



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.*

June 30, 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.

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

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 or 631-438-2468 or visit 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.

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

Dear parish family, As we begin this new chapter in the parish's life and in my life, I want to ask you first and foremost for your prayers. I would like to thank Fr. Chris for his leadership and his exemplary and devoted pastoral care for the last nine years.

In the gospel of Mark, verse 6:41 says "Then, taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he said the blessing, broke the loaves, **and gave them to his disciples to set before the people;** he also divided the two fish among them all (NABRE)." Notice the highlighted part of the verse. This passage always inspires me. The disciples did not perform the miracle. Jesus performed the miracle. They just distributed the bread and fish. They distributed the miracle. I believe that is what God asks us to do, to be the distributors of God's miracle in this world. Let us be the distributors of God's love, kindness, care, and support. Let us do it together with God to spread his kingdom on earth, in our parish family and beyond.

I will not be writing "From the Pastor's Desk" column every week, but I will definitely write when there is something to be communicated. Communication should go both ways, so please feel free to contact me by email, phone, or in person. I have been blessed to be at Assumption parish for the last eight years. I am very grateful and humbled by your love, care, and support over the years, as I ask you for your continued prayers and I assure you of my prayers as we journey together.

Fr Joe

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! Our parish anticipates sending more than 24 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

NEW Weekday Mass Schedule

starting on Monday, July 1, 2019

Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM

There is no Saturday morning mass.

**Miraculous Medal Novena is moving to
Wednesdays following the 9:00 AM Mass**

Weekend Masses remains the same

Saturday 5:30PM;

Sunday 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM

Mass Intentions for the Week



Sunday, June 30th

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

Monday, July 1st

- 9:00 a.m. — Peter Rocco D’Ancona (Robert & Donna Van Horn)

Tuesday, July 2nd

- 9:00 a.m. — Edwyn Santiago

Wednesday, July 3rd

- 9:00 a.m. — Ann Schwinn

Thursday, July 4th

- 9:00 a.m. — Lucyna Vetovec

Friday, July 5th

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

Saturday, July 6th

- 5:30 p.m. — Nicholas Trezza (Colleen Track)

Sunday, July 7th

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

Outreach Needs

Canned fruit, Fruit juice, Snacks, Egg noodles, Dish-washing liquid, Kleenex, Deodorant

Face the Truth Event

Pro Life event sponsored by LI Coalition for Life
 Saturday, July 6th 10:30-Noon
 North side of Route 347, Lake Grove
 (opposite Smithaven Mall)
 For information go to www.prolifeli.org

Youth Ministry Summer Schedule

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

Assumption Youth Ministry (AYM) — Summer Fun
 July 3rd at 7:30 p.m.; July 13th Canoe Trip (registration needed); July 17th at 7:30 p.m. August 8th at 5:00 p.m. at Hobbs Farm; August 22nd 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 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.

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.

Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life



Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week’s Collection \$8,355
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year’s Collection \$9,066

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 _____

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 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.

Thank You!

I truly was overwhelmed by the many parishioners who came to celebrate my retirement mass. Your cards and encouraging words were inspiring and comforting. A special thanks to the Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court St. Gerard, for providing such extraordinary hospitality.

**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 15th—19th,
8:30 a.m.—Noon**

Our parish’s Vacation Bible School (VBS) begins July 15th. 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) _____