



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

November 16, 2025

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week



Sunday, November 16

9:30 a.m.—John & Angelina Solimeno (Phyllis Solimeno)

Felicia & Dominic D'Alessandro (Phyllis Solimeno)

11:30 a.m. — Nancy Heafy (William Heafy)

Lucy Quirk (Family)

Monday, November 17

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

Eugene O'Connor Jr. (Family)

Tuesday, November 18

9:00 a.m.—People of the Parish

Patricia Anzalone (Mr & Mrs George Van Schaick)

Wednesday, November 19

9:00 a.m.—Daniel Track (Elizabeth Leverock)

Thursday, November 20

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

Eugene O'Connor Jr. (Family)

Saturday, November 22

5:30 p.m.—Fernando Goncalves (Ivone Pereira)

Michael Kennedy (Kennedy Family)

Sunday, November 23

9:30 a.m.—Poor Souls (Phyllis Solimeno)

Peter & Majorie Gochan (Gochan Family)

11:30 a.m. — Frank Albergo (Harry & Luz Gaviola)

Helene & Krzysztof Adamczyk (Terese Bogdan)

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: \$8,819

(includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection: \$9,011

Thank You!

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



Barbara A. Rodriguez
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Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

November 16, 2025

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 3:19-20a | 2 Thes 3:7-12 | Lk 21:5-19

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

We don't have to look far to find grief, violence, or chaos in our world. Perhaps it has made its way into our community or has pierced our hearts in deeply personal ways. Or even if the chaos of life has remained at a distance for now, it can be tempting to wonder if the end is near at times. But Jesus warns us against catastrophic thoughts. Listen to what he says in today's Gospel, when asked how we will know the end time is coming: "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for such things must happen first, but it will not immediately be the end." Jesus knew we would need his clear and steady reminder. If you find yourself fearing the state of the world, turn all your senses toward Jesus. Let your anxiety, grief, and concern become catalysts for prayer.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Although today's Gospel may at first be one that stirs fear, as we look deeper we realize that Jesus is speaking directly into the heart of our fear and offering his profound consolation. There is so much in this Gospel that can encourage us to continue to bear witness to Christ even in trying times. As we scroll through the news each day, remember Jesus' words to not be "terrified." If you find yourself in circumstances where it's not easy to stand up for your faith, Jesus tells us, "I myself shall give you a wisdom in speaking that your adversaries will be powerless to resist or refute." And when you look to the future with dread, remember that Jesus says, "not a hair on your head will be destroyed." Read these words again, drawing comfort and strength that the Lord is with you, guiding and protecting you through it all.

PRAY

If you find yourself feeling overwhelmed this week, pray the Prayer of St. Teresa of Ávila:

*Let nothing disturb you,
Let nothing frighten you,
All things are passing away:
God never changes.
Patience obtains all things.
Whoever has God lacks
nothing; God alone suffices.*

“
Nation will rise
against nation, and
kingdom against
kingdom. There will be
powerful earthquakes,
famines, and plagues
from place to place;
and awesome
sights and mighty
signs will come from
the sky.”



WEEK Five – Scripture 2THESSALONIANS 3:7-12

7 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow our example. We were not idle when we were with you, 8 nor did we eat anyone's food without paying for it. On the contrary, we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you. 9 We did this, not because we do not have the right to such help, but in order to offer ourselves as a model for you to imitate. 10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat." 11 We hear that some among you are idle and disruptive. They are not busy; they are busybodies. 12 Such people we command and urge in the Lord Jesus Christ to settle down and earn the food they eat.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Why is a consumer culture so unhealthy for a parish?
2. Who is a model for you in the Christian life of someone who contributes?
3. How has giving financially helped you grow closer to Christ?
4. How do you challenge someone who is not contributing at work or in your family?
5. What STEPS of discipleship have you taken? Which ones have been most important in helping you grow as a Christ follower?
6. What do you love about our parish? What are you grateful for in our parish?
7. Why is consuming not healthy for our hearts and souls?
8. What parish communities have you seen become unhealthy because people were not contributing but just taking?



