



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

February 15, 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 15

9:30 a.m.— Otto Wolz
 Mariana Ruivo (Family)
 11:30 a.m.— Renato Ella (Harry & Luz Gaviola)
 Andrew Rosa (Rosa Family)

Monday, February 16

9:00 a.m.— Lloyd Estriplet (Family)
 Joseph Costello (Josephine Scala)

Tuesday, February 17

9:00 a.m.— Marie Claude Casimin (children)
 Joseph Ferrara (Sharon Holliday)

Wednesday, February 18

ASH WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m.— Scripture Service
 12:00 p.m.—Mass
 4:00 p.m.—Scripture Service
 7:00 p.m.—Mass

Thursday, February 19

9:00 a.m.— Domenica Bellavia (Melissa & Anthony Ferrara)

Friday, February 20

9:00 a.m.— Monsignor Joseph Curley (Nancy Dentrone)
 People of the Parish

Saturday, February 21

5:30 p.m.— Joseph Ferrara (Elizabeth Leverock)
 Monsignor Joseph Curley (Bracco Family)

Sunday, February 22

9:30 a.m.— Alaide & Fernando Goncalves (Family)
 Lillian Reed (Gochan Family)
 11:30 a.m.— Susana Macabenta (Harry & Luz Gaviola)
 Jane P. Hall (Family)

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.



STEWARDSHIP
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last Week's Collection: \$9,377
 (includes *Pushpay*)

Last Year's Collection: \$8,230

Thank You!

Rest
 in
 Peace



Theresa Regina

February 15, 2026

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 15:15-20 | 1 Cor 2:6-10 | Mt 5:17-37

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

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells his disciples that "unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." In Matthew 23:3-5, Jesus says, "Do and observe all things whatsoever [the scribes and Pharisees] tell you, but do not follow their example. For they preach but they do not practice ... All their works are performed to be seen." What Jesus is inviting us to see is that to authentically live the commandments requires more than mere external compliance with the letter of the law. It's also not about putting on a show so that others think we're "holy." Rather, it's about the quiet, inner transformation of our hearts. The Gospel tells us it's not enough that we avoid murder; God wants to free us from anger and wrath. It's not enough to avoid unfaithfulness in marriage; God wants to give us hearts that are pure and free from lust. Our task is to open our hearts to the transforming power of his commandments which, if we live them, lead us to fullness of life.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In our second reading, St. Paul speaks about some challenges we face when sharing the faith with others. There are those who are unable to grasp God's wisdom, which is different from the wisdom of this age. God's wisdom is mysterious, hidden, and can only be understood and grasped through a revelation of the Spirit. This is an important concept for us as evangelizers. Sometimes no matter how hard we try, no matter how eloquent we are at explaining something, those who are not ready to receive what we have to share will not be able to receive it. In order for others to understand the Gospel, the Spirit must open their hearts to receive it. While we are responsible to share the Gospel as well as we're able, it is up to the person before us to respond to God's invitation.

PRAY

Accepting the Lord's teaching in the commandments requires humility, and understanding their true meaning and depth is the result of the Spirit's work in our lives. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you true insight to live the commandments with your whole heart. Consider using these lines from today's psalm in your prayer: "Open my eyes, that I may consider the wonders of your law. Instruct me, O Lord, in the way of your statutes, that I may exactly observe them. Give me discernment, that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart."





We all carry wounds—emotional, spiritual, relational, or physical. Some of these wounds originate from broken relationships or experiences of rejection, while others arise from sin or struggles with self-worth. These wounds do not indicate that we are abnormal; rather, they are a natural part of life in a fallen world.

The good news is that Jesus came not only to save us from sin but also to heal and completely restore us, bringing wholeness to every aspect of our lives. In this series, we will explore how Christ meets us in our pain, transforms our wounds, and calls us to become instruments of healing for others. We will understand that healing is central to Jesus’ mission, invite Him into the areas of our lives that need restoration, and learn to live out that healing by offering it to others.

Lent is the time to look back on our lives and see where we are broken and where we need healing or transformation. This series is going to help us to do that. It would help to join a small group to reflect, share, and understand God’s healing grace in our lives with other people. I want to emphasize and invite everyone to join a Small Group just for Lent. To register scan the QR code here or call the office. Please turn to page 6 for more details.



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.'

Everyone can be in a group.

Small Groups are where our large church becomes small. These groups consist of 6 to 12 people who meet to discuss faith, delve deeper into the weekly message, and support one another in their relationship with Christ. It is a space for caring for others and being cared for—a place where we can impact our community and the world. While we learn in rows, we grow in circles. Small Groups provide our members with the opportunity to connect in a smaller setting and develop their faith. New members are always welcome throughout the year. Now is the perfect time to join a small group as we begin Lent. If you'd like to join a small group, sign up by visiting the Welcome Desk or emailing rectory@abvmcentereach.com or scanning the QR Code.



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

VISION CAFE COFFEE CONVERSATION COMMUNITY

After 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM Masses

in the Parish Center Hall

ASH WEDNESDAY

MASS: FEBRUARY 18, 2026

12:00 NOON & 7:00 PM

SCRIPTURE SERVICE:

7:30 AM & 4:00 PM

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, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Ketchup, Mustard, Salad Dressing, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Pancake Mix, Canned Mixed Vegetables, Canned Potatoes, Canned Chicken, Jelly, Canned Cat Food. Thank You!

*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!**

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter
Virtual Experience**

7 DATES (sessions) from the comfort of your home!!!
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

Apply TODAY!

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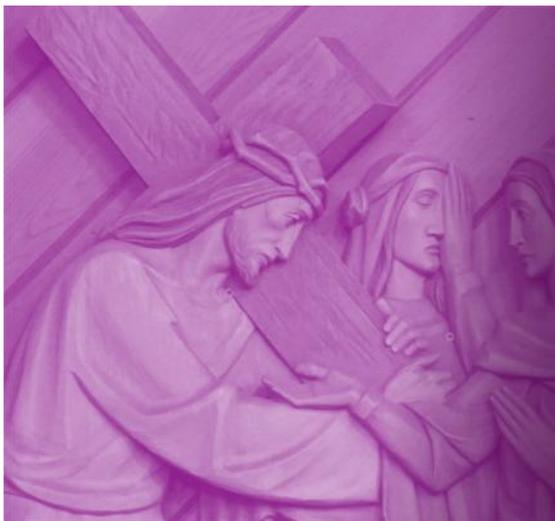



Next Long Island Experience
February 27th –March 1st 2026
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Center
440 West Neck Road Huntington, NY 11743
wwme.org



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



FRIDAYS OF LENT
Mass at 9:00 AM
Followed by
Stations of the Cross

Ministry for Men

Change the World, One Man at a Time

Men are called to lead, and church involvement helps them understand their roles in their families and communities. Active faith strengthens families, congregations, and communities. Men's ministries offer supportive environments to navigate challenges and avoid isolation.

Join us for the video presentation "Be a Man" by Father Larry Richards, followed by an open discussion.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____



Saturday February 28th, 2026

9 am to 11 am

(Light breakfast will be served at 9:00 am)

Assumption Parish Center Hall

Centereach, NY

INVITE A FRIEND!

Seating is limited. Registration Required. Call 631-585-8760, or drop off the above form at the Parish Office, or scan the QR code to register online



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