



# 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.*

## February 3, 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

## Why does Alpha emphasize the Holy Spirit?

The Alpha retreat experience invites guests to experience conversion and be filled with the Holy Spirit. Although Catholics have already received the Holy Spirit through Baptism and Confirmation, various factors, including the effects of a predominantly secular culture, can hinder these sacraments from reaching their full fruitfulness in an individual's life. There is need for an actualization or "fanning into flame" of the gift already received (cf. 2 Tim 1:6). Think of it like this: the Holy Spirit is like a pilot light in a gas oven—always present but not necessarily seen or experienced. Being filled with the Holy Spirit is like turning up the gas, as the early Christians experienced in Acts 4:31. Recent popes have emphasized the need for the Church to experience a new Pentecost in order to carry out the New Evangelization: "Renew your wonders in our time, as though for a new Pentecost..." (Pope John XXIII homily, Christmas Mass, December 25, 1961) and "It is the Paraclete Spirit, the Comforter, who grants us the courage to take to the streets of the world, bringing the Gospel! The Holy Spirit makes us look to the horizon and drive us to the very outskirts of existence in order to proclaim life in Jesus Christ." (Pope Francis homily, Pentecost Mass, May 19, 2013)

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## What method does Alpha use to preach the Gospel?

According to Pope Paul VI, evangelization must use means best suited for communicating the Gospel to men and women of our times, including the witness of an authentically Christian life, explicit preaching, proclamation of the Gospel during the Liturgy of the Word, catechetical instruction, the use of mass media, personal contact, integration with the sacramental life, and popular piety properly understood. The General Catechetical Directory further explains that Catholic methodology should involve inductive and deductive methods, small groups, and reflection on human experience. (To be continued.)

## Catholic Ministries Appeal

I want to thank everyone who helped make last year's 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal a success. The diocese collected over ten million dollars, which was used to support many services for the people on Long Island.

Your generosity enabled our parish to reach our assigned goal of \$57,400, thus bringing back to the parish \$14,322 in monies that have been redirected to parish activities.

This year our parish 2019 goal remains \$57,400. Your generosity provides us with an opportunity to reach out to those in need by supporting the many programs run by our diocese. In particular, the CMA enables our Catholic community on Long Island to support the work of Catholic Charities, our Catholic Regional Schools, programs for ongoing formation and training of lay leaders as well as our deacons; our seminary which trains men for the priesthood as well as various pastoral offices which provide excellent resources throughout the diocese are also funded by the Appeal. This is but a short listing of a large number of worthwhile programs which your generous contributions support. In addition, parishes who make their goal receive a rebate from the diocese, amounting to 20% of the actual goal.

Please ask the Lord how you might participate. Your pledge is payable over a ten-month period of time. Remember also, that one does not have to donate a large amount; joining everyone's sacrificial gift adds up to a great resource for those in need.

### Catholic Ministries Appeal

Your gift enables the Diocese of Rockville Centre to embody the biblical tradition of our faith—loving service to those in need.

	Amount	10 Payments
	\$5,000	\$500
	2,500	250
	1,500	150
	1,000	100
	500	50
	300	30
	200	20
	Other	_____

Please clip out and mail to rectory or place with Sunday offering.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount I Wish to Pledge \_\_\_\_\_



# Mass Intentions for the Week



## 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

## Monday, February 4th

- 7:30 a.m. — Mary Platia
- 9:00 a.m. — Raymond & John Dias (Dias Family)

## Tuesday, February 5th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Elida Diaz (Friends & Kids)

## Wednesday, February 6th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Intention of President Trump (Legion of Mary)

## Thursday, February 7th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Verius Paul (Children)

## Friday, February 8th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Stefanie Ludyny (Mom)

## Saturday, February 9th

- 8:30 a.m. — Robert Scibelli
- 5:30 p.m. — Dorothy O'Boyle (Zaleski Family)

## Sunday, February 10th

- 8:00 a.m. — Eleanor & Gary Shultz (E. McGuiness)
- 9:30 a.m. — Luis A. Luces (Luces Family)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

## 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

Kleenex, conditioner, sugar, laundry detergent, dish-washing liquid, coffee, tea.

## Parish "Media Ministry" Forming

Come join our newly formed media ministry. **Job description:** operate the computer during mass so we can project the songs, prayers, and readings on the screen. The response to using the screen has been very positive. What we need now is a group of "media people" who will help to lead the people in prayer and song through this innovative ministry. It's not difficult to do; see Fr. Joseph for details.

## Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life



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

Last Week's Collection \$8,576 (includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection \$10,674

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 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Msgr. Curley Accepted at St. Pius**

Some nine years ago, Bishop Murphy suggested I look at St. Pius X Priests' Retirement Facility in Amityville when I retired as pastor. At that time I still had some energy and felt I could continue to do some work. Fr. Chris, the new pastor, was willing to allow me to stay on, and so I remained for the next nine years, having been pastor for twenty-seven years. It has been a long stay. I always enjoyed this parish and have been helped greatly by the friendship and concern shown by Fathers Chris and Joseph. Thanks to all who made my stay enjoyable, which was most of you. Now, however, I've slowed up and am feeling increasingly tired. About a year ago I applied for residence at St. Pius, which by then was over crowded. A few weeks ago, however, they told me rooms would be available some time in February. There are now seventeen or eighteen priests living there, and age-wise I fit in the middle of them. I will keep my car and can still get around. And so, within a few weeks I'll be pulling up stakes and moving to Amityville. May God bless all of you, my friends.



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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