Friday, November 21, 2025 - 7:30 - 8:30 PM

in the church & LIVE Streaming

PRAISE AND WORSHIP * SILENT ADORATION * BENEDICTION



Pushpay®

In today's digital age, it's essential to embrace technology that supports our mission of Christ while enhancing our operations, engagement, and offertory. We are excited to introduce Pushpay as our new platform for

online donations and financial transactions. This transition is a significant step forward and will help us save resources as well!

We encourage you to prayerfully consider supporting our parish through electronic donations via Pushpay. Signing up is easy and takes only a couple of minutes. If you are transitioning from Faith Direct, you should have already received emails from Pushpay. Please make this transition as soon as possible. If you need assistance, feel free to contact Doreen at the office 631-585-8760 ext 105. Thank you for your support!





With one accord they continued
to gather together. Acts 2:46

Register at the Welcome Desk
or online at www.abvmcentereach.com

'We learn in rows, but grow in circles.'

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. Talk to someone about small groups? Call Nick Gigante or Dan Callahan or Andres & Sandra (Spanish). Leave a message at **631-585-8760**



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Thanksgiving Food Drive for the Assumption Parish Social Ministry. Thanks to your generous donations, we will be providing over 60 families with a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. If you still wish to contribute, food donations can be left in the container by the main entrance of the Church or at the Parish Office during the week. Gift card donations and monetary donations can be placed in the collection baskets or left at the Parish Office. Thank you again for making this a happy Thanksgiving for our neighbors in need!

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

New Air Conditioning and Heating system.

I am continually impressed by the generosity and love demonstrated by our parishioners. This kindness is evident both in their words and actions. I would like to take a moment to share some exciting news: one of our parishioners, Mrs. Karen Kuchinkas, has generously sponsored the installation of a combined heating and air conditioning system in our parish center hall. As the hub of many activities within our parish, this improvement will significantly benefit everyone. We thank God for Karen, her generosity, and her love for our parish family. -Fr. Joe



Church Property

I am pleased to inform you that, with the approval of the Diocese, our parish finance council, and the trustees, we have decided to sell the vacant, wooded property located between the east end of our back parking lot and Hammond

Lane. The intended use for this property is the development of single-family residential homes, which will benefit our community.

The proceeds from this sale will enable our parish to make necessary repairs and upgrades to our facilities, expand our ministries, and maintain the financial stability we have been fortunate to enjoy over the years. Since our parish has no current or intended use for this property, the sale will not have any negative impact.—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: Paper Towels, Toothbrushes, Bar Soap, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Salad Dressing, Jell-O Mix, Coffee, Box Milk, Stuffing, Instant Potatoes, Snacks, Canned Fruit, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Pasta, Tuna Fish, Canned Chicken. Thank You!



STEWARDSHIP WEEKEND

November 22-23

GIVING to our parish is an act of WORSHIP

Next weekend we celebrate Stewardship weekend. God has given us abundant gifts in our lives, including our financial resources. All that we are and everything that we have belongs to God. He has appointed us as stewards of His blessings. Giving to God by giving in my place of worship is an act of worship and giving to the poor is a sure and certain way to grow my faith right now and invest in my future by building up treasure in heaven.

Stewardship weekend is the one time each year when we ask you to make a financial commitment to the parish. Please take a brochure with you when you leave the church today. Pray about it, discuss it. If you are new to the parish and haven't registered yet, you will see more details there. Please keep in mind the four Ps

Planned – Be intentional in your giving to the parish, don't just give as an afterthought. That's why we're sharing with you Stewardship Cards today. The card can be your plan.

Priority - Make giving to the Church a priority in your budget. In planning your budget, consider your giving first of all and above all.

Percentage – Keeping in mind the biblical standard of the tithe, choose a percentage to give back to God, even if you start with 1%, ½ of 1%. Pick a percentage.

We believe the percentage is the game-changer in your personal faith walk.

Progressive – then, look to progress in your giving, growing your percentage year after year, budgeting and spending in ways that allow you to do that.

