



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**March 10, 2024**

**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.

**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 month: Sept - June at 10 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Vincent Zecca, [papazecca@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:rtbhuntington@yahoo.com) or Anita Wolf at [hwolf96@aol.com](mailto: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.

*Rest  
in  
Peace*

Jerome Gangitano

**Sunday, March 10**

9:30 a.m. — Inez Spindler (Melissa Ferrara)  
Jerome Gangitano (Acedvedo Family)

11:30 a.m.—People of the Parish

**Monday, March 11**

9:00 a.m.— Antonino Capiral (Ed Uy & Family)

**Tuesday, March 12**

9:00 a.m.—Anna & TJ Pober (Family)  
Aurea Mariano (Ed Uy & Family)

**Wednesday, March 13**

9:00 a.m.— Lynett Martin (Family)  
Antonino Capiral (Tanya & Jun Concepcion)

**Thursday, March 14**

9:00 a.m.—Renato Dytioco (Ed Uy & Family)  
Ulysses Tipgos (Ed Uy & Family)

**Friday, March 15**

9:00 a.m — Marion Callaghan (Joann & Rick Arroyo)

**Saturday, March 16**

5:30 p.m.— Sebastiano Vultaggio (Jeanine & Donald Marino)  
Ray & Jane Giacomini (Ted & Sue Loeffler)

**Sunday, March 17**

9:30 a.m.— Patrick J. Murphy Sr. (Lori Tetsa)  
Ann Groom-Connolly (Ferrer Family)

11:30 a.m.—People of the Parish

*Remember not the events of the past,  
the things of long ago consider not;  
see, I am doing something new!*  
Isaiah 43:18-19

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

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**  
**Last Week’s Collection: \$9,637**  
*(includes Faith Direct)*  
**Last Year’s Collection: \$11,076**  
**Thank You!**



**Good News Reflection****Follow the Light of the World into Eternal Life**

God's love is more than we can ever imagine. Through God's infinite and merciful love, He sent his only beloved Son, Jesus, to Earth to teach us how to love. He sacrificed his Son to suffer and die a cruel death on the cross to save us from eternal death and damnation for our sins and the sins of Adam and Eve. He sent the Holy Spirit to guide us out of darkness and promised that if we believed, we would be rewarded with true happiness in heaven.

What an amazing gift this is! Through our faith and commitment to Jesus, we can be assured that God, who knows everything about us, including our faults and imperfections, loves us and promises us salvation rather than judgment for our failings!

But what is meant by the words "everyone who believes in Him?" The action word "believes" is much more than merely saying, "I accept Jesus as my Lord and Savior." Real belief in Jesus involves turning one's life over to Jesus and His teachings. It means making Jesus the center of our lives. It's a commitment to surrender one's selfish ways and to love others the way Christ loves.



It is still true today that many people continue to stay in the darkness rather than have their sins exposed in the light. Sometimes it is self-denial, and they are afraid to confront their own

sins. Other times, they don't want to admit to others that they are struggling. They fear that changing will be too hard. If only they would trust our most gracious and merciful God, who forgives and restores our souls when we offer our lives to Him.

We show belief when we come into the light and see, accept, and live in the truth of Jesus and His teachings. When we are true believers, our works of love will be Christ-like. Those who believe in Christ love Him and want to be like Him. Our good works will be done out of pure love and gratefulness for our God. Our belief – our faith in Christ – will go hand in hand with our actions – our works – to save us, and we will reach out to bring the Good News to others, too.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:** How do you live your life in a way that others can see that you believe God loves you and He loves them, too? In what areas of your life must you continue trusting in the love and light of Christ to transform you out of darkness?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:** How can you clearly and simply communicate the Gospel message of God's saving grace through Jesus to others? How can you sincerely share your testimony to show your personal need for a Savior?

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**ADOREMUS**  
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

**Friday, March 15, 2024 - 7:30 - 8:30 PM**

**in the church & LIVE Streaming**

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

## BRAND NEW MESSAGE SERIES FOR LENT

rebuilt  
FAITHFORTY  
DAILY EXERCISES FOR  
REBUILDING OUR FAITH,  
ONE DAY AT A TIME**Week Five: Practice Prayer and Sacraments Scripture: John 3:14–21**

In this week's message, we will look at practicing prayer. The message will focus on the Gospel of John as a reminder that in our prayer we are talking to God who gave us his only beloved Son. We can approach God with confidence because he has already given us his best and will provide all that we need.

Prayer is connecting with God who so loved us that he gave us his only beloved Son.

Carve out a time, a place and plan for prayer. Point out how reading Rebuilt Faith is about doing all three.

Inspired and encouraged to make prayer a habit and to persevere in it.

