



# 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.*

## July 7, 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

## ***The Christian call of collaboration***

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus tells his disciples to ask the "Master" (God the Father) of the "harvest" (conversion to Christ) to send out more "laborers" (evangelizers). And in the next breath, he tells them that they are the laborers and that they must get busy: "Go on your way," he says.

When you think of evangelizers in the Catholic Church, who comes to mind first? Most of us think of priests, and we all know that we need more priests. New vocations in Western societies are still way too few to compensate for the elderly ones who are retiring and dying.

Do you pray for an increase of vocations? Good, but that's only part of what Jesus is asking us to do. "Go on your way," he says to all of us, "and use your gifts, your talents, and your skills to assist in the harvest.

Jesus has always been collaborative. The number of laborers for the mission of the Church will only be sufficient when we all join the effort -- clergy, religious, and laity -- working together with our separate and unique talents and skills, humbly assisting each other as members of the same team.

To reach this sufficiency, many of us have to overcome the "someone else will take care of it" attitude. And some have to overcome the desire for perfection, the "I can take care of it better myself" attitude, which robs others of the opportunity to serve.

Many of us need to overcome the fear of losing control, the "I must tell others how to do their job" attitude, which chases away some very talented laborers. Jesus said we should carry no supplies into ministry; in other words: We should accept whatever is offered to us.

Our prayers for an increase of consecrated vocations are answered from within collaborative ministry. Clergy and religious are called to be good role models, which will attract new vocations, but the laity are called to serve God with the same zeal and holiness that we expect from priests, because out of families who serve come the holy priests and religious who serve.

### **Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Which ministries in your parish and diocese are lacking sufficient laborers? If you're not already busy in the work of God's kingdom, how can you use your talents to help there? If you're already serving enthusiastically, how can you encourage others to get involved?

### **Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:**

Name some of the attitudes and obstacles that block the spirit of collaboration. How can these be overcome? What will you do to improve the conditions of the mission field so that more people will get involved?

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## **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 5:30 PM, Sunday 8:00, 9:30 and 11:30 AM**

## Mass Intentions for the Week



### 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

### Monday, July 8th

- 9:00 a.m. — Kaylee Rivers (Family)

### Tuesday, July 9th

- 9:00 a.m. — Deceased Members of Romeo & Wolz Families

### Wednesday, July 10th

- 9:00 a.m. — Joseph Manitta (Hilda)

### Thursday, July 11th

- 9:00 a.m. — Lucyna Vetovec (Family)

### Friday, July 12th

- 9:00 a.m. — Lucyna Vetovec (Family)

### Saturday, July 13th

- 5:30 p.m. — Nicholas Trezza (Bill & Liz Track)

### Sunday, July 14th

- 8:00 a.m. — Witold Kapral (Halina Wiszoaty)  
 9:30 a.m. — Abelardo Angeles (Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

### Outreach Needs

Dishwashing liquid, Kleenex, Coffee, Tea, Fruit juice, Canned fruit, Toothpaste, Mayonnaise

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"The kingdom of God is at hand for you." Welcome God into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 8-10, 2019 in Huntington, NY and Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

### Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life



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

Last Week's Collection \$8,070  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,762

*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.

### **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 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) \_\_\_\_\_