



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**January 11, 2026**



**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**Rev. Joseph Alenchery, Pastor**

**Deacon Michael Montelione**

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**Faith Formation: 631-588-6408**



## Sunday, January 11

9:30 a.m.— Robert Scibelli (Family)  
 Louise Tandy (Pat Rivers)  
 11:30 a.m.— Andrew Seneker (Lauricella Family)  
 People of the Parish

## Monday, January 12

9:00 a.m.— Robert Solomon (Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Porcaro)

## Tuesday, January 13

9:00 a.m.— Joan Record (Fran Zarcone)

## Wednesday, January 14

9:00 a.m.— Nora Bergen (Patti & Nick Campanelli)

## Thursday, January 15

9:00 a.m.— Frank Quatromani (Rudilosso Family)

## Saturday, January 17

5:30 p.m.— Joseph Nugent (Nugent Family)

## Sunday, January 18

9:30 a.m.— Gloria Schneider (McGuiness Family)  
 Carole Girrity (Reilly Family)  
 11:30 a.m.— Josefina Ella (Harry & Luz Gaviola)  
 Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Gochan Family)

**Whoever is begotten by God  
 conquers the world,  
 and the victory that conquers the world  
 is our faith.** 1 John 5:4

## STEWARDSHIP GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

### Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last Week's Collection: \$9,608  
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection: \$9,229  
**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](http://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](mailto: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



Deceased Brothers &  
 Sisters of Our Parish



January 11, 2026

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

## The Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 | Acts 10:34-38 | Mt 3:13-17

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

We hear in today's Gospel that at the moment of Jesus' baptism, "a voice came from the heavens, saying, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased.'" We can hear these words as a simple proclamation of who Jesus is — the beloved Son of God — but also as a proclamation of who we are called to be: the beloved adopted sons and daughters of God. I sometimes forget that I am also called beloved. I mistakenly think that my value depends on my accomplishments or on my faithfulness, but the truth is that my status as beloved is due to being made in the image of my Creator. If I allow myself to absorb the full meaning of that, it will not only affect how I view myself but also how I relate to others. But Christ didn't come only to show us the truth about who we are. His coming also invites us to see one another as beloved. As Peter reminds us in our second reading, "God shows no partiality." May we strive to see the belovedness that God bestows on us and on all people.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Jesus entered fully into our humanity, including entering into communion with each of us through our common baptism, to allow for us to one day share in the perfect exchange of love of the Trinity. Our call is to take on Christ's mission of love here on earth — to speak and act in a way that proclaims the truth of who God is and who he has made us to be. How can we remind our families, our neighbors, and even our enemies of their nature as beloved children of God? And by recognizing our own nature as beloved, we allow God's grace to flow through us. We then trust that God will make himself known as the source of love itself.

### REFLECT

Take time this week to reflect on what it means to be a beloved son or daughter of God. What would it be like to hear, "You are my beloved child, with whom I am well pleased"? Once we root ourselves in this truth we can ask ourselves, "What act of kindness, what consoling word might I offer, what goodness might I do for others around me to help them experience a glimpse of their own belovedness?" Then, do it!

Brand new Message series begins on January 4, 2026

S i m p l i f y

Decluttering our lives to focus on what's important, to build better relationships and to connect with God.

#### WEEK TWO – Your Soul

This discussion continues the focus on simplifying life by exploring what it means to declutter the soul. It explains that just as physical spaces can become disorganized, the soul can also lose order when it drifts from God's will. Drawing from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, it shows that an ordered soul seeks holiness and peace by aligning with God's purpose. The conversation emphasizes daily silence and prayer through adoration, contrition, thanksgiving, and supplication as ways to clear spiritual clutter and draw nearer to God.

#### Discussion Questions:

1. What thoughts come to mind when you think of your soul? How do you define it?
2. A well-ordered, decluttered soul integrated our being with God's will. What are your thoughts on that statement?
3. Paul had confidence that he had been called to be an apostle by God's will (1 Corinthians 1:1). In what areas of your life are you confident you are aligned with God's will for you? Where are you still determining?
4. Do you have a daily time for prayer and silence before God to examine your day? If so, how is it going? If not, when and where could you carve out time for it?
5. Over the last 24 hours, what experiences or moments can you praise or thank God?