***Rebuilt Faith***, written by Fr. Michael White and Tom Corcoran proposes five simple steps to learn (or relearn) more about our Catholic faith and deepen our relationship with God. Rebuilding and renewing our faith starts with a nagging feeling that we want more connectedness, community, and purpose. That's the spark that leads to a flame that burns brightly around Jesus, the foundation of living and growing in faith. Rebuilt Faith is the theme of our weekend message series (homilies) throughout Lent. It will also be the focus of all our small group discussions this season. We're also encouraging parishioners to read the book this Lent and make a commitment to a small group experience in Lent.

**Small groups** are about life change, and small groups promote life change at a fundamental level that rarely happens in a weekend congregation. That's why growing our small group program is one of our primary goals for this Lenten season at Assumption.

Small groups are for everybody. Whether new to the faith, you can partake in or lead a group in person or online. If you're skeptical about whether you really need religious faith in your life, or if you're having that feeling something is missing, and you need more, or maybe you're just feeling stuck and don't know where to start, don't worry. When you join a small group, you'll receive a free copy of Rebuilt Faith, which is strategically designed with daily readings over the course of six weeks to help you develop your faith. We all know somebody who is skeptical, and you may even know somebody who may just be on the brink of giving themselves entirely to Christ. Let this be your call to action to join a small group, and just watch how much Jesus can change your life for the better.

It's time to begin a transformative journey. If you're already part of a small group, consider taking that next step in becoming a leader. Guiding others in their faith journey not only deepens your own understanding but also contributes to the growth within our community.





**I will restore you  
to health and  
heal your wounds,  
declares the Lord.**

**Jeremiah 30:17**

# Healing Prayer

**Tuesday, March 12<sup>TH</sup>**

**at 7:00 - 8:00 PM in the Church**

**by our PARISH PRAYER TEAM**

*Praying over individually for physical, emotional, relational and other wounds to be healed by our ultimate Healer.*

CREATIVE MINISTRIES PRESENTS



## JOURNEY CROSS & CRUCIFIXION

A live dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross

**PALM SUNDAY, March 24 at 3:00 PM in the Church**

# SPROUTS

**Children's Ministry for ages  
FOUR to SECOND 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. A presentation is given, and then the children share in their small groups. 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 information contact the Faith Formation Office.



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit [faithdirect.net/NY563](http://faithdirect.net/NY563) or scan the QR Code on your right. Please use **the parish code (NY563)**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



### 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: Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Cooking Oil, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Salad Dressing, Fruit Juice, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Cereal, Snacks, Noodles, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Potatoes, Muffin Mix, Canned Pet Food.**



The **Catholic Ministries Appeal** is an Island-wide effort by our Church to support the critically important services and programs that serve more than 600,000 people every year. 100% of every dollar raised is RESTRICTED to the ministries of the Appeal.

Through the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we can provide pastoral care to those in need on Long Island. This year our parish goal is \$56,600. Parishes who make their goal receive a rebate from the diocese, amounting to 20% of the actual goal. Last year we got back \$11,200.

If you have not already contributed, please prayerfully consider joining with me as One Faith, Family and Community, and make a gift to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please remember no gift is too small, and all gifts make a difference in someone's life! The pledge you make will be billed for the next 10 months if you like to do so or you can pay it off in full amount. Thank you very much for your generous heart in Serving Others.



Our parish subscribes to a revolutionary online platform which provides the best in Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks, and video-based studies from trusted providers. This allows you, *free of charge*, to access online resources in bible study, apologetics, Christian entertainment, family catechesis, etc. at your convenience. It's available 24/7 thus allowing you to put time aside when it's best for you. To access please visit [abvmcentereach.formed.org](http://abvmcentereach.formed.org). Our parish code is P8DGQ8



*Coffee in the Courtyard*  
in the Parish Center Hall

*Coffee Conversations Community*

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



# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Lent 2024 Schedule

His Story - Easter Musical - March 10 at 4:00 PM

Healing Prayer - March 12 at 7:00 PM

Friday, March 22 – 7:00 P.M., Parish Penance Service

## Holy Week Services — 2024

### Palm or Passion Sunday Service

Saturday, March 23 - 5:30 PM

Sunday, March 24 - 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

JOURNEY, CROSS AND CRUCIFIXION - 3:00 PM Presented by Creative Ministries

### Holy Thursday – March 28

9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer

8:00 P.M. – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Visits to Repository until 10:00 P.M.

### Good Friday – March 29

9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer

3:00 P.M. – The Lord's Passion and Holy Communion

7:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross

### Easter Vigil – March 30

9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 P.M. – Easter Vigil

### Easter Sunday – March 31

9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M., 1:00 P.M.

(Easter Egg Hunt for Children after 9:30 AM Mass)

### Reconciliation Schedule

Friday, 22 – 7:00 P.M., Parish Penance Service

Sat., March 23 – 4:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Mon., March 25 – 11:00 to 12:00 P.M.

Mon., March 25 – 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.