



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 6, 2023

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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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.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS
Monday to Thursday
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM
Friday: CLOSED

Sunday, August 6

9:30 a.m. — Susana Macabenta (Harry & Luz Gaviola)
Carla Sciara (Maureen Reilly)

11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

Monday, August 7

9:00 a.m. — Brendan Lee DeFrancisco (Kester Family)

Tuesday, August 8

9:00 a.m. — Rodrigue Morency (children)

Wednesday, August 9

9:00 a.m.— Richard Allen Spindler II (Melissa Ferrara)
Thomas Donnelly Jr. (Donnelly Family)

Thursday, August 10

9:00 a.m.. — Anna Joseph Alenchery

Saturday, August 12

5:30 p.m.— Christie Aridas
Eileen Pacula (Daughter-Eileen)

Sunday, August 13

9:30 a.m.— Teresita Valisno (Aida, Tonypet & Arnold)
Michael Hogan (Maureen Reilly)

11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

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 month: Sept - June at 10 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Vincent Zecca, papazecca@aol.com, or phone 631 588 3423.

Holy Name Society

Usually the second Monday of the month: Sept - May at 7:30 PM in the parish center. Contact Sal Stingo at rtbhuntington@yahoo.com or Anita Wolf at hwolf96@aol.com.

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.

“Trust in the Lord with all your heart,
and do not lean on your own understanding.
In all your ways acknowledge him,
and he will make straight your paths.”
Proverbs 3:5-6

STEWARDSHIP
 GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 Last Week’s Collection: \$7,454
 (includes Faith Direct)
 Last Year’s Collection: \$8,234
Thank You!

Rest
in
Peace

Anna Costa

Good News Reflection***The Transfiguration of the Lord is within you***

Atop Mount Tabor in Israel is where the pure light of Christ – the uncreated light of his true identity – was first revealed to the world. Not at his birth, not at his baptism, nor as he preached and healed. Although the Light of the World came to us in those momentous events, it was not revealed so clearly, so powerfully, so dramatically as when he let Peter, John, and James witness it on the mountaintop, as seen in today's Gospel passage.

The highest experience of faith was, and still is, what happens when the Father says, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him." The transfiguration of Christ occurs again and again every time we listen to him and our faith is enlightened. It happens every time we have a breakthrough from blindness to understanding, from sinfulness to holiness, from doubt to trust. However, now we are transfigured with Jesus!



Whenever we let his uncreated light consume the darkness within us, the people around us see Christ's true identity in us. We shine with him. Therefore, it's vitally important that we give Jesus the areas of darkness that still linger within us and let him expose the truth in his light. By repenting (which means we change), we're transformed into our true identity. What is our true identity? It's our innermost being that was created in the image of God. It's our sainthood!

Listen. Can you hear God's voice saying about you what he said about Jesus on Mount Tabor? "This is my beloved child; listen to him/her." He is saying this to others as you do the work to which he's called you. Some folks will hear him, some won't, but our yes to his calling is not based on how many people will heed his voice. We serve God because we have been transfigured. Our holiness impels us to go where we can do the greatest good.

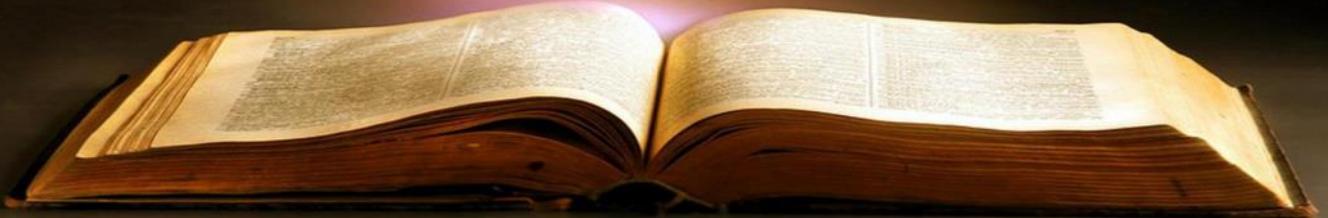
Questions for Personal Reflection:

What sins do you still try to hide or deny? Why are you afraid to let Jesus shine his light into these areas of darkness? Are you afraid he'll stop loving you? What do you do that reveals your sainthood?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Describe a time when you listened to Jesus and the truth you learned from him transformed you. How did it help you become a true child of God more fully? How did it reveal your true identity more accurately?

