



# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary RC Church

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*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish is a welcoming community,  
sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through faith, prayer and the sacraments.*

## January 27, 2019

### **We celebrate EUCHARIST**

Saturdays: 8:30 AM and 5:30 PM

Sundays: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM

Weekdays: 7:30 and 9:00 AM

### **We celebrate PENANCE**

Saturdays: 4:00 – 5:00 PM and by appointment.

### **We celebrate BAPTISM**

Usually the first and third Sundays each month. Meeting with Deacon Mike and attendance at class is required. Please contact the rectory during regular office hours to register.

### **We celebrate MARRIAGE**

Make arrangements with the priest at least six months prior to the wedding. All are required by our Bishop to attend the Pre-Cana Conferences as part of the preparation.

### **Catholic Daughters of the America's (Court St. Gerard)**

First Thursday of the month: Sept - June at 7:30 PM in the Parish Library. Contact Maria Calestini at [flo815@optonline.net](mailto:flo815@optonline.net).

### **Catholic War Veterans**

Second Saturday of the month: Sept - June at 10 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Richard Gallagher at [popparich38@aol.com](mailto:popparich38@aol.com).

### **Communion for the Sick or Shut-ins**

Contact the rectory during regular office hours.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

- First Friday of the month: 1:00 - 2:00 PM. - Nocturnal Adoration
- Third Friday of the month: 7:30-8:30 PM. - ADOREMUS

### **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).

### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Saturdays following the 8:30 AM Mass.

### **Music Ministry**

Our parish's Music Ministry seeks to lead and support our parish family in full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy. Practices are on Wednesday, 6 – 7:30 PM, and Thursday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM. For further information call Rob at 516-523-1668.

### **Parish Social Ministry (Outreach)**

Open Tuesday and Friday, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Food pantry available. Will also try to help with referrals and advocacy. Call Outreach Office for appointment, 631-585-8760 x101.

### **RCIA**

Provides for those who have never been baptized an adult process to experience the joy of our Catholic community; also prepares those who have been baptized but have not celebrated Eucharist and/or Confirmation to do so within an adult context. Anyone 18 and over is welcome. Contact the rectory office at 631-585-8760.

### **Religious Formation Office**

Works with parents to share faith with our youngest members, grades 1-8. Contact Lisette Robustelli for details at 631-588-6408. Office hours during school sessions: Mon. & Tues., 9 AM - 8 PM; Wed. 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM - Noon. Office is closed Thursday, Friday. Opened Sunday, 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM during class sessions. Check bulletin for summer hours.

### **Rosary Altar Society**

A service-based women's organization that cares for the Church and promotes the spiritual life of its members. Contact the rectory for meeting dates and times.

### **Scouting (Cub Scout, Boy Scouts)**

Contact Chantal Mears at [Chantalmears@yahoo.com](mailto:Chantalmears@yahoo.com) or 631-438-2468 or visit [www.bsa356.com](http://www.bsa356.com) for more details.

### **Youth Ministry**

- High School Ministry (AYM), Wednesdays: 7:30 - 9:00 PM in parish center. All teens, grades 9 - 12, are invited.
- Middle School Ministry (MSM), Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:45 PM in parish center. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited.

For further information, contact Renata 631-585-8760 or email [rptak@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rptak@abvmcentereach.com).

Rev. Chris Aridas, Pastor

Msgr. Joseph K. Curley, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Joseph Alenchery

Deacon Michael Montellione

Rectory: M - F 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Phone: 631-585-8760; Fax: 631-585-3601

Religious Education: 631-588-6408

Youth Ministry (AYM): 631-588-7434

## ***From the Pastor's Desk***

### ***Who is Alpha for?***

The main audience for Alpha is non-believers or “seekers,” especially people outside of any church who are willing to explore the meaning of life. However, churchgoers and even strong Christians often have a spiritual awakening or renewal of their faith through Alpha. Alpha focuses on the initial proclamation of the Gospel, but other tools should follow afterward for catechesis and deeper spiritual formation. Alpha offers specialized sessions designed to meet the needs of a variety of groups including youth, college students, military personnel, marketplace workers, prisoners, or in any environment where guests can gather and one or more small groups can be formed. Principally, it is the same Alpha offered in a variety of contexts.



### ***Why should Catholics consider Alpha as an excellent resource for the New Evangelization?***

In calling for a New Evangelization, recent popes have emphasized the need for Catholics to encounter Christ personally themselves, and to invite others to faith in him both by word and by the witness of their lives. Alpha is a powerfully effective tool for accomplishing these aims. The Alpha talks communicate the essentials of the Gospel in an attractive, compelling way that reaches the hearts of those who are seeking, questioning, doubting, or thirsting for more. Participants in Alpha—both those who are already practicing Catholics and those who are not—often experience a profound personal encounter with Christ in which they discover his love and are moved to commit their lives more deeply to him. At the same time, Alpha provides a simple, non-threatening setting to which Catholics can invite their unchurched friends, neighbors and coworkers who are interested in exploring questions of faith. Alpha is a means of evangelization that is not intended to be all encompassing. Rather, it serves as an initial proclamation of the Gospel which necessarily requires continuing catechesis and ongoing spiritual formation.

### ***What is the content of the Alpha talks?***

All the talks will take place on Mondays starting September 11<sup>th</sup>. Following an introductory talk on exploring the meaning of life, Alpha offers three talks on the person and message of Jesus, followed by three talks on how to grow in faith. Then there is a retreat experience focusing on the Holy Spirit and an invitation to faith. The “retreat” sessions takes place on one Saturday ending by the early afternoon. The final four talks focus on personal transformation and healing, mission, and becoming part of the church. Here is the list of talks:

Introduction: “Is There More to Life Than This?”

