



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**July 14, 2024**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**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**

**Sunday, July 14**

9:30 a.m. — Jorge Serqueira (Elizabeth Reis)  
Antonio Salgado (Elizabeth Reis)  
11:30 a.m.— Carol Mullen (Rosary Altar Society)  
People of the Parish

**Monday, July 15**

9:00 a.m.—

**Tuesday, July 16**

9:00 a.m.—

**Wednesday, July 17**

9:00 a.m.— Patrick Thomas Kearney (Kearney Family)

**Thursday, July 18**

9:00 a.m.—

**Saturday, July 20**

5:30 p.m.— Antonio Salgado (Maria Salgado)  
George Serqueira (Maria Salgado)

**Sunday, July 21**

9:30 a.m.— Ellen Gioia  
Ernesto Layug (Tayna & Jun Concepcion)  
11:30 a.m.—Carole Mullen (Ed Uy & Family)  
People of the Parish

**Sacraments**

For more information on Baptism, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick, please visit our parish website [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:rtbhuntington@yahoo.com) or Anita Wolf at [hwolf96@aol.com](mailto: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: \$12,151  
(includes Faith Direct)  
Last Year’s Collection: \$10,761  
**Thank You!**

Rest  
in  
Peace

Cheryl Ann Colantonio

**Good News Reflection*****The Holy Spirit empowers Christ's disciples to carry out His mission of mercy and love.***

Through baptism, Christians are called to courageously teach and share the Good News of Christ, heal the sick and suffering, and even cast away demons in the footsteps of Jesus and the first twelve apostles. The mission territory was rough for Jesus' disciples as they walked side-by-side with Him in the lead. People kept asking who this Jesus was who preached against the grain of their everyday society. It was not any easier after Christ had ascended to heaven and left them to carry on His mission. Jesus never said it would be easy for any of His disciples, but He promised to send His divine Advocate to help, and the Holy Spirit is here to help all who call upon Him.



God created each of us for a particular time, place, and purpose to fulfill tasks only we can do to make a positive, loving impact on the world. It is no coincidence that we are planted where we are today. Everyone is unique, and the Holy Spirit gives each of us gifts to help us achieve the potential God has for us to help carry out the mission we have been given. Some are responsible for big mission territories, as leaders of a large group of people or even nations. For others, the mission territory may be as small as reaching out to one person at a time who needs God's mercy and love.

Religion and cultural worldviews have vastly changed over the years. Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen saw the beginning of today's crisis in 1974 when he said, "We are at the end of Christendom." He correctly warned of the demise of political, economic, educational, and social life inspired by Christian principles. We are living in a culture throughout much of the world that glorifies freedom by ignoring natural law and discarding the teachings of Christ. We are surrounded by the disintegration of the family unit, divorce, abortion,

immorality, self-centeredness, and greed. The world is begging for a savior – the very savior it seems to reject.

Remember, just as God called the apostles, He chose us for this time and this place! We did not call ourselves. God chose us and will empower us to share the wonders of His merciful love with the world around us. Just like the apostles commissioned by Christ, God gives us the grace to cure others in His name through our prayers, loving actions, kindness, encouragement, forgiveness, and second chances. Through our Christ-like love and compassion, we can even cast out demons that often take the form of fear, worry, anxiety, and guilt. The Holy Spirit is ready to help us in this new Apostolic Age of renewal.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:** How is God calling you to step out of your comfort zone to help someone, and how is the Holy Spirit equipping you for this?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:** How have you felt like the apostles being sent "two by two" to carry the mission to those in need or struggling for whatever reason? What is the wisdom in going two by two in ministry?

# IT'S A MYSTERY TO ME

## A JOURNEY THROUGH THE CATHOLIC MASS

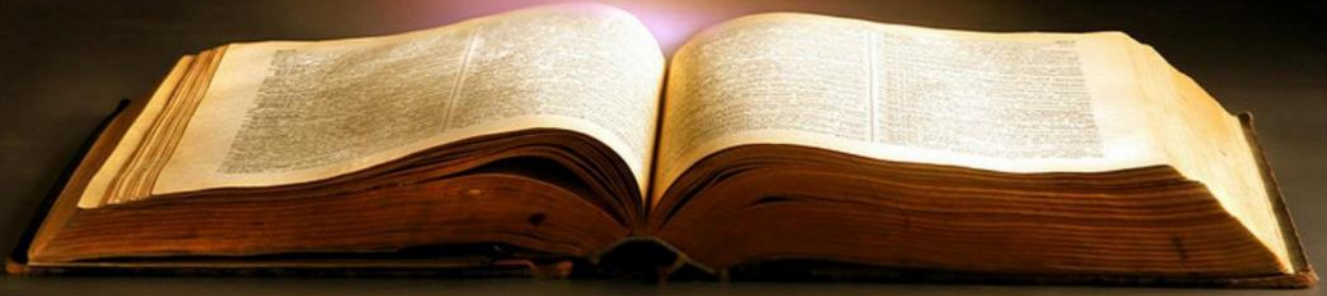
Mass is where we meet Jesus.

### Week 5: Mass as Supper

We are continuing our series on the Mass. This week, we are looking at the Mass as supper. At each Mass we celebrate the supper of the Lamb. Jesus provides himself as food and drink to nourish our souls. The bread and wine become his body and blood. This is an incredible mystery that deserves to be freshly examined and reflected upon from time to time.

Pray for your mind and heart to be opened to the mystery of the Eucharist throughout this week.

