



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

September 15, 2024

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Sunday, September 15

9:30 a.m. — Elizabeth Langewish (Pat Rivers)
 In Honor of the Blessed Mother (Phyliss Solimeno)
 11:30 a.m.— Thomas N. Engel (Patty & Steve Testino)
 People of the Parish

Monday, September 16

9:00 a.m.—Juliet Ejim

Tuesday, September 17

9:00 a.m.— Intentions of Fr. Joseph Alenchery
(Josephine Scala)

Wednesday, September 18

9:00 a.m.— Sofia Guillermo (Ed Uy & Tita Family)
 Lillian Coticchio (Marie Coticchio)

Thursday, September 19

9:00 a.m.— Diane Marie Pozzi (Pozzi Family)
 Leon Painka (Pozzi Family)

Saturday, September 21

5:30 p.m.— Vittorio & Rosa Forgiarini (Ginny
 Odrechowski)
 James Moley (Barbara T & Ginny P)

Sunday, September 22

9:30 a.m.—Intentions of Fr. Joseph Alenchery (Wolz
 Family)
 Anne Jantzen (Sabia Family)
 11:30 a.m.— John Sokolowski (Sokolowski Family)
 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.

for we walk by faith, not by sight.
2Cor. 5:7

STEWARDSHIP
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 Last Week’s Collection: \$9,575
 (includes Faith Direct)
 Last Year’s Collection: \$8,674
Thank You!

*Rest
 in
 Peace*



Sofia Guillermo

Good News Reflection**Who is Jesus to YOU?**

Jesus asked His disciples, “Who do people say I am?” and “Who do you think I am?” This is a typical question for most of us, too. We want to know what people think about us, which often influences our self-concept, actions, reasoning, and confidence. Sometimes, caring too much about what others think can be unhealthy, but other times, when seeking a close relationship with someone, this is very important.

People usually try to get to know each other first before entering any true and lasting friendship, especially a romantic relationship. Spending time together to learn what is important to one another is crucial. We try to learn everything we can about each other’s likes/dislikes, values, hopes, dreams, goals, fears, concerns, and life experiences. After sharing, we may ask ourselves, “how do they see me? Does this person accept me for who I am?” The other person probably thinks the same thing because mutual acceptance builds respect and trust, vital in any loving relationship.



Jesus wanted a personal, loving, and trusting relationship with His disciples and desires the same kind of intimate friendship with us. Once the disciples acknowledged Jesus as the long-awaited Messiah, Jesus told them the hard truths they would need to accept, even if they didn’t yet fully understand, that He would suffer, die, and rise from the dead. Not only this, but all who love and believe in Him must do the same if they genuinely trust Him.

Today, Jesus continues to ask, “Who am I to you? Are you willing to spend time with me as your intimate friend and confidant? Do you believe my teachings even when it seems hard? Are you willing to put your faith in me into action? Will you accept your own suffering, persecutions, trials, and crosses in this life, trusting that I will carry you to eternal joy and peace with my Father?”

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Are there some parts of your life where you must align your actions with your Catholic beliefs? What crosses and sacrifices has God asked you to bear, and has any good come from them?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

How can you strengthen your relationship with Jesus and your acceptance of difficult Church teachings? How can you help others in their journey of faith?

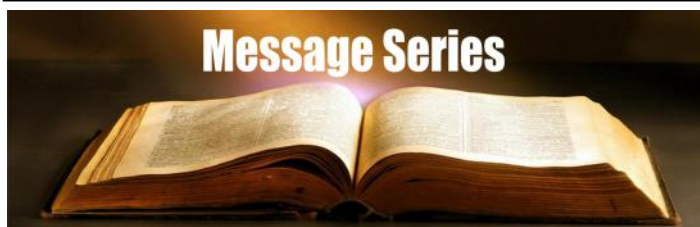


Week Two: Scripture: Mark 8:27-35

We struggle with having enough, but what if enough isn't even the right goal. What if in our struggle to have enough and make sure we have enough we are missing out on our real responsibility in life.

The real goal of life is not to make sure we have enough or do enough on our own but that we follow Jesus who is our Messiah. In this message we will look at how we need to change focus from having enough to following Jesus who is the Son of God.

Enough is a shadow. It is illusive and so we should change our goal from having enough to following. If I follow Jesus than I will have enough. Have a sense of relief that I don't have to make enough my goal. A feeling of "aha" of course I should not make enough my goal.



As you already know, 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.

