



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

September 14, 2025

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Deacon Michael Montelione
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Faith Formation: 631-588-6408

**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.

**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



Arlene Vinicombe

Sunday, September 14

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

Lucy Quirk

11:30 a.m. —Rosa Ribaud (LI Focolare Community)

People of the Parish

Monday, September 15

9:00 a.m.—Living & Deceased Members of the Romeo & Wolz Family

In Honor of the Blessed Mother (Phyllis Solimeno)

Tuesday, September 16

9:00 a.m.— Anna Joseph Alenchery (Elizabeth Leverock)

Wednesday, September 17

9:00 a.m.— George Tyminski (Sharon Holliday)

Thursday, September 18

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

Saturday, September 20

5:30 p.m.— Diane Pozzi (Family)

John & Anna Dasch (Musselwhite Family)

Sunday, September 21

9:30 a.m.—Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Gochan Family)

Maria & Inacio DeSousa (Alves Family)

11:30 a.m. — Fernandes & Dias Families (Family)

People of the Parish

"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: \$10,259

(includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection: \$9,575

Thank You!

September 14, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Num 21:4b-9 | Phil 2:6-11 | Jn 3:13-17

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

Although God had freed our ancestors in faith from their slavery in Egypt, today we find them grumbling against the Lord as they wander in the desert. Even after we've glimpsed so much of God's goodness, we, too, can begin to grumble in challenging moments of our lives. It's precisely then that we need to cling to faith. After serpents appeared and began to bite those who had grumbled against God, those who had been bitten only had to look at the serpent mounted on a pole and put their faith in God once again to be healed. Similarly, when we find ourselves in the trials of life, we need only look at the cross of Jesus with faith. "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." Amid the storms of our lives, we are called to put our trust in his cross, for through it we are saved and set free.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Paul tells us that God the Father "greatly exalted" Jesus for his humility in embracing the cross, and that ultimately, all creation will join the Father in glorifying Christ. We who know the gift of what Jesus did for us on the cross are called to praise him with our voices and our lives. We praise and glorify Christ first through our example. How might our day-to-day interactions give others a glimpse of the humble and self-emptying love of Jesus? Finally, think of the ways that knowing Christ's love has made a difference in your life. Has it made you more patient? Has it made you more hopeful? Think of ways that you could share this in conversation. Telling others about what God has done for you or the difference that he has made in your life is one way of exalting Christ.

PRAISE

Today, spend some time thanking and praising God for the gift of the cross and our salvation in Christ. You might wish to use this traditional prayer frequently used during the stations of the cross in Lent: "We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. Because, by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world."

REDIRECTING ROUTE

Hidden Power of Expectations

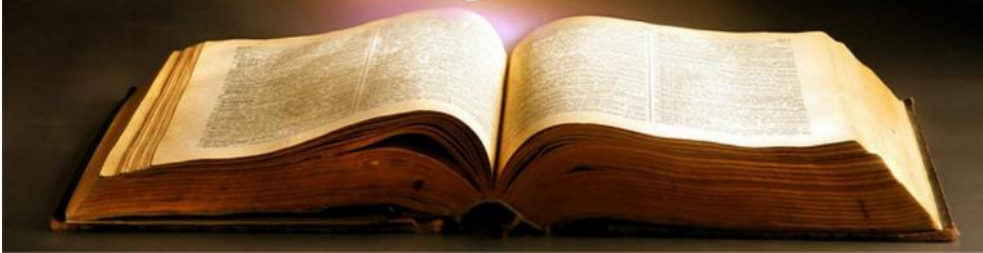
New series begins on Sept 14

Week 1- Luke 15:1-32 - Parable of the prodigal son

The older brother in the Parable of the Prodigal Son shows us the damage that unspoken expectations can cause. He's angry not because of injustice, but because his father didn't act the way he expected, expectations the father didn't even know about. Many of us walk through life disappointed by what others "should have known."

1. What are your expectations for this Fall? What are you hoping will happen this year?
2. We have expectations for our jobs, relationships, ourselves, society, and God. Where do you place your highest expectations? Where do you put your lowest expectations?
3. What in your life is exceeding your expectations? What is failing to meet your expectations and leaving you frustrated?

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**

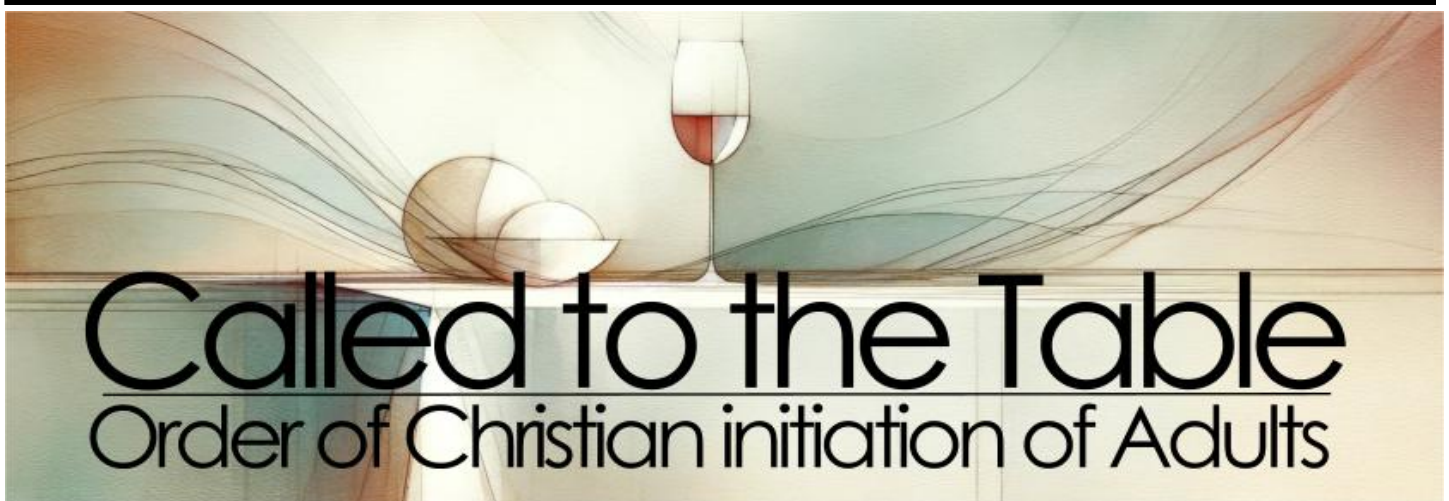
Assumption Small Groups is where our large church gets small. Groups are 6-12 people who meet to discuss faith, go deeper in the weekly message, and support one another in their relationship with Christ. We learn in rows, but we grow in circles. Small Groups provide our members the opportunity to meet 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**



We're excited to share that our OCIA program (we call it **Called to the table**) will kick off on October 6 and run through May 18, 2026! Join us for engaging weekly meetings on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30.

OCIA, which stands for the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults, invites all adults aged 17 and older who are eager to prepare for the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation.

Throughout the sessions, we'll explore captivating topics, including the richness of Catholicism, the history of the Church, and key biblical themes from Creation to Revelation.

This program is open to everyone interested in deepening their understanding of Church history and Holy Scripture, so we warmly welcome you to join us. If you're interested in this wonderful opportunity, don't hesitate to reach out to the Parish office! 631-585-8760, email: rectory@abvmcentereach.com We can't wait to see you there!



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



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, 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, Noodles.



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.



Friday, September 20, 2025 - 7:30 - 8:30 PM
in the church & LIVE Streaming

PRAISE AND WORSHIP * SILENT ADORATION * BENEDICTION

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!

