



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

March 30, 2025

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Sunday, March 30

9:30 a.m.— Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Gochan Family)
 Patrick Chin (Gochan Family)
 11:30 a.m.— Richard Kuchinskas (Karen Kuchinskas)
 People of the Parish

Monday, March 31

9:00 a.m.—

Tuesday, April 1

9:00 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of Rosary
 Altar Society
 Frank Arcoleo (Franciney Recca)

Wednesday, April 2

9:00 a.m.—

Thursday, April 3

9:00 a.m.— Judy Richter (Michele & Jerry Randall)

Friday, April 4

9:00 a.m.— Joseph Angland Jr. (Angland Family)

Saturday, April 5

5:30 p.m.— Charlotte Going (Sharon Holliday)
 Intentions of Fr. Joseph Alenchery (CDA Ct.
 St. Gerard #1920)

Sunday, April 6

9:30 a.m.—Tara “Buttercup” O’Donnell (Sheila
 Wessels)
 Mark Prout (Sheila Wessels)
 11:30 a.m.— Dorothy Ingham (Eileen & Al Ingham)
 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: \$10,562
 (includes Faith Direct)

Last Year’s Collection: \$11,409

Thank You!

Rest
in
Peace



Deceased Brothers & Sisters of our Parish

March 30, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Jos 5:9a, 10-12 | 2 Cor 5:17-21 | Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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

We await with anticipation holidays and holiday parties – but do we look forward to the day after? To the cleanup, the back-to-the-grind, the business-as-usual? Jesus' parable in today's Gospel recounts the lavish celebration of the father who rejoices at the homecoming of his wayward son. We rightly recognize in the father's mercy the abundant forgiveness of our heavenly Father. But have we ever considered what happened the next day? The son, accustomed to his independence and dissolute life, is once again in his father's house. He must live according to his father's rules and demonstrate the sincerity of his repentance by faithfully carrying out his duties. There is work to be done – crops to be harvested, perhaps. As the weeks and months pass without another fatted calf for feasting, the son might ask if his father's love has waned. And although we may sympathize with his unease, the certainty of his father's goodness must be, for the prodigal son and for us, the guarantee of his steadfast love.

GO EVANGELIZE**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

In our relationship with God, we will likely experience moments when our Father's love is keenly felt. Perhaps we will be overwhelmed with peace when we return to him in the sacrament of confession. Perhaps we will be struck by a verse of Scripture during a moment of prayer. But most of our days will look more like the prodigal son's "day after" than the festivities which marked his return. We know, however, that if the weeks that followed were comparatively boring, his father's love had lost none of its warmth or vitality. Similarly, in the days when God seems quiet, when our prayers seem to drift into space or our hearts are distracted with the concerns of everyday life, we must not despair of the Father's love. Nor can we suppose that our happiness can be found outside of his fold. We abide under the care of our Father who lovingly calls us to himself with every circumstance he places before us. To believe this, even when the festivities are over, is to live by faith.

PRAY

With so many opportunities for gratification at our fingertips, it is easy to become restless and to seek happiness in distractions. This week, find an image of Jesus or a Scripture verse about God's love and keep it with you as you work, study, or carry out monotonous tasks. When you're tempted to leave your duties aside out of boredom, take a moment instead to praise and thank God for his love.



RESTORE



Take a healing journey this Lent;
you turn away from what wounds you
and toward God, who heals you and
makes you whole.

Week 4—Luke 15:1-3, 11-32—Lost and found

We take everything we have journeyed with during these weeks and continue to allow it to unfold as we embrace the third discipline of almsgiving. Almsgiving heals our relationship with others. Almsgiving is a recognition that all of us have needs, all of us are poor in some way or another and none of us exists alone and isolated.

What is one concrete way you can give alms today?

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 or by stopping by the Welcome Desk or email the Office at rectory@abvmcentereach.com.

Nick Gigante 516-659-4010, Dan Callahan 631-681-2559 Andres & Sandra (Spanish) 631-704-4606

Come & join the fun

EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday April 20 | After 9:30 AM Mass | 33 Crown Acres Rd

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

Free Egg Hunt - Ages 2-12 - BYOB (*bring your own basket*)

Donations of plastic Eggs &/or Candy are very much appreciated,
and please drop them off at the office by April 14



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.

A promotional graphic for Vacation Bible School. On the left is a cartoon dog wearing a red hat and a yellow scarf, sitting on a green landscape with a sun. Below the dog is a blue sign that says "Cokesbury Kids ROAD TRIP ON THE GO WITH GOD". To the right of the sign, the text reads "Save the Date VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 21 to July 25, 2025 9am to 12:30pm".

Assumption Prayer Team

We pray for every request in the prayer Petition Books, from Adoremus and those given to us in person. Prayer Petition Books are in the back of the church. When others pray for you, it can be very powerful and effective. *“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*



A graphic for a Communal Penance Service. On the left is a purple cross with the words "YOU ARE FORGIVEN" written in white, bold, capital letters across its center. To the right, the text reads "Communal Penance Service (Sacrament of Reconciliation) Friday, April 11th, 7:00 PM All are invited As we face our wounds Jesus heals us."

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. This year, our goal is once again \$56,600. You can pledge and pay it off for the next 10 months. Thank you for your generosity and love for others. Let us live our mission, Love God, Serve Others, Grow Disciples. - 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: Shampoo, Conditioner, Household Cleaner, Salad Dressing, Hot Chocolate, Box Milk, Fruit Juice, Snacks, Canned Fruit, Baked Beans, Canned Chili, Jelly, Canned Cat Food.



THE EASTER MUSICAL
His  Story
Sunday, April 6th - 3:00pm in the church
 presented by Faith Formation Students
 All are Welcome

CREATIVE MINISTRIES PRESENTS
JOURNEY
 CROSS & CRUCIFIXION
 A live dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross
PALM SUNDAY, April 13th at 3:00 PM in the Church

 *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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OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, CENTEREACH, NY

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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