounded by a herd of fluffy sheep, and with one wayward sheep always curled around His shoulders. I was comforted by this image of Jesus, who loved all His sheep, even those who lost their way and took off in the wrong direction.

This parable offers a much deeper meaning to me now as an adult. Jesus is the Good Shepherd who laid down His life to help me – a sinner who is so prone to going astray. He suffered, died on the cross, and rose from the dead to lead me and all of God’s children (His sheep) on the right path to heaven. He knows me by name and restores my soul with grace from the Sacraments. He safeguards my steps from the snares of the Evil One through the guidance and wisdom of the Holy Spirit alive in the one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church. He sometimes allows me to make wrong turns, but because I know and love Him, I can trust that He is always right there, ready to bring me back into the fold.



Through the living waters of Baptism and the gift of the Holy Spirit, Christians are called and empowered to become like Jesus and be good shepherds, too. In His image, we must forgive those who are lost and do our part to bring them back into God’s embrace.

We must live our lives in joy and compassion for others – especially the poor, the downcast, and the lost – who most need God’s mercy.

Trusting in the wise voice and directions of the Good Shepherd, we must never be afraid to speak God’s truth and wisdom with love and grace to correct those who are astray and having trouble finding their way. As worthy shepherds, we must pray for courage to stay loyal to Christ, the Good Shepherd, in our everyday thoughts, words, and actions, whether alone, with family, at work, at church, in politics, in science, or interacting with media.

Remember that Jesus and the Church have been associated with controversy from the beginning, but He promises victory in the end. We must hold on tightly in faith, help others know and love Christ, and shepherd them into the loving gate of our Savior.

Questions for Personal Reflection: In which areas of your life do you most need shepherding to stay on the right path to heaven? How are you being a good shepherd to the poor, downcast, and lost?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing: What are some ways we can hear the voice of the Good Shepherd? How can we protect ourselves from being snatched by Satan? How do we lay down our lives for others when we are a good shepherd?



Week Four 4/21/24--Understanding and Acceptance, Scripture John 10:11-18

Jesus says that he knows and understands his sheep. They know him and he knows them. Understanding and acceptance pave the way to influence. When we take the time to understand people and accept where they are then we can influence them in the right direction.

Identify someone you have been trying to force into a position and take 30 minutes to listen to their perspective. Feel the love the Father has bestowed on us that we are called children of God.

Small Groups are about life change, and small groups promote life change at a fundamental level.

Small groups are for everybody. Whether new to the faith or skeptical about whether you really need religious faith in your life, or if you're having that feeling something is missing, and you need more, don't worry. Let this be your call to action to join a small group, and just watch how much Jesus can change your life for the better.



Small groups are where we grow. If you're interested in life change, new life for you and those you love, join one of our small groups for a five-week series. Talk to someone at the Welcome Desk; email us at rectory@abvmcentereach.com or fill in the form below and drop it off at the Welcome Desk. We'll call you. We're here to help!

Yes, I'm interested in a Small Group

Your Name _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

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.





Ordination to the Priesthood

Michael Joseph Riggs O.S.A will be ordained to the priesthood on **Saturday, May 4, 2024**, in Villanova, PA. Michael joined the Augustinian Friars a few years ago after some time of discernment.

Michael’s proud parents Mike and Peggy Riggs are familiar to us, and are active in the parish. Michael grew up here at Assumption parish through Faith Formation Program and AYM. He was also involved in our Music Ministry for a couple of years before he joined the seminary. It is an immensely proud moment for us as the Assumption Parish Family to see Michael ordained as a priest of Christ.

Fr. Michael Riggs will be visiting us and celebrating a thanksgiving Mass with us here at Assumption on **Sunday, June 2 at 11:30 AM**. We will have the opportunity after the mass to greet him and congratulate him on that day. In the meantime, keep Michael in our prayers as the Ordination gets closer to keep him as a holy priest for Christ’s Church and His people.