This weekend, our parish's 2024-25 financial report is available in the bulletin. Thank you very much for your commitment to our parish as we journey together rebuilding our parish by Loving God, Serving Others and Growing Disciples. -Fr. Joe

Facilities Manager

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Centereach is looking to fill the position of Custodian. This part-time position is 25 hours per week, Monday - Friday. The job entails routine repair and maintenance, cleaning and room set-up and breakdown for various meetings, etc. If you are interested, please inquire by calling 631-820-7416 or emailing amaterazo@abvmcentereach.com.

Financial Report: September 2024 through August 2025



It is my responsibility to ensure that the parish remains informed on our financial situation. Below is our parish's financial report for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2025. To provide a clearer picture of where our money comes from and how it is used, income and expenses have been divided into four categories: Parish Office, Faith Formation, Church, and Rectory. Expenses that applied to all areas were proportionately distributed based on each area's share of total activity.

The goal, of course, is to have our operating income cover our operating expenses, without needing to use our savings. As shown in the Income/Expense chart below, we had a operating deficit, primarily due to the additional cost of employing a full-time priest for three months. On a positive note, we did have a 3.5% growth in our collections, while our expenses in most other areas either decreased or stayed consistent. To understand how much we spend just to keep the doors open, here are a few of our total annual bills: Gas \$22,132; Electric \$20,965; Water \$2,071; Insurance \$55,754; Grounds maintenance \$59,754. Our greatest investment continues to be in our children as we expand our Faith Formation and Sprouts programs to better serve our students and families.

For our parish to thrive, we must continue growing as disciples who embrace the STEPS of Discipleship: Serve, Tithe, Engage, Prayer and Sacraments, and Share. Thankfully, our online giving has continued to increase over the past year since it is the best way of improving and stabilizing our financial situation. Encouraging more families to participate in PushPay, our electronic giving program, is a simple way to make a financial commitment toward a life of stewardship. I use this for my own weekly parish offering.

Together we rely on God's abundance. I remain convinced that the Lord is much more prepared to bless us than we are receiving.

Below is the Income/Expense chart that summarizes where we have been over the past fiscal year. If anyone wishes further information or explanation, do not hesitate to contact me at the rectory to set up an appointment. -Fr. Joe

Income		
Amount our parishioners contributed to the parish	555,273	Sunday, Christmas, Easter collections.
What the parish received from Catholic Ministries Appeal Rebate	11,360	This is the diocesan rebate the parish receives because of your support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal.
What the parish collected from program fees	57,330	Faith Formation and VBS
What the parish received from auxiliary sources	48,932	Baptisms, weddings, funerals, Outreach donations, bulletin income, candles, miscellaneous donations.
What the parish received for diocesan collections	15,008	All the monies collected are given directly to the diocese. None stays in the parish.
Capital Gain & Extraordinary Revenue	126,489	Non-operating revenue. This includes Capital Campaign, insurance claims, investment income/loss.
TOTAL operating income received by the parish to carry on its mission.	687,903	Does not include Diocesan collections, Capital gain and extraordinary revenue
Expenses		
What it costs to maintain our Rectory Office	\$186,817	Includes salaries, utilities, supplies, etc. Also includes Outreach.
What it costs to maintain our Faith Formation programs and other adult formation	162,471	Includes salaries, utilities, supplies, etc. used for the ongoing formation of our adults and children
What it costs to use our Church for liturgy	166,820	Includes salaries, utilities, supplies, etc.
What it costs to maintain our priests' residence	64,734	Includes food, utilities, maintenance
What our parish contributes to our Catholic Schools Subsidy	63,859	The diocese taxes all parishes 12% of a parish's collections to support Catholic schools.
What our parish paid the diocese for assessments/ collections	42,944 15,008	Diocesan assessment, - pay 8% of collections to diocese Diocesan collections.- given directly to Diocese-
Capital improvement /non operating exp	165,958	Not part of operating expense.
TOTAL Operating Expense:	\$702,653	Does not include Diocesan collections, and Capital improvements
Total operating surplus/deficit	(\$14,750)	LOVE GOD SERVE OTHERS GROW DISCIPLES