Talk 1: Who is Jesus?

Talk 2: Why Did Jesus Die?

Talk 3: How Can We Have Faith?

Talk 4: Why and How Do I Pray?

Talk 5: Why and How Do I Read the Bible?

Talk 6: How Does God Guide Us?

Retreat talk 1: Who is the Holy Spirit?

Retreat talk 2: What Does the Holy Spirit Do?

Retreat talk 3: How Can I Be Filled with the Holy Spirit?

Retreat talk 4: How Can I make the Most of the Rest of My Life?

Talk 7: How Can I Resist Evil?

Talk 8: Why and How Should I Tell Others?

Talk 9: Does God Heal Today?

Talk 10: What about the Church?

(to be continued)

# Mass Intentions for the Week



## Sunday, January 27th

- 8:00 a.m. — Angelo Montefusco (Donato Family)
- 9:30 a.m. — Lucyna Vetrovec (Sheila, Maureen & Jim)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

## Monday, January 28th

- 7:30 a.m. — Anthony D'Auria
- 9:00 a.m. — Harold M. Russell (Family)

## Tuesday, January 29th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Dorothy White (Rose Picariello)

## Wednesday, January 30th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Thomas Stevens (Legion of Mary)

## Thursday, January 31st

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Amelia & Inacio DeSousa (Family)

## Friday, February 1st

- 7:30 a.m. — Dorothy Mary White
- 9:00 a.m. — David J. Worrell (Family)

## Saturday, February 2nd

- 8:30 a.m. — Frank Campanelli, Sr.
- 5:30 p.m. — Edith Gangarossa (M/M George Van Schaick)

## Sunday, February 3rd

- 8:00 a.m. — Frank DiNapoli (Ralph & Judy Flagiello)
- 9:30 a.m. — Florence McKee (Diane Melfi)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

## Rest in Peace

Ann Sherlock

## Youth Ministry

Middle School Ministry (MSM) —

Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Come and discover all that God wants to offer through our MSM community's faith-building programs.



## Assumption Youth

### Ministry (AYM)

AYM welcomes all high school teens grades 9-12 to "Come & See" — Wednesday nights, 7:30-9 p.m. in the parish center.



## Faith Formation Office Hours

From mid-October through mid-May the office is opened Monday & Tuesday from 9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. (when there are classes); Wednesday 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m.—noon.

## Outreach Needs

Noodles, Kleenex, mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, canned chili.

## Eucharistic Adoration:

### Friday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 to 2 P.M.

Spend an hour of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. In addition to the Office of the Blessed Sacrament and quiet time, the hour ends with Benediction—an excellent way to pray for your family, community, the world, and yourself.

## Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life



### Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$7,873  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$10,076

*Thank You!*

New parishioner? Moving out of the parish? Kindly fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner \_\_\_\_\_ Moving \_\_\_\_\_

### **We've Launched a New Webpage**

We've redone our website.

Our parish website was one of the best in the diocese— easy to navigate and filled with lots of helpful information. Now it's even better than ever, filled with helpful information, e.g., information on sacramental preparation, funeral readings, wedding readings, parish registration forms, schedules, parish calendar, etc. In addition, we list parish hours, email addresses, RE information, AYM permission forms, important links to other sites and up-to-date information regarding various parish activities. Check it out at [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com).

When you use the website, if you find something that doesn't work, e.g., a link that goes nowhere, please contact the office so we can fix it. There was a great deal of cross referencing that went into the project. It would be unlikely that we actually crossed all the t's or dotted all the i's without missing something, so help us out by telling us if something didn't work when you viewed the site.



Our parish now subscribes to a revolutionary online platform which provides the best in Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks, and video-based studies from trusted providers like the Augustine Institute, Scott Hahn, Edward Sri, Fr. Michael Gaitley, etc. 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.

Check it out by signing up for the website. Simply type in [abvmcentereach.formed.org](http://abvmcentereach.formed.org) on your browser. You will be asked to fill out a registration form and create a password for your email address. **There is no charge.** Once you have registered you'll have access to all the material on FORMED.

You also can install FORMED through an app. Learn more at [app.formed.org](http://app.formed.org). Our parish code is P8DGQ8.

## **Third Annual Mardi Gras Celebration**



When: Tuesday, March 5, 2019  
Where: Assumption Parish Hall  
Time: 6:30—9:00 pm  
Cost: \$10.00 per person/\$25.00 per family (parents and children)

**NOTE: TICKETS WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!**

Come celebrate as one family in Christ the start of our most Holy Season by joining with the ABVM Women's Ministry for their Third Annual Mardi Gras event! There will be plenty of food, soft drinks and games for adults and children alike!

Don't forget your costumes (not required). There will be first, second, and third place prizes for the best costumes for both children and adults.

**Direct any inquiries to Georgia Lovell, 631-891-7387, [glovell951@gmail.com](mailto:glovell951@gmail.com)  
Diane Miller, 516-443-7856, [dimiller@optonline.net](mailto:dimiller@optonline.net).**

Tickets can be obtained at the parish office during regular office hours or by mail.

Fill out the following information and drop it off with payment at the rectory no later than Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. **Make check out to ABVM Church.**

Kindly provide an email and phone number in case we need to contact you.

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Provide the name of those attending for name tags

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2 \_\_\_\_\_ 5 \_\_\_\_\_

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