



# 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 10, 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

### Is Alpha the right tool for lifelong Catholics?

The U.S. Bishops' document on the New Evangelization, *Disciples Called to Witness*, points out that 77% of Catholics do not attend Mass on a weekly basis. Of the 23% who do, only a small proportion identify themselves as disciples of Jesus or share their faith with others. This indicates that the vast majority of Catholics are missing something essential. As Saint John Paul II pointed out, many Catholics have been catechized without ever having been evangelized. That is, they have never heard "the initial ardent proclamation by which a person is one day overwhelmed and brought to the decision to entrust himself to Jesus Christ by faith." Alpha provides this ardent proclamation and thus serves as an excellent tool for the re-evangelization of lifelong Catholics.

Alpha Is  
Coming  
3/11



### What Should You Do?

If you wish to hear again or for the first time the ardent proclamation of the Gospel, then RSVP to the invitation to "Come and See." We will have an introductory session on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. We will begin with a meal, and then have a short video presentation followed by a small group experience. At the end of the session you will have the opportunity to sign up for the entire Alpha course. **Please note that registration for the March 11<sup>th</sup> session is needed since we must prepare a meal for all participants. You can register by calling the rectory (631-585-8760) and leaving your name and phone number, or by emailing Maria at [rectory@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rectory@abvmcentereach.com).**

### 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.	<table border="0"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Amount</th> <th style="text-align: left;">10 Payments</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr><td>\$5,000</td><td>\$500</td></tr> <tr><td>2,500</td><td>250</td></tr> <tr><td>1,500</td><td>150</td></tr> <tr><td>1,000</td><td>100</td></tr> <tr><td>500</td><td>50</td></tr> <tr><td>300</td><td>30</td></tr> <tr><td>200</td><td>20</td></tr> <tr><td>Other</td><td>—</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Amount	10 Payments	\$5,000	\$500	2,500	250	1,500	150	1,000	100	500	50	300	30	200	20	Other	—
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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 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

## Monday, February 11th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Mary Farina (Weeks Family)

## Tuesday, February 12th

- 7:30 a.m — Intention of Josephine Scala
- 9:00 a.m. —

## Wednesday, February 13th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Steven P. Lennon (Family)

## Thursday, February 14th

- 7:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. — Otto Wolz

## Friday, February 15th

- 7:30 a.m. — People of the Parish (Josephine Scala)
- 9:00 a.m. — John Paeper (Tiri & Children)

## Saturday, February 16th

- 8:30 a.m. — Charles Leahy (Family)
- 5:30 p.m. — Lucio Petroccione, Sr.  
(Barbara Tingo & Family)

## Sunday, February 17th

- 8:00 a.m. — Inocencio Dacruz (M/M K. O'Toole & M/M J. Moutinho)
- 9:30 a.m. — Valeriano Dimaya (Ed Uy & 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

Laundry detergent, dishwashing liquid, tea, canned chili, box milk, ketchup, grape jelly, fruit juice.

## 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 \$9,245  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$9,740

*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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Save the Date!**

As announced last week, Msgr. will be moving to St. Pius X Retirement Facility in Amityville. His departure date will be Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup>.

In order to show our appreciation for his thirty-six years of priestly service as both pastor and pastor emeritus here at Assumption, we will have a farewell mass on Sunday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, at the 9:30 a.m. mass, followed by a simple reception of coffee and cake in the parish's main hall.

Put the date aside so you can join in offering your thanks to the extraordinary priest who has been part of our lives for so many years.

**Your Input Is Requested**

Bishop Barres and the Priest Personnel Board are requesting input regarding the skills and qualities you think are necessary in the next pastor as well as any specific parish needs you think must be addressed. To participate go to the diocesan website, [drvc.org](http://drvc.org), fill out the New Pastor Recommendation Form and follow the directions posted.



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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