New Altar Server Training

All children are invited to be altar servers. This is a very special call to assist the priest to celebrate the Holy Mass on Sunday and other holydays. To become an altar-server you must have received First Communion, and participate in the training that will be offered in the Church from **4:30 p.m. – 6:00 P.M.** **You are required to participate in all the training days.**



Following are the training dates:

Tuesday, May 21; Thursday, May 23; Tuesday, May 28; Thursday, May 30. For more information and to register, Please call Melissa at 631-585-8760 ext. 100 or email: rectory@abvmcentereach.com



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!



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: Kleenex, Household Cleaner, Bar Soap, Jell-O, Pudding Mix, Muffin Mix, Cooking Oil, Shelf Stable Milk, Coffee, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Pasta Sauce, Canned Tomatoes.



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 RESTRICTED 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. Use your phone camera to scan the QR Code to donate or pick up a brochure at the welcome desk or at the exits. The pledge you make will be billed for the next 10 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.



CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER, INC.

Do you need to fulfill your Marriage Prep Requirement? Engaged Encounter is an effective PreCana program designed to provide you with the tools for a successful marriage. Our next 2-day weekend will be held at the **Seminary of the Immaculate Conception in Huntington on June 8&9, 2024.**

Visit longiland.engagedencounter.com for information and registration.



SAVE THE DATE
Assumption
Vacation Bible School 2024
July 22nd to 27th



Invest time each week to
expand your vocabulary
and deepen your faith.

21 April 2024

WORD OF THE WEEK

Evangelist \i-ˈvæn-jə-list\

One who announces Good News, particularly the message of the gospel. Often refers exclusively to the four gospel writers Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John. The New Testament also uses this term in reference to Philip, the deacon, and Timothy, a worker with Paul.

Pronunciation: <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-Evangelist>

CONTEXT

Evangelizers take on the “smell of the sheep” and the sheep are willing to hear their voice.
—Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium*

We are all **evangelists**, but we almost always **evangelize** about the wrong things.
—Matthew Kelly

Saint Juan Diego, the peasant to whom Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared, is essentially the **evangelizer** of an entire hemisphere. —USCCB.org

WHY IT MATTERS

All Christians are summoned to the role of **evangelists**, a term first used in reference to the gospel writers in the third century. As followers of Jesus, our common vocation is to bring Good News to the poor, sick, lonely, imprisoned, and socially marginalized. The words of the four primary **evangelists**—Mark, Matthew, Luke, and John—instruct us in the mission we’re invited to share.

From *Evangelii Nuntiandi* (Evangelization in the Modern World): The world is calling for **evangelizers** to speak to it of a God whom the **evangelists** themselves should know and be familiar with [122].

RELATED WORDS

Mission | Vocation | Gospel | Proclamation

QUESTION OF THE WEEK

What’s an evangelist?

Evangelist translates from Greek as “messenger of good tidings.” All baptized persons are called to be such messengers. Isaiah speaks of the “beautiful feet” of those who bring Good News. Ephesians describes apostles, prophets, and **evangelists** as central players in the church. Biblically, **evangelist** is not an exclusive term.

By the third century, the formal list of **evangelists** is reduced to the four gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. They concretized the Good News the church would proclaim going forward.

By the fourth century, the symbology of the four **evangelists** became standardized as man, lion, ox, and eagle. Facing the four directions, these extraordinary creatures are four and yet unified in movement. They also burn like hot coals. Matthew, whose gospel emphasizes Jesus’ humanity, is represented by the man. Mark highlights Jesus’ divinity and kingship, so is identified as the lion. Luke holds up the sacrificial role of Jesus and so becomes the ox. John is the eagle as his gospel soars with a transcendent perspective on Jesus as the Christ.

—Alice Camille, from *Questions Catholics Ask* <http://tinyurl.com/QCA-Evangelist>

REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

FEAST OF MARK, EVANGELIST (APRIL 25)

I’ve got Good News

Mark was an **evangelist**, one who brings Good News. He was also one of the four **evangelists** who are credited with writing the gospels. Mark’s gospel is the shortest, but it packs a punch with its message of the suffering servant Jesus who endured defeat and death so that we all might be saved.

READINGS: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20 (555 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/042524.cfm>). “Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.”

FAITH IN ACTION

Mark’s mission of sharing the Good News of our salvation didn’t stop with him. It extends to all who hear and believe the gospel. Bring the Good News to someone around you today.