



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

June 8, 2025

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Sunday, June 8**

9:30 a.m.— Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Gochan Family)

Maria & Inacio DeSousa (Alves Family)

11:30 a.m.— Joseph Pacula (Eileen Dorrian)

People of the Parish

Monday, June 9

9:00 a.m.— John Spadaro (Geerlings Family)

Lucy Quirk (Annette Wolz)

Tuesday, June 10

9:00 a.m.— John V. Sokolowski (Sokolowski Family)

Dorothy Gartner (Sokolowski Family)

Wednesday, June 11

9:00 a.m.— Florante Torres (Zenaida Cruz)

Jack Hayes (Dan & Patty Callahan)

Thursday, June 129:00 a.m.— Living & Deceased Members of the Romeo
& Wolz Families**Saturday, June 14**

5:30 p.m.—Father's Day

Sunday, June 15

9:30 a.m.—Father's Day

11:30 a.m.— Father's Day

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 HoursRegular 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: \$9,707

(includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection: \$9,541

Thank You!Rest
in
PeaceLucy Anne Quirk
Maryann Tiedemann

June 8, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1-11 | 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 | Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

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

In today's first reading, we join the Apostles in the Upper Room. These individuals had accompanied Jesus to his death and been witnesses to his resurrection and ascension. Can you imagine the throes of emotion accompanying each experience? Now, they gather together, perhaps discussing what to do next. They wonder where they should go, and who they should listen to, since Jesus was no longer there: "And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind." In a moment swelling with grace, tongues of fire descended upon each person present, "and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." What might this moment have sounded like? Looked like? Felt like? The Apostles were weary and grieving, but Jesus made a promise he intended to keep — that he would send an advocate in his name to teach them everything. That same Spirit now waits to guide and empower us if we are willing to receive him.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus' death left his followers grieving and disoriented. They had left everything to follow him. And now, he was gone. What would become of them? Jesus said: "I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." On this feast of Pentecost, Jesus' promise is fulfilled. When the Father sent down the Spirit, it was not just for a singular, grand moment in time; the Spirit came for good. In the same way the Apostles were strengthened by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, so were we strengthened at our confirmation. We were commissioned, as were they, to live out our faith in the world. When we need strength in this mission, let us remember that the word advocate comes from the Latin word *advocatus*, which means "one who draws near." *Come, Holy Spirit, come!*

REFLECT

Read the *Veni, Sancte Spiritus* ("Come, Holy Spirit") prayer that we heard before the Gospel today. Each line, laden with powerful imagery, invites us to understand the Spirit more intimately. Reflect on where you experience the Holy Spirit in your life today, and where you long for a greater outpouring of his fire.





ASSUMPTION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025
11:30AM - 3:30 PM

On **Saturday, August 23, 2025**, our parish family will celebrate its 70th Anniversary. The rain date will be Sunday, August 24, 2025. We hope you'll be able to join in the festivities. A great day of celebration has been planned, beginning with the celebration of the Eucharist at 10:00 a.m., followed by food and beverages, entertainment, games and fellowship on our church property. The celebration will be from 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Please note that no alcoholic beverages will be permitted.

The cost of the event will be \$15/person not to exceed \$40/household. A household includes two adults and two children (ages 3-12yrs old) living with them. Additional "guests" will be charged \$15/guest. To keep the price accessible to all, we've been seeking business and family sponsors to subsidize the event. We hope you'll be able to join us.

Since we must pre-order food/beverages, we must sell tickets in advance and will not be able to take "walk ins" on the day of the event. Therefore, if you wish to join in the fun, make sure you place **your reservation before July 25th** by filling out the form and sending it with your check, payable to Assumption Church. Please see the Ticket reservation form below

70th Anniversary Celebration Ticket Reservation Form

Household/Family Name _____

Mailing Address _____

Town/Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

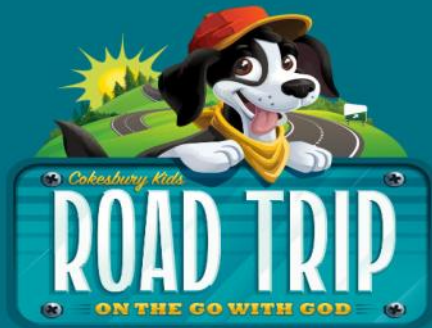
Number of adults attending _____

Number of children attending (ages 3 to 12) _____

Number of children under three are free _____

You may mail, drop it in the collection basket at Weekend Masses or bring it to the parish office during regular business hours. Please **mark "Registration Committee" on the envelope.**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



JULY 21 to July 25, 2025

9:00am to 12:30pm

REGISTRATION OPEN

SPROUTS

Children's Liturgy of the Word

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. 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.

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



PRAYER TEAM

Free Health Screenings

MOBILE OUTREACH BUS



Services for Adults
(18 and older)

- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance



Catholic Health

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church Parking Lot
Wednesday, June 11th 10 AM-2 PM



Court St Gerard #1920

3rd Annual Bingo Fundraiser

Friday, June 13, 2025 in the Parish Center Hall

Cost \$30 per person, \$15 for children under 10

(includes Dinner, Desserts, Coffee and Tea)

Doors open at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm & Bingo starts at 8:00pm

All reservations must be made and paid by June 6th

For more info and reservations please contact Jennifer Orlic 516-909-9589

PARISH OFFICES MOVED TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PARISH CENTER

The reconstruction of the Parish Center offices has begun on Monday, May 12th. During construction, the entrance and offices will be relocated to the north side of the Parish Center.

