



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

April 28, 2024

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week



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

Monday, April 29

9:00 a.m.—

Tuesday, April 30

9:00 a.m.—

Wednesday, May 1

9:00 a.m.—

Thursday, May 2

9:00 a.m.— John Tandy (Family)

Saturday, May 4

5:30 p.m.— John & Anna Byrnes (Family)
Alaide Goncalves (Ana-Paula Goncalves)

Sunday, May 5

9:30 a.m.— Dominador Samson (Aida & Scott)
Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Gochan Family)
11:30 a.m.— Janet Franquet (Doreen MacMorris)
People of the Parish

We celebrate **EUCCHARIST**

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: \$9,470
(includes Faith Direct)
Last Year’s Collection: \$9,792
Thank You!

*Rest
in
Peace*



Deceased Brothers &
Sisters of Our Parish

Good News Reflection

All Branches Must Cling to the Vine to Blossom and Bear Fruit

What a beautiful metaphor Christ shared in the Upper Room! Jesus was trying to help His disciples understand the gift of Divine Grace and how the lives of Christians must stay joined to the glorified life of Jesus to be nourished, sustained, and grow to fruitfulness.

Like any master gardener of a vineyard, God our Father delights in each of us whom He plants in His garden. He is passionate about our growth, and He wants us to reach the fruitful potential of our souls in this life so that we may fulfill our purpose in His vineyard here on earth.

He fertilizes the soil to help us grow. He waters, weeds, and prunes our vines to help us become all we were meant to be. God knows the beautiful fruitfulness and growth that we can experience in His perfect plan. He watches over each of His vines with loving care.

Our souls are made to be the perfect reflection of Christ. God the Father, with the help of the Holy Spirit,

watches over us with loving guidance and protection and wants our souls to grow in love and holiness. There are times in the garden of our lives when enemies slip in and threaten the beauty and very existence of our spiritual lives. If one isn't careful, bad soil, pests, predators,



parasites, dryness, and weeds can be very destructive. We will only bear fruit if we are pruned of everything unhealthy to our souls, and we must be sure to cling fast to the vine of Christ who strengthens us.

Our spiritual lives are dependent on the gift of Divine Grace and our souls are nourished and sustained by the love of Christ. It is vital that we trust Him with our whole hearts to do whatever is needed in our lives for our best growth. We must trust Christ and always stick close to Him.

As much as plants need air, sunshine, and water, a branch is just as reliant upon the vine. Without the vine – Jesus – our souls will shrivel and die. Letting go of our own selfish wills – by fully surrendering to God's Holy Will and trusting His pruning and weeding in our lives – will surely help our souls blossom, bear fruit, and become all we were made to be by our Father.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How can you welcome and accept God's pruning when it feels so unpleasant? In what ways is God pruning and shaping you into His Image? Do you see the difference this pruning is making in your walk with Christ?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

How can we ensure that God gets the glory for our fruit?



Week Five – Encourage Others Scripture: Acts 9.26-31

Paul had the greatest influence on the world after Jesus. He was God’s chosen instrument to bring the Gospel to the world, but he never would have fulfilled that role if it were not for Barnabas. Barnabas convinced the apostles to trust Paul. Because Barnabas promoted Paul, the other disciples accepted him. We can influence others by promoting them and having faith in them. We can influence the world by playing the role of Barnabas. Identify someone to promote because you know they are gifted and have ability that is not being used.

Speak words of blessing over people is a way to encourage them. Be open to God giving you a vision for someone else’s life.

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!



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 at 10:30AM**, 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.

To watch Ordination LIVE use the following link:
<https://vums-web.villanova.edu/Mediasite/Play/a08844e49d594057b2317fa4e025b4eb1d>

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

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!



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: Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Razors, Deodorant, Liquid Hand Soap, Cooking Oil, Salad Dressing, Jell-O Mix, Pudding Mix, Muffin Mix, Shelf Stable Milk. Fruit Juice, Pancake Mix, Noodles, Pasta Sauce, Canned Chili, Baked Beans, Jelly.



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.



Free Health Screenings



Mobile Outreach Bus

The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse. Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church Parkng Lot **Wednesday, May 8th, 9AM-2PM**

Come Holy Spirit

Fill the hearts of your faithful!

Congratulations!

Confirmation Candidates

The Sacrament of Confirmation was celebrated by Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski on Thursday, April 25 for 27 students in our confirmation class. We pray, God bless them with the power of the Holy Spirit to guide them and lead them all through their lives.

Jack Arevalo
 Cristiano Assante
 Christopher Aupperlee
 Dylan S. Castiblanco
 Ava Cepparo
 Adrian Dadura
 Salvatore Degnan
 Shamus W. Donovan
 Tessa Drab
 Stephanie Dusik
 Joseph Gartmayer
 Ava Kahler
 Adam Kahn Jr.



Madelyn Kalinowski
 Alexander Loeffler
 Valentina Mohrmann
 Nicholas Mueller
 Jayden Munoz
 Alanna O'Brien
 Julianna M. O'Connor
 Patrick C. Poggi
 Claudia E. Raymond
 Erik Renna
 Ian Schreck
 Steven J. Sokolowksi
 Scott M. Ward II

SPROUTS

Children's Ministry for
 ages four to fourth grade on
 Sundays during 9:30 AM Mass