



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.*

April 21, 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.

Catholic War Veterans

Second Saturday of the month: Sept - June at 10 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Richard Gallagher at 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 or Anita Wolf at 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 or 631-438-2468 or visit 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 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited.

For further information, contact Renata 631-585-8760 or email 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

Easter Jubilee

As we begin our Easter Jubilee — fifty days of celebrating the unfathomable proclamation of Jesus' resurrection — the Church invites us to ponder anew the cosmic significance of Jesus Christ crucified raised from the dead. Not a vague recollection of a past event, Jesus' death and resurrection continues to unfold within each of us as we embrace the Gospel truth that out of death comes life. Here is the plan of salvation actively germinating within the hearts of humankind — a seed that will bear fruit in God's Kingdom as we nurture and tend to its growth in our daily lives. This is either true or false. It cannot be somewhere in the middle. If it is true, then our very lives are at stake; if it is false, then it doesn't matter what we do. If it is true, then we bow down in worship before the God who has revealed such a marvelous truth to us. If it is false, then we shouldn't bother with anything other than ourselves. Words will not convince anyone of the Gospel's truth. Lives lived according to the Gospel, however, will give others the opportunity to choose the truth because they see it in our very flesh.

Alleluia! He Is Risen

Catholic Ministries Appeal

Our parish goal is \$57,400. Thus far we have pledged \$55,909. Your generosity provides us with an excellent 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 LI 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. This is but a short list of a large number of worthwhile programs which your contributions support.

In addition, parishes who make their goal receive a rebate from the diocese, amounting to 20% of the actual goal. We're getting close — less than \$1,500 to go. Please ask the Lord how you might participate. Your pledge is payable over a ten-month period of time. Remember, one does not have to donate a large amount; joining everyone's sacrificial gift adds up to a great resource for those in need.

Don't
Forget
Those
in Need

Catholic Ministries Appeal		
 <p>Your gift enables the Diocese of Rockville Centre to embody the biblical tradition of our faith—loving service to those in need.</p>	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



EASTER Sunday, April 21st

8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.

Monday, April 22nd

7:30 a.m. —

9:00 a.m. — Bronislaw Tutka (Renata & Family)

Tuesday, April 23rd

7:30 a.m. —

9:00 a.m. —

Wednesday, April 24th

7:30 a.m. — Jocelyn Romulo Bala (Ed Uy & Family)

9:00 a.m. —

Thursday, April 25th

7:30 a.m. —

9:00 a.m. —

Friday, April 26th

7:30 a.m. —

9:00 a.m. —

Saturday, April 27th

8:30 a.m. —

5:30 p.m. — Herb Schieren (Geraldine Falco & Family)

Sunday, April 28th

8:00 a.m. — Abelardo Angeles (Family)

9:30 a.m. — Lucyna Vetovec (Family)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Outreach Needs

Noodles, fruit juice, baked beans, Kleenex, salad dressing, hot cocoa mix

Rest in Peace

Dolores Mandarine

Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life



Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
(Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$10,603
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,134

Thank You!

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.

Attention Veterans!

There will be a free Benefits & Resources Event for veterans on Saturday, April 27th, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. at the Long Island State Veterans Home in Stony Brook. Meeting will be in the multi-purpose room. For more information call 631-444-8606 or visit www.listateveteranshome.org.

Faith Direct

The Lord is risen! Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit faith.direct/NY563 or text the word **ENROLL** to (Text-to-Give Phone Number). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

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 _____

Steubenville Youth Conference

Steubenville High School Youth Conference is going to be held at St. John's University, Queens, NY, July 19th—21st. 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. See Fr. Joseph for details.



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 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. Our parish code is P8DGQ8.

50th 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.

Save the Date:

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Vacation Bible School
Week of July 15-19, 2019



VBS 2019
World Changers

ADOREMUS

Eucharistic Adoration

with Contemporary and
Traditional Music

May 17th

7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

(Every 3rd Friday of the Month)

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP
SILENT ADORATION
BENEDICTION**

*Enter, let us bow down in worship;
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.*
Psalm 95:6