



# 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.*

## August 4, 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

**Good News Reflection****The wealth of God's generosity**

When we understand God's generosity, we realize how wealthy we truly are. Even if we have little money in the bank, our lives are rich in God -- feeling protected and cared for by God, giving us an abundance of peace that gets us through trials and battles with wisdom and endurance.

God's generosity also leads to material goods. Every material blessing we have comes from God. He delivers it to us through the talents and skills that he has given to us. Whatever we earn through our own efforts comes originally from God's efforts. God is the source of everything that's good in our lives.

However, there's always a purpose that's bigger than us. Everything from God is meant to bless others, too. We are channels of God's generosity.

Whatever we have that we refuse to share becomes the cause of sin. We succumb to selfishness, which is akin to greed. The problem with greed is that it hurts others by denying them what God wants to share with them.

What makes us vulnerable to this sin? Self-reliance. It comes from thinking that we can rely solely on ourselves and on our own resources instead of partnering with God in generosity. Even when we recognize that God has been generous with us, self-reliance says that we are responsible for preventing the poverty of giving it away to others.

When we protect our lives by storing up our goods, others suffer. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus addresses both greed and self-reliance, because they are completely contrary to the personality of God.

Generosity grows when we understand that God is the provider of everything good and that he will continue to provide for us even when we give away what he gives to us -- especially when we give away what he gives to us. Think about what you have in abundance (be it money, or joy, or wisdom, or lessons learned from experience, or \_\_\_\_). Now look around. How might you be the answer to someone else's' prayers?

Whatever we hope to have already belongs to God and is meant to be shared with others. This is the primary economic principle of the kingdom of God. The Body of Christ thrives only when there's a continual exchange of goods. We call this the communion of saints.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What is most difficult for you to share or give away? Why do you cling to it? What are you afraid will happen if you let go of it?

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

Why do we feel safer relying on ourselves than on God? Give an example of God's generosity in your own life. How would (or did) sharing this with others make a difference?

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**is coming  
in  
September**

## Mass Intentions for the Week



### Sunday, August 4th

8:00 a.m. — Kathleen Attison (Filomena Sperduti)  
 9:30 a.m. — John Sorrentino (Music Ministry)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

### Monday, August 5th

9:00 a.m. — Maureen Zagami (Fran & Carmine Festa)

### Tuesday, August 6th

9:00 a.m. — Margaret Craig (M/M A. Recca)

### Wednesday, August 7th

9:00 a.m. — Thomas Donnelly, Jr. (Family)

### Thursday, August 8th

9:00 a.m. — Emilka & Elodie Sejour (Family)

### Friday, August 9th

9:00 a.m. — Donnachadha G. Glynn (James Glynn)

### Saturday, August 10th

5:30 p.m. — Christie Aridas

### Sunday, August 11th

8:00 a.m. — Eileen Pacula (Daughter)  
 9:30 a.m. — Amelia & Inacio DeSousa (Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

### 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/>.

### Rest in Peace

Veronica Hollman, Salvatore Loggia, Joseph DeSantis

### 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](https://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.

### Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life



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

Last Week's Collection \$8,510  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,261

*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**

We are now near the final part of the project where portions of the parking lot will be closed as we churn up the asphalt and repave the surface. This will alter the traffic pattern for a brief period of time. Your patience is appreciated.

### **Coffee in the Courtyard**

Assumption Youth Ministries invite everyone to "Coffee in the Courtyard", on Sundays after the 9:30 AM Mass. Assumption Youth Ministries invites everyone to "Coffee in the Courtyard," on Sundays after the 9:30 AM Mass. It is a great opportunity to meet people who we worship with, make new friends, and build a stronger community, in which we then become a stronger parish family. All are welcome!

### **The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Mass Schedule for Thursday, August 15

7:30 AM,

NOON

7:00PM

Notice that there is a 7:30AM Mass



### **Parish Outreach Program**

Our Outreach Program consists of trained volunteers who meet with anyone living within parish boundaries who is struggling financially or emotionally and needs support and direction. We take a brief history and refer those needing assistance to any program appropriate to their needs. Working closely with Catholic Charities, Long Island Cares, and other community organizations, our food pantry is available for individuals and families who are struggling to stretch their food budget. The Outreach office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling 585-8760, x101.



### **Outreach Needs**

Pancake mix, Syrup, Paper towels, Cooking oil, Salad dressing, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Dishwashing liquid



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.

### **Gennesaret Retreat**

Gennesaret Retreat, held at Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore, New York (**September 20 –22, 2019**) offers the unique opportunity for persons who face serious illness to come away for a weekend retreat of spiritual renewal and refreshment. Come and celebrate life and the love of the Lord Jesus in a beautiful and comfortable place among caring and generous people.

The retreat weekend schedule is designed to celebrate the love of the Lord Jesus Christ through prayer times, talks by our priest directors, through quiet time and ample periods of rest. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness. It begins on Friday afternoon at 1:30 P.M and ends early Sunday afternoon.

There is time for sharing, celebrating, prayer together and alone.

There is no cost to you for this retreat. Expenses are paid through the generosity of individuals, parishes and church communities who value retreat experiences.

We will be happy to talk to you about your needs and help plan for your retreat. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call: **Colette Fanelli (631) 665-7052**