



# **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.*

## **March 31, 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 Montelione

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

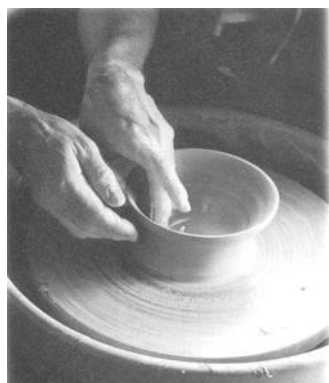
### Fr. Joseph Appointed as the Next Pastor for Assumption Parish

Just as the bulletin was being finalized, I got word that Fr. Joseph had been appointed pastor of Assumption parish, effective Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup>. I am sure you join with me in congratulating him on his new assignment — new in that he will take on the pastoral responsibilities for the entire parish, not just various programs; not-so-new in that he's been actively pastoring our parish for the past eight years.

In making the appointment, the Bishop indicated that our parish will not be getting a replacement. That means our parish will join the ranks of several neighboring parishes which are designated as "one-priest" parishes. Naturally this is going to require an adjustment on the part of all parishioners. Fr. Joseph will have to figure out some of these adjustments, but they certainly will involve daily mass schedules, figuring out the administrative piece (currently I take care of all that, whereas most parishes hire a business administrator), etc. More on all that as we get closer to the transition date.

There is no need to extol Fr. Joseph's capabilities. They are quite apparent, and I've made no secret in expressing my admiration and esteem for his abilities. I have no doubt that the parish will be blessed by his leadership. Together let's rejoice in the wonderful gift the Lord has given us in assigning our own brother-in-the Lord to continue leading us in the ways of the Kingdom.

### Parish Penance Service: April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 P.M.



"You are  
in my hands  
just like the clay  
in the potter's  
hands."

### Interactive Multisensory Prayer Room

A Lenten Prayer Experience

Saturday, April 13  
to  
Tuesday, April 16



Prayer Room consisting of Prayer Stations

There's something to pray about and something to do at each station to help you encounter the Story...the Scripture...the Spirit.

Allow God to speak to you as you go through these stations.

And even more important...

Listen...wait...take time...

and let Jesus talk to you. And finally...

Know that YOU are LOVED!

in the  
Parish Center Hall

Sat., April 13, 6:30 P.M. - 8 P.M.  
Sun., April 14, 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

Mon., April 15, 2 P.M. - 8 P.M.  
Tues., April 16, 10 A.M. - 8 P.M.

For details: [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com)

Don't  
Forget  
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, March 31st

- 8:00 a.m. — Mario Gallo
- 9:30 a.m. — Jerry McGrath (Geraldine)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

## Monday, April 1st

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Deceased Members of Dias & Fernandes Families (Dias Family)

## Tuesday, April 2nd

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Domenica Carone (Family)

## Wednesday, April 3rd

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Joseph Angland, Jr. (Family)

## Thursday, April 4th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Alina Azmitia (surgery on Friday)

## Friday, April 5th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — David & Kathleen Worrell (Family)

## Saturday, April 6th

- 8:30 a.m. — Catholic Daughters of the Americas
- 5:30 p.m. — John & Anna Brennan

## Sunday, April 7th

- 8:00 a.m. — Amelia & Inacio DeSousa (Family)
- 9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

## Outreach Needs

Paper towels, Kleenex, coffee, toothpaste, canned fruit, mustard.

## 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.

## Eucharistic Adoration:

### Friday, April 5<sup>th</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.

## Save the Dates

Our parish's Lenten Penance Service will be celebrated on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Church. Our Lenten Multisensory Prayer Room experience will be available from April 13<sup>th</sup> through April 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life



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

Last Week's Collection \$7,908  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$10,602

*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 \_\_\_\_\_

## **Holy Name Easter Bunny Project**

The Easter Bunny Project, developed over 50 years ago, is seeking additional members. The society brings bags of candy and treats to the disabled in special schools as well as a nursing home visit for about two weeks during the Easter Season. As our members have aged, we need interested parishioners who would join us in this endeavor by wearing a costume for the visits which take place on weekdays during the day, and last for a few hours. Please think about it; we could really use your help. You can contact either Sal Stingo at [rtchuntington@yahoo.com](mailto:rtchuntington@yahoo.com) or Anita Wolf at [hwolf96@aol.com](mailto:hwolf96@aol.com). Looking forward to hearing from you!

## **Steubenville Youth Conference**

Steubenville High School Youth Conference is going to be held at St. John's University, Queens, NY, July 19<sup>th</sup>—21<sup>st</sup>. The goal of every Steubenville Conference is for teens to open their hearts to Jesus Christ who desires their lives to be fulfilling, exciting, and joyful! Mass is celebrated daily and the Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered during the weekend, as well as Eucharistic Adoration on Friday and Saturday. It is during these times that many teens come to experience the love of the Lord, and the need they have to either commit or recommit their lives to Him.

Our parish anticipates sending more than 25 teens and leaders to the conference! To support this effort, however, each teen must raise \$350 to cover costs (room, board, registration fee) in addition to hiring a bus. Each teen is responsible for acquiring the funds. To help with this project, please consider sponsoring a teen. For details, contact Fr. Joseph (585-8760 x102) or Renata (585-8760 x121) at the parish offices. They will provide additional information as to how you can help our teens experience the Lord's presence by attending this conference.

## **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. It's not difficult to help lead the people in prayer and song through this innovative ministry. It's See Fr. Joseph for details.

## **BSA Easter Chocolate Sale**

Boy Scout Troop 356 will be holding its annual Easter Chocolate Sale after the masses on April 6<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup>. The scouts put a great deal of working making these chocolates, which sell from \$1—\$6. Please stop by and continue to support our scouts. BSA Troop 356 appreciates your help.



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.

## **50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary**

This spring, couples that have been married fifty years or more will be honored at a Mass on Sunday, May 5, 2019 at the Church of St. Rose of Lima in Massapequa. Mass will begin at 2:30 p.m. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the parish office during regular office hours. Registration must be received by the Office of Faith Formation by April 15, 2019. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 506.

## **Lenten Fasting and Abstinence**

In keeping with the spirit of penance, all Catholics who have reached their fourteenth year are bound to abstain entirely from meat/poultry on all the Fridays of Lent.

All Catholics between the ages of eighteen and fifty-nine inclusive are also bound to observe the law of fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. This means limiting oneself to a single full meal and avoiding food between meals. Two other light meals, which together do not equal a full meal, may be taken during the day. Those whose work or health would be impaired are excused from fast and abstinence. Individual conscience should decide proper cause for excuse. A more serious reason is required to excuse oneself from Good Friday fast and abstinence.

## **Rest in Peace**

Irene Meeks, Bernard Graziano, Jr., Joseph Sarno