



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

September 7, 2025

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week



Sunday, September 7

9:30 a.m.— Lucy Quirk (Maureen & Sheila)
Augustine Alenchery (Ron & Marty Homa)
11:30 a.m. — Sofia Guillermo (Ellen Karibondi)
People of the Parish

Monday, September 8

9:00 a.m.—George Leverock (Elizabeth Leverock)

Tuesday, September 9

9:00 a.m.— Joan Combs (Janet Prestigiacomo)

Wednesday, September 10

9:00 a.m.— Peter Avalos (Family)
Jay Alves (Dan & Patty Callahan)

Thursday, September 11

9:00 a.m.— Matthew O'Mahoney (CHS Class of 1980)

Saturday, September 13

5:30 p.m.— Oliver Quirk (Barbara Staab)
Elizabeth Langewisch (Pat Rivers)

Sunday, September 14

9:30 a.m.—Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Gochan Family)
Lucy Quirk
11:30 a.m. — Rosa Ribauda (LI Focolare Community)
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 each month 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.

Rest
in
Peace



Jack Matthews
Pietrina Senzamici

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths."

Proverbs 3:5-6

STEWARDSHIP

GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last Week's Collection: \$9,750
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection: \$9,410

Thank You!

REDIRECTING ROUTE

Hidden Power of Expectations

New series begins on Sept 14

Fall is a time of new beginnings: fresh starts at school, new sports seasons, a shift in the air. And with new beginnings come expectations.

Some expectations are healthy and energizing, like those tied to an expectant mother or the start of a new venture. Our faith even calls us to live with expectation: trusting in God's goodness and grace.

But expectations can also burden us. They can lead to disappointment, resentment, or disillusionment. Some people lower their expectations so much that they stop hoping altogether. That's no way to live.

In this series, we'll explore the hidden power of expectations, both the ones that weigh us down and the ones that lift us up. We'll invite our community to examine what they expect from God, others, and themselves, and to let go of the unrealistic and embrace the hope-filled.

Message Series



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.

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 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



New Director of Ministries and Operations



I am pleased to share that Al Materazo has joined our Parish staff as the Director of Ministries and Operations! Al will be collaborating closely with me to enhance our ministries and initiatives while seeking out new opportunities for growth. You can connect with Al directly on any matters going forward. He has already begun engaging with our ministry leaders, and I'm confident that his contributions will greatly benefit our parish's progress. Let's all welcome Al with open arms as we embark on this exciting journey together!



**GROUPS START IN SEPTEMBER
REGISTRATION OPEN**

**Register at the Welcome Desk
or Online at abvmcentereach.com**

Assumption Small Groups is where our large church gets small. Groups are 6-12 people who meet to discuss faith, go deeper in the weekly message, and support one another in their relationship with Christ. We learn in rows, but we grow in circles. Small Groups provide our members the opportunity to meet in a smaller group and grow in their faith. This is the place to care for others and be cared for; a place to impact our community and the world.

Share your Faith with others as they share their Faith with you. Small Groups help us grow. Small Groups are about new life. Join a Small Group and see Jesus change your life! Let this be your call to action. Join a small group, and just watch how much Jesus can change your life! Now is the time! Let's continue our journey of faith together!

Here are some of the testimonies from small group members:

"Small Groups gave me a better understanding of my faith." "I feel like I belong to our Parish again."

"I've made new friends in faith!"

Talk to someone about small groups? Call Nick Gigante or Dan Callahan or Andres & Sandra (Spanish).

Leave a message at **631-585-8760**

Los Grupos Comienzan en Septiembre - INSCRIPCIÓN ABIERTA

Comparte tu fe con otros mientras ellos comparten su fe contigo.

Los Grupos Pequeños nos ayudan a crecer. Los Grupos Pequeños son acerca de una nueva vida. ¡Únete a un Grupo Pequeño y verás cómo Jesús cambia tu vida! Que este sea tu llamado a la acción. Únete a un grupo pequeño y observa cuánto Jesús puede cambiar tu vida. ¡Ahora es el momento! Continuemos juntos nuestro camino de fe.

"Los Grupos Pequeños me dieron una mejor comprensión de mi fe." "Siento que pertenezco nuevamente a nuestra parroquia." "¡He hecho nuevos amigos en la fe!"

Contacto: Andrés y Sandra (en español) Correo electrónico: rectory@abvmcentereach.com



Faith Formation

K to 8th Grade Registration 2025-26 OPEN

Register online at abvmcentereach.com

Registration ends on September 8th





As we begin this new season in our catholic community, we have decided to change the name of our hospitality gathering from “Coffee in the Courtyard” to “Vision Café.” Why do we need to make this change?

Firstly, the original name no longer reflects our current location, as we are not in the courtyard anymore. Additionally, as we work on rebuilding our parish, we understand that both subtle and visible changes are necessary. This transformation takes a lot of time. To guide us in this transformation, we must be rooted in the Word of God. The passage from Habakkuk serves as our inspiration:

“For the vision is a witness for the appointed time, a testimony to the end; it will not disappoint. If it delays, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not be late.” (Habakkuk 2:3 NAB)

This verse encourages us to patiently wait for God's vision. It emphasizes that God's promises will be fulfilled, even if their timing seems slow. We are reminded to live by faith, as God's plans have a specific appointed time for fulfillment. If it seems to be taking a long time, we are instructed to wait patiently; it will surely come and will not be delayed.

In Christ, God envisions a future for each of us—one filled with healing, purpose, and blessings. This vision inspires us to live lives that bring joy and blessing to others. Furthermore, through Christ, God has a broader vision for the world, seeking its transformation through the Gospel.

As we gather as believers—whether for prayer, a warm cup of coffee, or heartfelt conversations—let's cherish the incredible vision God has for us. He is always by our side! With patience and faith, we can trust that He will fulfill His promises in our lives and the world.

I warmly invite everyone to join us after Sunday Masses for coffee and refreshments. This is a fantastic chance to connect with new friends and nurture our vibrant, faith-filled community. I can't wait to see you there! —Fr Joe

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.



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, Toilet Paper, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Salad Dressing, Cake Mix & Frosting, Coffee, Shelf Stable Milk, Fruit Juice, Hot Chocolate, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Baked Beans, Canned Chili, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Chicken, Jelly.



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.



Prayer Wall

On our parish website, you will find a button labeled "Prayer Wall." This is a space where you can submit your prayer intentions publicly or anonymously, and our Prayer Team will pray for them. As a parish family, we support each other through prayer. By sharing your prayer intentions, you allow many people to join in prayer for you. We invite you to fill out the information on the website along with your prayer request, so



we can pray together as a parish family.

Assumption Prayer Team

We pray for every request in the prayer Petition Books, from Adoremus and on our prayer wall on our website 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



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!





We extend our deepest gratitude to all who sponsored our 70th Anniversary Celebration. Your generosity and support, whether as parishioners or members of the wider community, have truly blessed us. Thank you for being a cherished part of God's family and for helping us honor this special milestone. Thank you to the 70th Anniversary committee for their hard work and dedication to making this a beautiful celebration.

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