



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 18, 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

Good News Reflection

The fire that changes the world

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus says that he did not come to bring peace to earth. He came to light a fire. The fire that he longed for with great anguish was the presence of the Holy Spirit alive and active within each of his followers. This is what changes the world. This is what brings lasting peace, first within us and then flowing out from us.

The Holy Spirit is a fire that purifies us from impurities -- the unloving behaviors and attitudes -- that cause disharmony, disunity, conflicts and war. This purification makes us capable of feeling peaceful even in the midst of trials and attacks from others. This is what makes us channels of God's peace in a world that desperately needs it. If you do not yet feel the fire of the Holy Spirit impassioning you to spread the peace of Christ, Jesus is in anguish over you.

Think of the evil around you that you've been wishing would stop. What does Jesus want you to do about it? What impurities in your own spirit needs to be burn off by the fire of the Holy Spirit so you can overshadow the evil with divine goodness? Look at what Jesus had to do. What baptism was he talking about? Not the water baptism he'd already received. It was the baptism of painful self-sacrifice, which he willingly accepted in order to rescue us from evil.

To stop evil, we have to become like Jesus. Our willingness to make sacrifices for others is a sign of Christian maturity. We should be burning with so much love that we are not happy unless we're pouring our hearts and souls into works and prayers that to make a difference in someone else's ability to receive eternal peace.

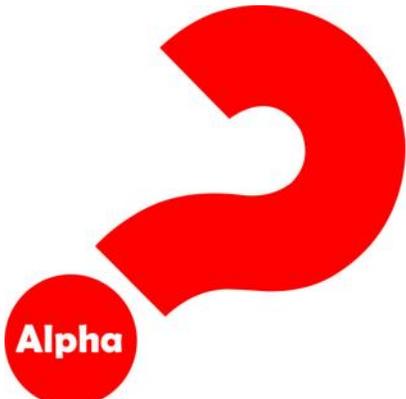
Jesus noted that this fire divides households. It divides us from anyone who remains self-centered and unwilling to make sacrifices that will lead to peace. Nevertheless, we must continue to give them love. This heats up the fire within us, which purifies us further. And gradually, the world changes.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Who has "burnt" you? What pain has been inflicted on you by others? See this as happening to Jesus, too. Instead of retaliating to try to stop the pain, choose a sacrifice that you're willing to make for them. Jesus appreciates the sacrifices you make for others. How does his appreciation make you feel?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

How is it possible to experience peace after making a sacrifice for someone who is unloving toward you? Give an example of an everyday sacrifice you've made. How does the Holy Spirit bring God's kingdom to earth through this? © 2019 Terry Modica, Catholic Digital Resources, Printed by permission.



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 pastor@abvmcentereach.com

Food - Faith - Talk - Discussion

Mass Intentions for the Week



Sunday, August 18th

- 8:00 a.m. — Abelardo Angeles (Family)
- 9:30 a.m. — Sistina Sperduti (Family)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, August 19th

- 9:00 a.m. — James Mahoney (Family)

Tuesday, August 20th

- 9:00 a.m. — Thanksgiving (Lourdes Ezell)

Wednesday, August 21st

- 9:00 a.m. — Thomas Stevens (Caroline Stevens)

Thursday, August 22nd

- 9:00 a.m. — Martin Sperduto (M/M A. Recca)

Friday, August 23rd

- 9:00 a.m. — Charlie Popeleski (Tita Uy)

Saturday, August 24th

- 5:30 p.m. — Dr. Allan Carniello

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

Rest in Peace

Daniel Robert Palemo, John Gunning

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 \$7,885
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,255

Thank You!

Youth Ministry Summer Schedule Middle School Ministry (MSM)

August 22nd at 8:00 p.m Family Movie Night in the parking lot.



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Youth Ministry (AYM)

August 22nd at 8:00 p.m., Family Movie Night in the parking lot. All Middle School and High School students and their families are welcome.



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!



Girl Scout Mass

Catholic Committee for Girl Scouting of the Diocese of Rockville Centre is holding their Annual Mass and Mingle on Sunday August 25, 2019, 3:00 PM at Saint James Church, 429 Main Street, Setauket. Open to All Girl Scouts in DRVC. For more information contact the Catholic Scouting Office 516 678-5800, ext. 245 scouting@drvc.org

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

Baked beans, Pet food, Laundry detergent, Household cleaner, Cooking oil, Box milk, Hot chocolate

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.



“5 stars does not seem enough for this beautiful and inspiring story.”

—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 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 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**