



# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary RC Church

20 Chestnut Street, Centereach, NY 11720 • 631-585-8760 • [abvmcentereach.com](http://abvmcentereach.com)

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

## June 23, 2019

### **We celebrate EUCHARIST**

Saturdays: 5:30 PM

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

Weekdays: 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**

Wednesdays following the 9:00 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 the office 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
- Middle School Ministry (MSM), Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:45 PM

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

Rev. Joseph Alenchery, Pastor  
Rev. Chris Aridas, Retired Pastor  
Deacon Michael Montelione

Rectory Office: M - F 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.  
Phone: 631-585-8760; Fax: 1-866-214-3365  
Faith Formation: 631-588-6408

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

This Sunday is my last pastor's column. On Wednesday I enter the ranks of "the retired," at which time Fr. Joseph will become our new pastor.

I want to spend a moment, therefore, thanking all who have helped make my time at Assumption Parish for the past nine years a time of joy and personal growth. I have been blessed in more ways than I can count: the fraternal support and love of Fr. Joseph and Msgr. Curley, the hard work of Deacon Mike and our parish staff who helped implement new and exciting opportunities for the parish, and, of course, all of those whose prayerful love and support put flesh on dreams and visions of becoming a vibrant parish centered on the Lord.

There is much for which the parish can be proud. In many ways we've forged new paths and become models for others as we tried to embody the Gospel of Jesus in which we have placed our hope. I am particularly grateful for our "Take Back Sunday" program, followed closely by our numerous Alpha Courses which were started by Fr. Joseph to help our youth and then quickly moved to our adult community. These are but two examples where our parish has taken a lead striving to remedy the growing disconnect between family religious practice and faith-formation. I thank God that we have been able to take these steps during my time as pastor.

In addition, I am thankful for the generosity and support of the dedicated group of parishioners without whom we would not have been able to run our parish offices or provide adequate office space in our refurbished parish center; nor would we have been able to take care of the many facility repairs which had to be done — church roof, windows, boiler, interior renovation, parking lot, lighting, parish center windows, roof, computers, etc. Without their support we'd be unable to function. I thank God that they have stepped forward to accomplish all that needed to be done.

Many have asked me what I intend to do when I retire. Without the responsibility of pastoring, with its ever increasing spiritual and administrative challenges, I will have more time to spend in prayer as well as be present and available to my mother. There was much that I had ignored during these years because time did not allow which I now can begin to revisit: music, reading, writing. In addition, I will remain present to support Fr. Joseph.

Be assured of my continued prayers for you and for our Church. And please remember me when you come before the Lord, especially during the Eucharist.

### **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 Renata (631-585-8760 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

## Mass Intentions for the Week



### Sunday, June 23rd

- 8:00 a.m. — Bob Higgins (Jen Satalino)  
 9:30 a.m. — Amelia & Inacio DeSousa (Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

### Monday, June 24th

- 7:30 a.m. — Abelardo Angeles (Family)  
 9:00 a.m. — Jane Brodowski (Melfi Family)

### Tuesday, June 25th

- 7:30 a.m. — John Ross (Mary Ross)  
 9:00 a.m. — Angelina Lisi

### Wednesday, June 26th

- 7:30 a.m. —  
 9:00 a.m. — Matthew Borkowski (Family)

### Thursday, June 27th

- 7:30 a.m. —  
 9:00 a.m. — Annaliese Lenhard (Hilda)

### Friday, June 28th

- 7:30 a.m. — Josephine Zecca (Son Vincent & Family)  
 9:00 a.m. — Harold M. Russell (Family)

### Saturday, June 29th

- 8:30 a.m. — Edwin Santiago (Jane Coggins)  
 5:30 p.m. — Arthur Bridgwood

### Sunday, June 30th

- 8:00 a.m. — Joseph Donoghue  
 9:30 a.m. — Lucyna Vetrovec (Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

### Outreach Needs

Syrup, Tuna, Jelly, Canned fruit, Fruit juice, Bar soap, Laundry detergent, Cooking oil

### Rest in Peace

Gail Ingleston

### Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life



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

Last Week's Collection \$8,014  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,686

*Thank You!*

### Youth Ministry Summer Schedule

**Middle School Ministry (MSM) — Summer Fun**  
 Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. July 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. August 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm, Hobbs Farm; August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 p.m. Family Movie Night in parking lot.

**Assumption Youth Ministry (AYM) — Summer Fun**  
 July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.; July 13<sup>th</sup> Canoe Trip (registration needed); July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. August 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Hobbs Farm; August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 p.m., Family Movie Night in parking lot.

Come and discover all that God wants to offer through our MSM and AYM community's faith-building, fun-filled summer programs.

### Faith Formation

#### Summer Office Hours

The office is opened Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

### Faith Direct

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](http://faith.direct/NY563) or text the word **ENROLL** to (Text-to-Give Phone Number). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

### Registration for Religious Ed

Registration for our upcoming Religious Program has begun. It's important that you register as soon as possible so we can arrange the classrooms in a timely fashion. Registration forms have been mailed to all current participants. The form is also located on our webpage — [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com).

Please consider helping out with our program as a catechist, office worker, security person. The sharing of faith is the responsibility of all the adults in the parish; you're help is essential.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Parking Lot Repair**

At the urging of our parish’s Pastoral Council, we’ve begun repairing our parking lot area. It’s a massive and expensive project — one that must be done now because of safety concerns. I had hoped to wait until all the pledges were collected before beginning this project. Safety, however, dictates that we do this now before someone is injured. I know it will be inconvenient as the project unfolds; your patience is much appreciated.

**Change in Daily Mass Schedule**

With Fr. Chris’ retirement our parish officially becomes a “one-priest parish.” This will require some changes in our daily mass schedule as well as our expectations as to when and where a priest might be available.

Parishes who are “one-priest parishes” (there are more than 30) normally have one mass a day, with no masses on Friday or Saturday morning. Fr. Joseph has decided that he would have one mass a day at 9:00 a.m., Monday through Friday. There will be no Saturday morning mass since there will be mass on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. as usual. The Miraculous Medal Novena which had taken place on Saturday will now take place after the 9:00 a.m. mass on Wednesdays. The Sunday schedule will remain the same.

All of this will require a time of adjustment. Your cooperation and support are most appreciated.



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.

**Vacation Bible School  
Week of July 15-19, 2019**



**VBS 2019  
World Changers**

**Vacation Bible School**

**For Grades K—6; Jr. Counselors, Grades 7 & Up  
Monday—Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup>—19<sup>th</sup>,  
8:30 a.m.—Noon**

Our parish’s Vacation Bible School (VBS) begins July 15<sup>th</sup>. It includes snacks, crafts, t-shirts, music, fun, storytelling and games. Register now so your child does not miss out on the fun!

If you have any questions, please contact the Faith Formation office at 631-588-6408.

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City/Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Allergies \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ # at \$45/each; \_\_\_\_ #Jr. Counselors/\$25/each  
 Jr. Counselor Area of Interest (Circle your choices)  
 Games, Crafts, Scripture, Music/Skits, Group Leader  
 Total (Family Max is \$100) \_\_\_\_\_