



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

February 8, 2026

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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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)

Monday, February 9

9:00 a.m.— Andres Thenespinal
 People of the Parish

Tuesday, February 10

9:00 a.m.—Mario Costanzo (Al Roldan)
 Joseph Ferrara (Rose Picariello)

Wednesday, February 11

9:00 a.m.— Rosemary O’Connor (Rosary Altar Society)
 Monsignor Joseph Curley

Thursday, February 12

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

Saturday, February 14

5:30 p.m.— Diane Marie Pozzi (Ed Pozzi)
 Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Gochan Family)

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)

*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: \$9,886
 (includes Faith Direct)
 Last Year’s Collection: \$9,533
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

Marie Joseph
 Carmen Aponte
 Harold Beechey



February 8, 2026

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10 | 1 Cor 2:1-5 | Mt 5:13-16

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

My understanding of prayer changed when I read St. Teresa of Calcutta's statement that says, "I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us and we change things." Prayer is not an incantation that can change the will of God. It is the act of raising our hearts and minds to God, and of opening ourselves — our will, our understanding, our joys, and our sorrows — to be sanctified. The prophet Isaiah seems to be saying something similar in the first reading. He lists off the commands of the Lord to clothe the naked, feed the hungry, and shelter the homeless, and then tells the faithful that if they do these things, "then your light shall break forth like the dawn." We certainly serve those who are vulnerable because each person has immeasurable dignity and deserves to be cared for as a child of God. But the act of caring for another also changes us. We are made more fully into who we were created to be — not an individual living in isolation, but one who is deeply connected in community to the rest of humankind.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

An act of service, then, is much bigger than simply donating money or giving of our time. In caring for our neighbor, we proclaim God's goodness to a world in darkness, bearing witness to the love of God which is the source of all our actions. In the Gospel, Christ calls his followers to be "the light of the world," reminding us that he wants to shine his light through us. But we are not the source of the light. Even when we are the ones serving, we still remain only the vessel the true light shines through. When we love others, we are changed because we allow ourselves to be conformed more closely to Christ, allowing others to encounter his love in our actions.

SERVE

The corporal works of mercy are to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the sick, visit the imprisoned, and bury the dead. This is not a list meant to overwhelm, but rather to provide opportunities to care for God's children. What act of service can you and your family engage in this week to allow the light of Christ to shine through you?

Simplify

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

WEEK SIX – Your Emotions

This discussion concludes the focus on simplifying life by exploring what it means to declutter the heart. It explains that anger is one of the most powerful forms of emotional clutter, often harming relationships and creating distance from God. Drawing from Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount, it encourages releasing anger through reconciliation or forgiveness to bring healing and freedom. The conversation emphasizes that letting go of anger opens space for God's grace, leading to greater peace, love, and spiritual clarity.

1. Discussion Questions:
2. On a scale of 1-5, how much anger do you have in your heart?
3. WHO are the people who tempt you to get angry?
4. Is there anyone you find yourself calling names that you can't or shouldn't say in Church?
5. With whom do you need to clean up some hurt feelings?
6. With whom do you need to reconcile? What percentage of the problem is your responsibility, and do you need to own it?
7. What are your thoughts on the difference between forgiveness and reconciliation?



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

ASH WEDNESDAY

MASS: FEBRUARY 18, 2026

12:00 NOON & 7:00 PM

SCRIPTURE SERVICE:

7:30 AM & 4:00 PM



After
9:30 AM & 11:30 AM
Masses

in the Parish Center Hall

Parish Social Ministry

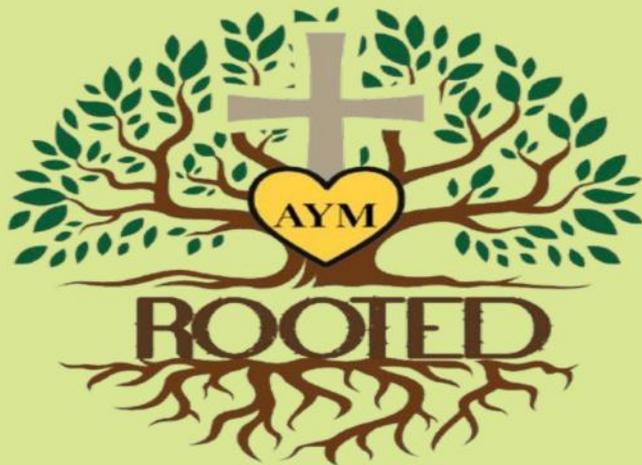
The Outreach Food Pantry is available for individuals and families that are struggling to stretch their food budget. If you or someone you know can use our services, please call us at 631 585-8760 x2 or by email to outreach@abvmcentereach.com. The Outreach Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday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

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 form below 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