Message Series



At Assumption, we preach in message series. Over several weeks, we will look at a topic and go deeper into it. We select a topic based on the weekend's scripture readings and dive deeper. These are the three questions we ask as we prepare each message series. What do we want the people to feel? What do we want the people to know? What do we want the people to do? This way, the message you hear in the church is not some head knowledge or something that flies over your head but touches the hearts and has practical applications for our daily lives. That's why I always mention "homework" in my messages. God speaks to us at every moment, especially in a community setting, when His people come together on Sundays and listen to the Word of God as we celebrate, pray, praise, and thank God. Then the discussion continues in the Small Groups and goes deeper. Our message series usually runs from September to July. Our mission continues to Love God, Serve Others, and Grow Disciples.

Our next brand new message series begins on the second week of September as we welcome back everyone after the summer. Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Fr. Joe

Small Group is where our large church gets small. Groups are 6-10 people who meet to discuss faith, go deeper in the weekly message, and support one another in their relationship with Christ. This is the place to care for others and be cared for; a place to impact our community and the world. Assumption small groups are open to accept more people anytime during the year to help your faith journey. If you like to join a small group, stop by at the Welcome Desk in the church lobby on Sunday or email rptak@abvmcentereach.com to sign up.



Assumption Faith Formation

K to 8th Grade Registration 2023-24



Begins on July 22nd and ends on September 11th

Register Online at abvmcentereach.com

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 in the Summer on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 10 AM to 1 PM. **Paper Towels, Bar Soap, Household Cleaner, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Cooking Oil, Ketchup, Salad Dressing, Fruit Juice, Shelf Stable Milk, Hot Chocolate, Cake Mix, Frosting, Rice-A-Roni, Dry Soup Mix.**



Remember Our Parish in Your Will

we often do not realize how helpful it is to the parish that serves our spiritual needs when a person decides to share his/her resources as a way of saying “thank you” for all that has been provided. Most assuredly, a gift to the parish in your will or trust affirms your continued commitment to the parish’s life and works.

Making this gift is easy. You can instruct your attorney to use this wording: “I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Assumption of the BVM parish, with offices at 20 Chestnut St., Centereach, NY 11720, the sum of \$ ___ to be used for its most urgent needs.” As an alternative, you can make a gift of what remains in your estate or living trust after all other bequests and expenses have been paid: “I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Assumption of the BVM parish, with offices at 20 Chestnut St., Centereach, NY 11720, all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate (trust) to be used for its most urgent needs.” For more information about remembering the parish in your will or living trust, contact Fr. Joseph at 631-585-8760 or jalenchery@abvmcentereach.com or Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 x 257.



Joining Our Catholic Community

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) might be what you are seeking if:

- You were never baptized or
- You were baptized in another religious tradition, or
- You were baptized Catholic but have not celebrated Confirmation or Eucharist.



Our parish desires to share our faith with all who wish to discover the beauty and power of a shared life in Christ the Lord. If you are interested, therefore, contact the office by email, rectory@abvmcentereach.com, or phone at 631-585-8760 at the office to get additional details.

L.I. Women’s Retreat Ministry Annual Retreat

At St. Joseph Villa, Hampton Bays, N.Y.

September 15-17, 2023

“Getting to the Heart of Discipleship”

Cost - \$250.00 - Single Room; Commuter - \$125.00

For more info: Yvonne Bracone (631) 398-4086 or Nina McGee (516) 449-6197



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit faithdirect.net/NY563 or download the **Faith Direct app** and search for the parish with the parish code (NY563). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



Sunday, Aug 06, 2023

Improve your vision

Much of the time, we keep our heads down. We focus on the day ahead or the task at hand. We worry about personal relationships gone awry or the pricey cost of living. Transfigured seeing invites us to lift our gaze higher or to grasp truths under the surface of things. The broader, deeper vision reveals to us how to respond effectively to what we see. Saints in every generation have exercised this prophetic vision, recognizing a social problem and then creatively proposing a response. Pray the daily news—and ask for the guidance of a clarifying vision.

