



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

February 1, 2026

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Deacon Michael Montelione

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Sunday, February 1

9:30 a.m.— Janice Santos Garcia (Tanya & Jun
Concepcion)
Mike Denoto (Gochan Family)
11:30 a.m.— Ramon Ella (Harry & Luz Gaviola)
Patricia Wowk (Claire Murray)

Monday, February 2

9:00 a.m.— Father Chris Aridas
People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 3

9:00 a.m.—Living & Deceased Members of Rosary
Altar Society

Wednesday, February 4

9:00 a.m.— Matthew White (Dan, Patty & Family)
James Samito (Rick & Joann Arroyo)

Thursday, February 5

9:00 a.m.— Joan Record (Melissa Ferrara)

Saturday, February 7

5:30 p.m.— Jean & Philip Cavallo (John Cavallo)
Verius Paul (Children)

Sunday, February 8

9:30 a.m.— Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Gochan Family)
Joseph Ferrara (Maureen Reilly & Sheila
Wessels)
11:30 a.m.— Rodolfo Ella & Lualhati Ella (Harry & Luz
Gaviola)

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 Ameri-
cas (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 Vin-
cent Zecca, papazecca@aol.com, or
phone 631 588 3423.



Rosary Altar Society

A service-based women’s organi-
zation 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: \$7,285 (snow storm)
(includes Faith Direct)
Last Year’s Collection: \$9,630
Thank You!

Rest
in
Peace



Monsignor
Joseph Curley

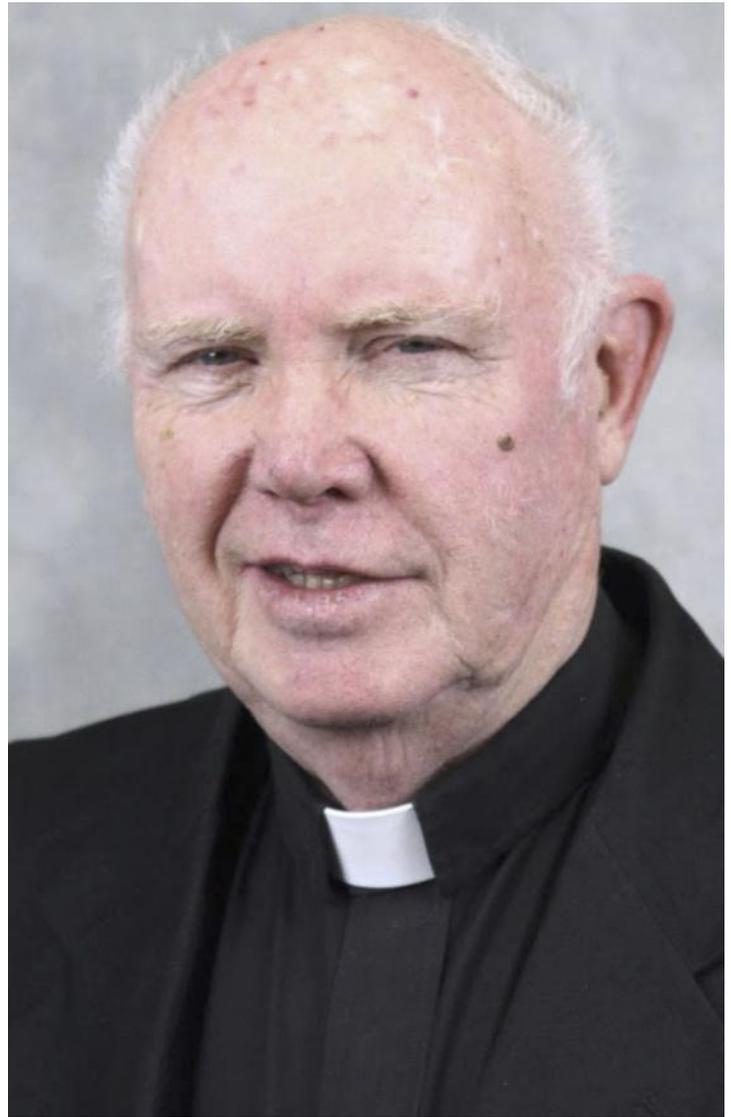
Monsignor Joseph Curley (1935-2026)

Our dear Monsignor Joseph Curley entered his eternal home on Sunday, January 25th. He became the Pastor at Assumption in 1983, succeeding Fr. Gerard J. Sheridan upon his retirement. Monsignor Curley served as a faithful, popular, and beloved pastor for 27 years, retiring in 2010. Even after retirement, he continued to live at the rectory for an additional nine years alongside Fr. Chris Aridas and I. I had the privilege of living with him for eight years after I arrived at Assumption in 2011.

During his time as pastor, Monsignor Curley accomplished countless wonderful things for our parish family. I would like to highlight a couple of these achievements. The beautiful stained-glass windows that greet us as we enter the church were installed during his tenure. Additionally, cedar paneling throughout the church's ceiling and walls was also added during this time.

Monsignor Curley was not only dedicated to enhancing the building; he was also an outstanding pastor known for his compassion, love, patience, and common sense. His Bible study classes were highly regarded, attracting participants from various parishes, and he taught these classes for nearly thirty years. Many of you can attest to their significance. Even after his retirement, he continued to lead those classes for a few more years. His homilies were thought-provoking and often humorous, showcasing his distinctive dry wit. I always enjoyed hearing his many stories at the dinner table, even if I had heard them many times before. These tales were drawn from his experiences in the parish and his life as a teaching priest in the Midwest.