## Message Series



At Assumption, we preach in message series. Over several weeks, we will look at a topic and go deeper into it. We select a topic based on the weekend's scripture readings and dive deeper. These are the three questions we ask as we prepare each message series. What do we want the people to feel? What do we want the people to know? What do we want the people to do? This way, the message you hear in the church is not some head knowledge or something that flies over your head but touches the hearts and has practical applications for our daily lives. That's why I always mention "homework" in my messages. 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.

### **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](mailto:rectory@abvmcentereach.com).



# SPROUTS

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

At the beginning of the Mass, children will be sent forth with catechists and assistants downstairs to the church basement to reflect and share the scriptures read at the Mass. A presentation is given, and then the children share in their small groups. This is an excellent opportunity for our youngest to engage during the Mass at their own level. We are ready to hear and be part of the stories of our parish's youngest disciples and invite them to the most incredible adventure of their lives, reminding them weekly, year after year, that our Father is madly after their hearts. For information contact the Faith Formation Office.

## BIBLE BUDDIES



Grades PreK to 3

Tuesday, July 9, 16, 23, 30 & Aug 13, 20  
6:30pm – 7:30PM

Adopt a pet and learn stories from the Bible!

For more info contact [dmaterazo@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:dmaterazo@abvmcentereach.com) or [jmercado@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:jmercado@abvmcentereach.com)

## CASE FOR CHRIST FOR KIDS

TUESDAYS



Grades 4 to 7

Tuesday, July 9, 16, 23, 30 & Aug 13, 20  
6:30pm-7:30pm

Be an investigative reporter  
in the case for Christ!



### 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](http://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: Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Tissues, Dishwashing Liquid, Cooking Oil, Ketchup, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Cereal, Syrup, Mac-N-Cheese, Snacks, Baked Beans, Canned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Mixed Vegetables, Canned Chicken, Jelly, Canned Pet Food.**



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](http://abvmcentereach.formed.org). Our parish code is P8DGQ8

## Remember Our Parish in Your Will

we often do not realize how helpful it is to the parish that serves our spiritual needs when a person decides to share his/her resources as a way of saying "thank you" for all that has been provided. Most assuredly, a gift to the parish in your will or trust affirms your continued commitment to the parish's life and works.



Making this gift is easy. You can instruct your attorney to use this wording: "I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Assumption of the BVM parish, with offices at 20 Chestnut St., Centereach, NY 11720, the sum of \$ \_\_\_ to be used for its most urgent needs." As an alternative, you can make a gift of what remains in your estate or living trust after all other bequests and expenses have been paid: "I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Assumption of the BVM parish, with offices at 20 Chestnut St., Centereach, NY 11720,

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## Drug Crisis Assistance

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS? CATHOLIC CHARITIES / Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. For more information, please call: 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Sliding scale fees, Medicaid, Medicare, and other third-party insurance accepted.



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 RE-



STRICTED 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. 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.



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

14 July 2024

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Disciple *\ˈdi-ˈsī-pəl\*

Literally, one who learns. In ancient times, **disciples** followed and imitated a teacher, sharing in the master's way of life. In the New Testament, the term implies a broader definition than those described as "apostles" or "the Twelve."

*Pronunciation:* <https://tinyurl.com/Take5-disciple>

### CONTEXT

**Disciples** have to expect to suffer the same fate as their master.

—*PHEME PERKINS*, Reading the New Testament

Authentic Christian **discipleship** is marked by a sense of wonder.

—*POPE BENEDICT XVI*

God did not tell us to follow Him because He needed our help, but because he knew that loving him would make us whole. —*Saint IRENEUS*

### WHY IT MATTERS

To be a **disciple** of Jesus today involves the same investment his original followers made. Imitating Jesus means embracing his way of healing, liberating, and forgiving. **Disciples** are called to be witness of Christ to the world and to live out the gospel daily. As Dorothy Day put it: "Everything a baptized person does every day should be directly or indirectly related to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy."

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church: "From the beginning, the first **disciples** burned with the desire to proclaim Christ: 'We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.' And they invite people of every era to enter into the joy of their communion with Christ" (423).

### RELATED WORDS

Apostle | The Twelve | Evangelization | The Way

## QUESTION OF THE WEEK

### What does the Bible say about discipleship?

A **disciple** is a student, from the Latin *discipulus*. In ancient times **disciples** lived with their teachers, listening to their words and imitating their actions. The intention was for a progression between the roles of student and instructor with **disciples** eventually becoming rabbis or prophets themselves. It was irregular for Jesus to make permanent **disciples** of his followers. "You have only one teacher and father in heaven," he told them. Another distinguishing feature of Jesus' school is that he chose his **disciples**, not the other way around.

The most intriguing part of Jesus' call to **discipleship** is that it took place in ordinary contexts, such as a fisherman's workday, not in a religious setting like a synagogue.

**Discipleship** then deepened "along the way" with Jesus.

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

## REFLECTION OF THE WEEK

MEMORIAL OF SAINT BONAVENTURE, BISHOP AND DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH (JULY 15)

### Discipleship explained

Like Saint Francis of Assisi, founder of his order, 13th-century Franciscan Saint Bonaventure saw in all creation vestiges of God and believed that through created things God speaks: "Every creature is a divine word because it proclaims God." In the search for knowledge, he encouraged humility: "If you desire to know, ask for grace, not instruction." And "in your deeds and words look upon Jesus as your model."

**READINGS:** Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1 (389 <https://bible.usccb.org/bible/readings/071524.cfm>). "*When Jesus finished giving these commands to his Twelve **disciples**, he went away from that place to teach and to preach in their towns.*"

### FAITH IN ACTION

Remember that you are a unique reflection of Christ, Bonaventure advises: "A ray of light entering through a stained-glass window is colored in different ways according to the different colors of the various parts, so the divine rays shine forth in every creature in different ways and in different properties."