



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 25, 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 Caletini 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

Good News Reflection

The sign of heaven

This Sunday's scripture readings are signposts on the road to the narrow gate at the entrance of heaven. Isaiah says that God knows our works and our thoughts. To help us sanctify our works and purify our thoughts, so that we can see the fullness of the glory of God when we die, he sets a sign among us. It is Jesus. His life -- how he lived and how he died -- are a sign of how to enter heaven.

He says in the Gospel reading that many will attempt to enter salvation who are not strong enough. Strong enough for what?

Throughout the Gospel, Jesus gives us the answer to that: We must be perfect in love. That does not mean that mistakes and other imperfections will lock us out of heaven. The key that opens the gate to heaven is love, and if we throw love away, we throw that key away.

It's very unlikely, however, that we will ever completely throw love away, even though we sin. But we are told to be perfect in love. This means loving fully. Always. Unconditionally. Sacrificially. Radically.

To be perfect in love, we need to have the Lord's own love. We need Jesus to dwell in us and reach others through us. On our own, we cannot love fully, but when we rely on God to give us his love for others, we have perfect love.

To rely on God's love and feel confident in it, we have to get rid of anything that blocks his love: unforgiveness, vengeful attitudes, lingering resentments and cynicism, and the apathetic ignoring of the needs of others.

The reading from Hebrews tells us not to disdain the discipline of the Lord. No matter what causes our hardships and trials or who's to blame, God uses them to perfect us in love. If we recognize these as opportunities to grow in love -- if we seek God in them and let him stretch our ability to love -- we become more like Jesus. We make the path toward heaven straight, and what is lame and disjointed in our spirituality is healed.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Who in your life is difficult to love? (Don't forget to consider the unloving behaviors you have toward yourself.) How might God be using these hard-to-love people to strengthen your ability to love more perfectly?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

People who are difficult to love are saint-makers, because they give us opportunities to identify and overcome (with God's help of course) the imperfections in our ability to love. What happens if we give God permission to change us when we wish someone else would change? How is this a key to heaven?

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is coming on

Saturday, September 7, 8:30 AM

Assumption Parish Family is familiar with Alpha for the last three years. Hundreds of our parishioners have participated in Alpha already. This fall we are going to have Alpha session on Saturdays in the morning. Alpha is a series of ten interactive sessions designed to present the Gospel and the essentials of Christian faith in a dynamic way that reaches the hearts of men and women today. Each session includes a meal, a video talk, and small group discussion.

Designed for anyone considering returning to the church, those who are trying to understand the Christian faith better, and any Christians who would like to brush up on the basics, the Alpha offers answers to many of the key questions we often ask ourselves when it comes to living the full life God intended. Come! Invite a friend! COME and SEE on September 7. For more info and to sign up please call 631 585 8760 or email pasr@abvmcentereach.com or visit www.abvmcentereach.com

Food - Faith - Talk - Discussion

Mass Intentions for the Week



Sunday, August 25th

- 8:00 a.m. — Milagros Torrevillas (Dan Monolt & Family)
- 9:30 a.m. — Elizabeth Mosior (Family)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, August 26th

- 9:00 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)

Tuesday, August 27th

- 9:00 a.m. — Robert Aridas

Wednesday, August 28th

- 9:00 a.m. — Joseph Hallinan

Thursday, August 29th

- 9:00 a.m. —

Friday, August 30th

- 9:00 a.m. — Beatriz G. Lao (Ed & Tita Uy)

Saturday, August 31st

- 5:30 p.m. — Mary Sclafani (daughter/Diane)

Sunday, September 1st

- 8:00 a.m. — George “Junior” Janouskovec (Marie)
- 9:30 a.m. — Iris Josefa Zaya (Filomena Sperduti)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Rest in Peace

Marie Garrecht

MyParish App Discontinued

Due to very low usage, MyParish App for our parish will be discontinued, starting September 1st, 2019. I am sure there are so many other apps that are out there, that can be used to access daily prayers, readings, and devotions. I use an excellent app called iBreviary, that has Office of the hours, Mass readings, and so many other resources.

Time, Talent & Treasure



Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$8,295
(includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection \$8,420

Thank You!

Middle School Ministry (MSM)

Middle School Ministry opening
Night: Thursday, October 17, 2019
7:00 PM



Assumption

Youth Ministry (AYM)

AYM Opening Night: Wednesday September 25, 2019, 7:30 PM



Faith Formation

Summer Office Hours

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

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; your help is essential.

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!

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. Have a cup of coffee and a snack and have great conversations. 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!



Spaghetti Dinner

Please join the ABVM Women’s Ministry at our 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Come enjoy a few hours of fellowship, food and fun as you enjoy a dish of spaghetti with your choice of meat, clam or marinara sauce, dessert and some soft music.

Looking forward to seeing you there!

PLACE: PARISH CENTER

COST: \$7.00 per person \$20.00 per family (parents and children)

DATE: SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 2019

TIME: 6:30-8:30 pm

Tickets must be purchased ahead of time. Tickets can be obtained from the Parish office or purchased during Masses on the weekend of October 5—6. There will be NO tickets sold at the door.

For questions contact: Georgia Lovell
glovell951@gmail.com 631-891-7387
Diane Miller dimiller@optonline.net 516-443-7856

Rosary Altar Society

The women of the parish are invited to come to the first meeting of the Rosary Altar Society, on Tuesday, September 3rd, at noon in the parish center. Any suggestions would be appreciated. Newcomers are welcome

Outreach Needs

Baked beans, Pet food, Cooking oil, Box milk, Laundry detergent, Noodles, Canned Carrots, Fruit juice

FORMED PICK

Restless Heart

The Story of an Iconic Saint

Watch the conversion of Saint Augustine, a gifted man who pursues fame and fortune without a moral compass—and the dramatic changes that occur in his soul when challenging events lead him to see the light of truth and follow Christ fully.



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—Ann W., Ontario, CA

Watch on formed.org

Our parish subscribes to a revolutionary online platform which provides the best in Catholic audio talks, movies, e-books, and video-based studies. It is, **free of charge**. 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. Once you have registered you’ll have access to all the material on FORMED, again **free of charge**.

You also can install FORMED through an app. Learn more at app.formed.org. Our parish code is P8DQG8.

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 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.

To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call: **Colette Fanelli (631) 665-7052**