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, Deodorant, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Ketchup, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Rice-A-Roni, Syrup, Dry Soup Mix, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Chili, Pasta Sauce, Canned Pasta, Canned Cat Food.



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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. Talk to someone at the Welcome Desk; email us at rectory@abvmcentereach.com or call 631-585-8760 and leave a message for Nick Gigante or Dan Callahan or Andres & Sandra (Spanish).

Testimony: "Joining a small group has been one of the most remarkable positive differences in my life"



Coffee in the Courtyard

in the Parish Center Hall

Coffee Conversations Community

**After
9:30 AM
& 11:30 AM
Masses**

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Sunday, Jun 08, 2025**See the Spirit within**

Changes in the liturgy can be striking, particularly when familiar responses are presented in a new light. For example, in 2011 the English response “And also with you” was changed to “And with your Spirit.” That opens things up—not only about how to understand this part of the liturgy but also how to understand our brothers and sisters. How amazing it is to consider that indeed the Holy Spirit is with each one of us. And not only at Mass or when we are doing “religious” things or with people we like. What would the world be like if we truly recognized the Spirit within ourselves and within one another?

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Romans 8:8-17; John 20:19-23 or 14:15-16, 23b-26 (63). *“And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit.”*

Monday, Jun 09, 2025**Mother Mary, comfort your church**

In 2018, Pope Francis added a memorial to celebrate the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as “Mother of the Church” every year on the Monday after Pentecost as a way to foster Marian piety and the “maternal sense of the church.” The Marian title of “Mother of the Church,” was given to the Blessed Mother by Pope Saint Paul VI at the Second Vatican Council, who said of Mary: “She who once gave us Jesus, the fount of heavenly grace, cannot fail to offer her maternal help to the Church.” Ponder how your own faith can be nurtured by a deepened devotion to Mary and a maternal sense of the church.

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; John 19:25-34 (572A). *“Standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary of Magdala.”*

Tuesday, Jun 10, 2025**Protect our common home**

In the beginning, says Genesis 1, God not only created the seas but made the “waters teem with swarms of living creatures.” Sunday was designated World Oceans Day by the United Nations, and we’re reminded that God’s creation is in real danger. As Pope Francis writes in his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si’*, these formerly teeming waters are increasingly a graveyard, “due largely to pollution which reaches the sea as the result of deforestation, agricultural monocultures, industrial waste and destructive fishing methods,” all of it “aggravated by the rise in temperature of the oceans.” Visit the [Laudato Si’ Movement](#) for ways to make a difference.

2 Corinthians 1:18-22; Matthew 5:13-16 (360). *“Your light must shine before others, that they may see your good deeds.”*

Wednesday, Jun 11, 2025**Stick your neck out**

It requires both faith and generosity to vouch for another person, especially when that person has a less-than-stellar track record. In the Early Church, Barnabas was an outsider to the 12 apostles and worked hard to prove himself as a devout and talented orator. Consider, then, the bravery it took for Barnabas to attempt to persuade the apostles to welcome Saul of Tarsus, a former persecutor of Christians. Barnabas’ courage and vision paid off as

Saint Paul became one of the most influential figures in Christian history. Pray for the courage to take a risk for others.

MEMORIAL OF BARNABAS, APOSTLE

Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Matthew 5:17-19 (580/361). *“Then he went to Tarsus to look for Saul, and when he had found him he brought him to Antioch.”*

Thursday, Jun 12, 2025**Put faith in action**

Catholic Relief Services, founded in 1943 by the U.S. Catholic bishops, offers emergency assistance where it’s most needed around the world. According to its most recent annual report, CRS reaches more than 210 million vulnerable people working with 1,883 local partners in 121 countries around the world. It is the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic Church in the United States. Supporting CRS is a simple way to effectuate transformation in ourselves and in people and families most in need. CRS saves lives, addresses the root causes of poverty, and helps build more just and peaceful societies in the areas it serves. Learn more about the ways CRS “advances immediate—and enduring—change on a global scale” and what you can do to help at [CRS.org](#).

2 Corinthians 3:15-4:1, 3-6; Matthew 5:20-26 (362). *“Go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”*

Friday, Jun 13, 2025**Permission to hope**

The beauty and spirit of each life is held in an earthen vessel that begins decaying the minute it’s exposed to air, like some ancient artifact unsealed from a tomb. But Saint Paul, who grappled with the age-old questions of mortality, reassures us that despite our inexorable, and seemingly inglorious, march toward death, those who follow Jesus are actually sharing in the life of Christ. And for Saint Anthony of Padua, whose memorial we observe today, “The life of the body is the soul, the life of the soul is Christ.” So that with each breath we take, we are infused with the eternal power of the divine. That is why we may live in hope rather than despair.

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

2 Corinthians 4:7-15; Matthew 5:27-32 (363). *“The one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus.”*

Saturday, Jun 14, 2025**A yes for all time**

Was there ever a “yes” surrendered to God as graciously and completely as the *fiat* of Mary of Nazareth? “Let it be done to me,” this sturdy teenager agreed, to the outrageous proposal of an unexpected angel caller. This was a “yes” shouted into the darkness of history, reverberating into an unknown and possibly perilous future. This was a “yes” that affected everyone who ever lived and ever would live. Did Mary know on that ordinary day that salvation history was being made? Or was it that she was always keenly aware that salvation history is made in every hour, with every human decision? Take time to consider the impact that your decisions are making on salvation history.

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

2 Corinthians 5:14-21; Matthew 5:33-37 (364). *“Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes,’ and your ‘No’ mean ‘No.’ Anything more is from the Evil One.”*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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