Monsignor Curley lived a very simple life, owning only the essentials. However, books and movies were his constant companions. It would not be an exaggeration to say that he had read nearly all the books in the Centereach Library, as he visited there every day. He explored a wide variety of genres, which not only enriched his knowledge but also aided him in both teaching and preaching. Many of the books that you see in the parish library were donated by Monsignor Curley.



On a personal level, I am grateful to God for the opportunity to spend eight years with Monsignor Curley here at Assumption. Even after he moved to the St. Pius X Retired Priests Residence in Amityville and later to Lake Ronkonkoma, we continued to maintain our connection. I have learned so much from this great, holy priest who dedicated his life completely to the Lord and His people. Many of us cherish fond memories of Monsignor Curley throughout the years, and we have gained valuable insights from his life, teachings, and preaching.

Today, we give thanks to the Lord for a holy priest who was sent to Centereach-Lake Grove in 1983. He guided us with light and grace as Catholic Christians. We pray: "Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May the soul of this faithful servant, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen."

- Fr Joe

Simplify

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

WEEK FOUR – Your Schedule

This discussion focuses on simplifying life by decluttering the schedule. It explains that constant busyness is not a measure of success and that saying yes to too many things can prevent people from fulfilling the unique purpose God has given them. Drawing from Jesus' words about being the salt of the earth and the light of the world, it highlights how time and energy are meant to add value and bring light to others. The conversation encourages thoughtful reflection on what to keep, pause, or stop in order to focus on what matters most and aligns with God's calling.

Discussion Questions:

1. Do you have a cluttered calendar? If so, why do you think that is?
2. What are your strengths? What do you do well? Do you spend enough time on them?
3. Where do you add the most value in your work and home environments? What do you need to keep doing?
4. What do you need to stop doing because you don't enjoy it and someone could do it better?
5. Read aloud Matthew 5:15-16. How can you connect the dots between your good deeds and your heavenly Father?
6. What action step will you take in light of this message and conversation?



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.'

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.

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

MEN'S RETREAT WEEKEND
Theme: Lord Teach Us to Pray
February 27-March 1 at Cor Maria, Sag Harbor

Come and join us this year. \$275.
 Call to reserve: 631-725-2789

VISION

CAFE

COFFEE CONVERSATION COMMUNITY

After

9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

Masses

in the Parish Center Hall

"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. We wait for the Lord with patience and hope. He will definitely fulfill his promises. We come together as a community to celebrate our waiting.

Parish Social Ministry

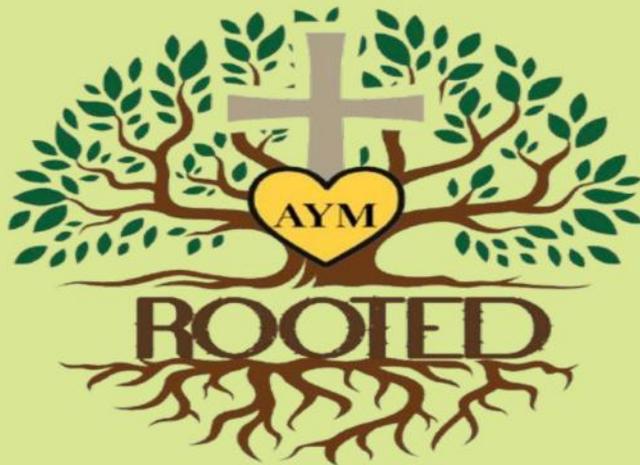
The Outreach Food Pantry is available for individuals and families that are struggling to stretch their food budget. If you or someone you know can use our services, please call us at 631 585-8760 x2 or by email to outreach@abvmcentereach.com. The Outreach Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 10AM to 1PM.

PANTRY NEEDS: 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!



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.



Kick Off Party
Friday, February 13th
7:00 - 8:30 PM
A Faith-Filled Journey
for Middle Schoolers

Rooted is a Ministry for 6th-8th graders to connect, have fun, and grow closer to God

Every 2nd and 4th Friday 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM
Bring a friend & come see what ROOTED is all about!
with DJ Brendan and glowing faith fun.
Glow Gear encouraged

Prayer Connection



On our parish website, you'll find the "Prayer Wall" button. Here, you can submit your prayer intentions, either publicly or anonymously, and our Prayer Team will pray for you. By sharing your intentions, you allow our parish family to join in prayer together. We invite you to fill out your information along with your prayer request.



*Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not;
See, I am doing something new! In the wilderness I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers.*

Isaiah 43:18-19

**Do something special!
Do something life changing!
Live your best life in love!**

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Monday & Thursday evenings in FEBRUARY
7:00 PM*(EST)
Feb. 5, 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, & 26, 2026
*Each Session lasts @ 2.5 hours via Zoom
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Next Long Island Experience
February 27th – March 1st 2026
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Center
440 West Neck Road Huntington, NY 11743
wwme.org



Catholic Daughters of the Americas Ct. St. Gerard #1920 invite you to our

Paint Night

Friday, March 6, 2026

Doors open at 6:30pm and painting starts at 7:00pm
Parish Center Hall

Option A:



Option B:



Option C:



All reservations must be made and paid for by February 20, 2026!
Please include the option you would like to paint when making reservation.

Cost: \$30 per person

Make checks made payable to: Ct. St. Gerard #1920
Mailed to: Court St. Gerard #1920
20 Chestnut Street, Centereach, NY 11720

For more information and reservations: Jennifer: CDACourt1920@gmail.com or Alexandria: 631-585-3938