Usually, we welcome back everyone with a new series on the second Sunday of September. This year, for ob-

vious reasons, we are not able to do that. But we are not entirely going away from the series either. This is what happens. The theme is **Important Enough**. We are not preaching on the theme, but Small Groups will have their videos and reflection questions sent to them. A summary of each Sunday will be printed in the bulletin and sent in the Daily Practice emails. If you are a small group leader, you will get them by next week. We are hoping that small groups will start again regularly in the week of September 9th. Also, we will start again with our Daily Practice – daily reflections emails, if you have signed up to get them that same week too. Please see the details about it right under this note. We will discuss it by reflecting on the week's 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.

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.





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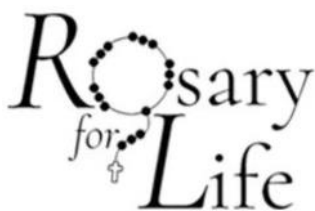
September 28 & 29

Sat. 5:30 PM, Sun: 9:30 & 11:30 AM Masses

in the Plaza between Church and the Parish Center

At Assumption, we talk about Ministry and Mission. We do Ministry within our parish, and a Mission is done outside of our parish. A Ministry Fair is held to generate awareness, enthusiasm, and involvement among parishioners. It is a celebration of the work of the Church, a special event that recognizes the importance of all volunteer efforts. The Ministry Fair is a wonderful way for parishioners to meet and gather information about the various ministries and educational opportunities available within the parish community. We always talked about consumers and owners. When you are a consumer, you think about only what benefits you from the activities in the church. But when you are a disciple, you get out of the pew and serve; that helps you grow in your faith and help others grow in their faith, and you will be a part of the growth of the whole parish community.

This festive event allows us to ask questions, discern their many gifts and talents, listen to the ministers, how they grew in their discipleship, and learn how they can serve within a particular parish ministry. For those already involved, Ministry Fair helps to recommit their time and talent to carry out the parish's mission statement and help build the Kingdom of God on earth and encourages all of us to commit or recommit ourselves to the discipleship path we follow with the Lord in Loving God, **Serving Others**, and Growing Disciples.



Friday, October 11th, 1:00PM in the Church

Sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society,

we will pray the entire rosary, led by the parishioners to protect the sanctity of life, from conception to natural death.

Please join us.

National Day of Prayer

Prayer service on National Day of Prayer for the unborn is on **Saturday, September 21st, 10:00 a.m., at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery** Route 112 Entrance Coram. It is sponsored by the Long Island Coalition For Life. Questions and information contact Tom (631) 588-4590



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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, Shampoo, Conditioner, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Salad Dressing, Cake Mix, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Rice-A-Roni, Syrup, Dry Soup Mix, Snacks, Baked Beans, Pasta Sauce, Canned Potatoes, Jelly.

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 more information contact the Faith Formation Office.



SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, October 26
12:00 to 2:00 PM

Join us
for some Family
Friendly Fun

Assumption Prayer Team

We pray for every request in the prayer Petition Books, from Adoremus and those given to us in person. What are your prayer needs? Prayer Petition Books are in the back of the church. *Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16*



PRAYER TEAM



Coffee
in the
Courtyard

in the Parish Center Hall

Coffee
Conversations
Community

After
9:30 AM
& 11:30 AM
Masses

ADOREMUS

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WITH CONTEMPORARY AND TRADITIONAL MUSIC

Friday, September 20, 2024

7:30 - 8:30 PM

in person & **LIVE** Stream

PRAISE AND WORSHIP * SILENT ADORATION * BENEDICTION

SMALL GROUPS

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.

Repairs, Repairs...



Repairs are inevitable, especially if the building is older. Our parish center building is 54 years old, and some of its plumbing and other equipment is I would say 'original'. Over the years, we ignored some things and postponed some for later repair. Well, that later time is now. The water heater in the Parish Center had not been working correctly for a long time, and the restroom fixtures needed to be fixed or replaced, too. Each repair is not much, but it becomes expensive when they all come together. Also, the church's restroom in the Sacristy (where the priests vest and prepare) didn't have hot water for a long time, either. We must fix all this because it must be done sooner than later otherwise it becomes too expensive and problematic. We are in the process of repairing it.

In addition, we had an unexpected expense with our Fire Alarm Panel in the Parish Center, which needs to be replaced. Altogether, it is almost \$16000 – \$17000. I know it is all part of the maintenance we need to do. When you postpone it for years, it returns to you in significant numbers. I just want to let you know what is going on with the things that need to be taken care of and where our money goes. I am very grateful to you all for your generosity in supporting our parish and God's providence. We believe in a God who works with and in us, and I have complete faith in Him that he will guide us and lead us. Giving to our place of worship is an act of worship.