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14; 2 Peter 1:16-19; Matthew 17:1-9 (614). *"As the visions during the night continued, I saw: One like a Son of man coming, on the clouds of heaven."*

Monday, Aug 07, 2023

May your faith ripen sweetly

It's about this time of year that grapes in many parts of the world begin a crucial transformation process the French have named *veraison*. It's when grapes start to ripen and change from green to purple—not always at the same time in the same cluster, making for some beautiful color combinations. Mostly likely because of the timing of his feast day, Pope Sixtus II is the patron saint of grape prosperity. Where are you in the midst of your own *veraison* as a Christian? Pray for cause to celebrate your faith bearing ripe fruit.

MEMORIAL OF SIXTUS II, POPE, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 11:4b-15; Matthew 14:13-21 (407). *"They all ate and were satisfied."*

Tuesday, Aug 08, 2023

For want of a better word

When Dominic founded the Order of Preachers in 1216, he'd been appalled by the rise of the Albigensian heresy, denying the goodness of God's creation. Even more appalling was the lack of informed preaching to inoculate the congregation against it. Dominic threw himself into the kind of witness modeled by the Acts of the Apostles, his new religious community adopting the motto "to praise, to bless, to preach." Not surprisingly, the Dominicans have given us eloquent saints, including Catherine of Siena and Thomas Aquinas—even captivating the world in 1963 with a chart-topping pop song, "[Dominique](#)." To quote another Dominican, Saint Martin de Porres: "Everything, even sweeping ... could be a prayer, if it were offered to God."

MEMORIAL OF DOMINIC, PRIEST

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 12:1-13; Matthew 14:22-36 or Matthew 15:1-2, 10-14 (408). *"Throughout my house he bears my trust: face to face I speak to him; plainly and not in riddles."*

Wednesday, Aug 09, 2023

The awful truth

The bombing of Nagasaki, which occurred on this day in 1945, was truly awful in all senses of the word. Splitting the atom to unleash its enormous power put the genius and depravity of humanity on full, awe-inspiring display. Though we have many positive uses for atomic energy, its initial use to increase our

capacity to kill on a massive scale is a moral failure that we have yet to overcome. The war machine rages on. What role will you play in helping humanity move toward the good?

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 13:1-2, 25—14:1, 26-29a, 34-35; Matthew 15:21-28 (409). *"We have sinned, we and our fathers; we have committed crimes; we have done wrong."*

Thursday, Aug 10, 2023

Where's your treasure?

During the persecution of the Early Church, Saint Lawrence was under a death threat from Emperor Valerian. But his persecutor offered a deal. Lawrence could live if he turned over the treasures of the church. In one of history's most audacious rebukes, Lawrence is said to have gathered the poor and sick and told Valerian: Here is our treasure. For his act of resistance and faith, Lawrence was burned to death. How do you resist injustice? Saint Lawrence, give us courage.

FEAST OF LAWRENCE, DEACON, MARTYR

TODAY'S READINGS: 2 Corinthians 9:6-10; John 12:24-26 (618).

"Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life."

Friday, Aug 11, 2023

Love takes its toll

Inspired by her mentor Saint Francis, Saint Clare and the women who eventually joined her to form the Poor Clares had a "radical commitment to corporate poverty." The women lived simply and spent most of their day in prayer and chores. It was a hard life, but one filled with joy for those who chose it—and continue to choose it. Spend time today pondering this pearl of wisdom from Clare: "Love that does not know of suffering is not worthy of the name."

MEMORIAL OF CLARE, RELIGIOUS FOUNDER

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:32-40; Matthew 16:24-28 (411).

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."

Saturday, Aug 12, 2023

Youthful endeavors

According to the United Nations website, half the people on Planet Earth are under 30 years of age. Yet only 2.6 percent of government lawmakers worldwide are under 30. International Youth Day, observed annually on August 12, is designated by the United Nations to draw attention to cultural and legal issues surrounding youth. Pope Francis teaches in *Laudato Si'*, "What kind of world do we want to leave ... to children who are now growing up?" (#160). International Youth Day recognizes everyone's responsibility to hand on a sustainable, free, and secure Earth to the next generation. What's going on in your community to accomplish this goal?

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 6:4-13; Matthew 17:14-20 (412). *"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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