**Pushpay**<sup>®</sup>

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](http://www.abvmcentereach.com)

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

Small Groups offer a personal way to connect within our large church. Each group, consisting of 6 to 10 people, meets weekly for 90 minutes to discuss faith, explore the weekly message, and support one another in their relationship with Christ. New members are always welcome throughout the year. If you'd like to join a small group, sign up by visiting the Welcome Desk or emailing [rectory@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rectory@abvmcentereach.com).

### **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**



**Friday, January 16, 2026 - 7:30 - 8:30 PM**  
**in the church & LIVE Streaming**

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP \* SILENT ADORATION \* BENEDICTION**



Children's Ministry for  
ages four to fifth grade on  
Sundays during 9:30 AM Mass



**in the Parish Center Hall**

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

## 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](mailto:outreach@abvmcentereach.com). The Outreach Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 10AM to 1PM.

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Tissues, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Salad Dressing, Coffee, Tea, Rice, Rice-A-Roni, Noodles, Syrup, Snacks, Baked Beans, Canned Chili, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Pasta, Canned Chicken.  
Thank You!



## Parish Social Ministry Program Annual Report 2025



This is a summary of the assistance we were able to provide our clients in 2025. Our Program was able to do this thanks to the continued generosity of our parishioners who donated money, gift cards and food. We are especially blessed with a dedicated group of volunteers who assist our clients and make them feel welcome.

**Households Assisted:** Number of households receiving food, toiletries, paper goods and cleaning products from the food pantry. This includes regular assistance given throughout the year as well as our Thanksgiving and Christmas donations.

**New Clients:** This is the number of new families that joined our program in 2025.

**Individuals Assisted:** This shows how many people our program has assisted, also including information from our Thanksgiving and Christmas donations.

Households Assisted	New Clients	Children Assisted	Adults Assisted	Seniors Assisted	Total Individuals Assisted
498	22	364	1019	196	1579

**Financial Assistance:** In addition to providing assistance from our food pantry, the Outreach Program also provides financial assistance to our clients. This includes assistance with rent, utilities, heating and other expenses, as well as gift cards to various stores in the area. These numbers also include information from our Thanksgiving and Christmas donations.

Rental Assistance	Utility or Heating Assistance	Other Assistance	Gift Cards	Total Financial Assistance
\$3607	\$1520	\$700	\$7560	\$13,387

## ASSUMPTION FAITH FORMATION

CLASSES RESUME ON

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2026**

after Chrismas and New Year Recess





**ASSUMPTION**  
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# *The 3 Most Important Questions*

Questions are powerful tools for growth and understanding. The right questions can help us avoid failures and foster success, boosting our confidence. Among the many questions we can ask, three are particularly important. In our discussion, we will explore these key questions and seek their answers.

We are pleased to welcome Tom Corcoran from the Church of the Nativity, Timonium, MD, to Assumption Parish Family as the presenter and lead us in this discussion.

**Saturday, January 31, 2026**

**9 am to 12 noon**

(Lite Breakfast will be served at 9:00 am)

**Assumption Parish Center Hall**

**33 Crown Acres Rd, Centereach, NY**



Tom Corcoran is a best-selling and award-winning author. He has co-authored seven books, including *Rebuilt*, *Churchmoney*, *Seriously, God*, and *Rebuilt Faith*.

Come together with fellow parishioners as we explore the “why” and “how” you can take action at our Parish.

**Seating is limited, Registration required.**

**Call 631-585-8760 or drop off the form below at the Parish Office or scan the QR code and fill it out online.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_



With 28 years of experience in parish ministry, Tom has served in a variety of roles, providing him with a unique perspective on ministry and leadership. In addition to his work at Nativity, he is the president of the Rebuilt Parish Organization, a movement dedicated to renewing parishes by equipping leaders with the tools needed to reach the unchurched, create a clear discipleship path, and revitalize parish culture. Over the past decade, he has done presentations on parish renewal both nationally and internationally.

In 2023, Pope Francis honored him with the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice award for his contributions to parish work and his efforts to support other parishes.

Tom resides in Maryland with his wife, Mia, and their eight children.