



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

March 31, 2024



HE IS RISEN

Happy Easter

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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 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.

Rest
in
Peace

Gerard W. Burke

Sunday, March 31

9:30 a.m. — Easter
11:30 a.m.—Easter
1:00 p.m.—Easter

Monday, April 1

9:00 a.m.—Norma Zappa (Baier Family)
Fred Hall (Reynolds Family)

Tuesday, April 2

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

Wednesday, April 3

9:00 a.m.— Patty Monetti (William & Nancy Heafy)
James Michael Schultz (Family)

Thursday, April 4

9:00 a.m.— TJ Pober (Family)
Joseph Angland (Angland Family)

Saturday, April 6

5:30 p.m.—

Sunday, April 7

9:30 a.m.— Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Gochan Family)
Intentions of William John Schultz (Family)
11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

"God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power."
1 Corinthians 6:14

STEWARDSHIP
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
Last Week's Collection: \$11,409
(includes Faith Direct)
Last Year's Collection: \$8,986
Thank You!

Good News Reflection

Christ is Risen! Christ is Truly Risen! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Mary Magdalene, Peter, and John accompanied Jesus on his final mission and were key witnesses to his inspirational teachings, astonishing miracles, traumatic suffering, and excruciating death on the cross. They were three of Jesus' most intimate friends and, besides his mother, they seemed to know him the best. We see in Scripture how Jesus tried to prepare those he loved for what was going to happen. Still, on that Easter morning when first confronted with the empty tomb, their human weakness and broken hearts gave way to sadness, suspicion, and fear. It would take them a little while before they would fully understand that Jesus had to rise from the dead through the saving power of God and then Scripture would be fulfilled.

When we love Jesus with all our hearts and are sincerely trying to follow him, we must trust him and the Holy Spirit to help us be patient and guide our

understanding of things we don't quite understand so we can stay in line with God's holy will for our lives. Is life giving you challenges? Are people in your life disappointing you or has grief, pain, illness, or other misfortune come your way somehow? Everyone has crosses we must bear at different seasons of our lives, and we are called to carry them with faith and trust even when we don't understand everything just yet.

We are also called to love others and share our faith with them as well. Sometimes it is our very crosses that connect us to the people to whom we are being led to share the Gospel of Christ! By holding intimately close to Jesus and trusting him, just as his closest disciples did in today's Gospel, we show what it means to be "Easter people." We know that God will turn our hurts and sacrifices into something beautiful in time and we, too, will rise.

Questions for Personal Reflection: How can you share the love of Christ by helping someone you know carry their cross? What can you do to allow Christ to carry more of the load of your cross? Can you recognize when Christ is working through others to help carry your cross?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing: When something bad in your life turned out good, how did this affect your faith in God? How have you experienced a time when you saw and believed as the disciple John did? Think about a time when you prayed, and things did not go as you wanted. As God always brings something good out of bad for those who believe and have faith, what good things did you discover?

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An Easter Prayer

Alleluia! Lord, Jesus, You have risen from the dead and are gloriously triumphant!

Lord, I offer You profound thanksgiving that I may join in the celebration of Your Resurrection! I thank You for loving me so much that I have been invited to participate in the new life won by You. Risen Lord, the joyful message is that suffering and death were not the end. You rose triumphantly in a new and glorified body, opening the door for all who believe in You to do the same. Draw me in, dear Lord, to Your suffering and death so that I may also be drawn into the glory of Your Resurrection. Help me to face the crosses in my life with Your strength. As I do, fill me with hope as I anticipate the new life You will bring from all sufferings united to You. Change our lives, change our hearts to be messengers of Easter joy and hope. We make our prayer through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord forever. Amen

Happy and Blessed Easter!



Brand New Message Series begins on Easter Sunday

Jesus and his resurrection changed the course of history. A. Francis wrote in *One Solitary Life*: “All the armies that have ever marched, All the navies that have ever sailed, All the parliaments that have ever sat, All the kings that have ever reigned, put together have not affected the life of mankind on this earth as much as Jesus.” He influenced the course of civilization and calls his followers to influence others. As followers of Jesus, we are to continue to influence our world both as individuals and as a community. In this series we will look at ways we can positively influence others. Influence means the act of producing an effect without an apparent exertion of force or direct exercise of command.

Small groups are about life change, and small groups promote life change at a fundamental level that rarely happens in a weekend congregation.

Small groups are for everybody. Whether new to the faith or 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. 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.



Small groups are where we grow. If you’re interested in life change, new life for you and those you love, join one of our small groups for a five-week series. Talk to someone at the Welcome Desk; call the Parish office at 631-585-8760; email us at rectory@abvmcentereach.com or fill in the form below and drop it off at the Welcome Desk. We’ll call you. We’re here to help!

Yes, I’m interested in a Small Group

Your Name _____ Cell phone _____

Email _____

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.

Assumption Prayer Team

We pray for every request in the prayer Petition Books, from Adoremus and those given to us in person. What are your prayer needs? Prayer Petition Books are in the back of the church.

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



SAVE THE DATE

Assumption

Vacation Bible School 2024

July 22nd to 27th



Coffee
in the
Courtyard

in the Parish Center Hall

Coffee
Conversations
Community

After
9:30 AM
& 11:30 AM
Masses



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit 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. The Outreach Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 10AM to 1PM.

PANTRY NEEDS: Paper Towels, Kleenex, Mustard, Ketchup, Salad Dressing, Fruit Juice, Coffee, Noodles, Rice, Baked Beans, Canned Chili, Canned Tomatoes, Muffin Mix, Jell-O, Pudding Mix, Frosting, Peanut Butter, Jelly.



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.

Daily Practice

"Daily Practice" is a daily devotional that is sent in an email weekly. It is a Scripture passage, and a reflection, for each day of the week. If you would like to subscribe to it, please sign up with an email. It will be sent to you every week on a Friday before. Please leave your name and email at the Welcome Desk or contact the Office at rectory@abvmcentereach.com.



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. Our parish code is P8DGQ8



Lighthouse Mission
"Hope Beyond the Food"
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Bellport New York 11713
(631) 758-7584

March 15, 2024

Father Joe
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
33 Crown Acres Road
Centereach, NY 11720

Dear Father Joe and Our Friends at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,

Thank you so much for hosting a clothing drive for us. We appreciate your generosity to us so we can continue to help those in need!

As we leave winter behind and look to embrace the spring season, Lighthouse Mission continues to be a beacon of light to our hurting neighbors. The clothing will be distributed along with food to those who are struggling to provide for themselves and their families. Thank you for partnering with us so we can continue to be a vessel of hope, not only by providing for those physical needs but by bringing the hope of Jesus to everyone who we serve.

You are a blessing and encouragement to us at Lighthouse Mission and the needy on Long Island.

I can't wait to see how God will use YOU next!

God bless you,

Pastor Jim Ryan
Pastor James Ryan Th.D.
President

*Hey Father Joe —
Thank you and our friends
for the clothing drive!
This winter we were able
to provide warm clothing
to so many!
God bless you!*

Please visit www.LighthouseGIVE.com for a safe way to donate online
HELLO@LighthouseMission.com EIN#20-5850026 www.LighthouseMission.com

