



# 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.*

## September 15, 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***

### ***Recovering the lost***

This Sunday's Gospel reading is an assurance of God's desire to regain what has been lost. Our Lord is a God of reconciliation and renewal. He pursues those who have strayed from the truth. Why? Because he cares -- he cares more than we do about the people we know who are "lost sheep" or "lost treasures" like the coin in this parable.

Think of the people who have been lost to you because they have abandoned you. God cares and is pursuing them to bring healing to the relationship, and he will continue his efforts even until they take their last earthly breath (sometimes the healing comes after death).

Think, too, of people who are neglecting their faith. Jesus is a Good Shepherd who will never give up pursuing them. Why? Because their value to your family and the Church is important! Their absence is depleting the strength of the community. And God, who is the source of the life of the community, is doing everything possible -- well, even the impossible -- to lead them to repentance and healing and a safe return.

However, we cannot leave it all up to God. He works through us. Only when we've tried and our influence is nil does God say, "Let go. Trust that I am continually working on the problem." We can believe that Jesus is still chasing after them, even though they hide from him. He is not far from them, even though they push him away.

If there is something else we can do to invite them back into the sheepfold, but we don't, someday we will have to explain to Jesus why we didn't. Why did we fail to love as much as he loves them? Why did we let them stray away without researching how we could help them? Have we done anything to push them away?

No matter how difficult it gets as we partner with Christ to bring others back to the sheepfold, the most important thing we can do is keep loving them unconditionally. Hopefully, they will see in us the love that Jesus is offering to them.

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

Who are the lost sheep and missing treasures of your family and your parish community? What will you do this week to reveal Jesus and his merciful love for them? Is there a parish ministry or an evangelization program that you could join to learn how to better help others turn to Jesus?

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

When the lost are not ready yet to turn to Jesus or return to us or to the Church, how do our attempts to give them Jesus prepare them for an eventual conversion? Why is it worth trying, even if we don't see any fruits for our efforts? Even if it includes sacrifice and extra humility on our part?

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## ***New Pastor Installation***

It is a tradition that when the bishop appoints a new pastor to a parish, he be installed publicly by a liturgical rite. The installation of a pastor reaffirms the priest's and the parish's connection to the bishop and diocese. Though I was appointed pastor at Assumption at the end of June, I was never publicly installed. So, the installation is going to happen on September 22, at 11:30 am Mass. Everyone is invited to join me at the Mass and, after the mass in the parish center for some refreshments. Most importantly, pray for me and our parish to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Fr. Joe

### ***VIRTUS training***

According to Diocesan policy, every volunteer in the parish is required to attend a class on Protecting God's Children (Virtus Training). If you are planning to be a parish volunteer, please register to attend the Virtus Training Session that is going being held in our parish on **Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 PM** in the Assumption Parish Center Library Room. Registration for the Virtus Training must be done online at [www.abvmcentereach.com/ministry-listings/virtus-registration/](http://www.abvmcentereach.com/ministry-listings/virtus-registration/)



## Mass Intentions for the Week



### Sunday, September 15th

- 8:00 a.m. — Richard Schnoor (Edward Kenny)  
 9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

### Monday, September 16th

- 9:00 a.m. — Arnold Hoffman (Wife & children)

### Tuesday, September 17th

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

### Wednesday, September 18th

- 9:00 a.m. — Peter Puccio (Puccio & Johnson Families)

### Thursday, September 19th

- 9:00 a.m. — Intentions of Corinne & Bill Addiss (M/M A. Recca)

### Friday, September 20th

- 9:00 a.m. — James Ross (Mary Ross)

### Saturday, September 21st

- 5:30 p.m. — Stella & Tony Anzalone (M/M Van Schaick)

### Sunday, September 22nd

- 8:00 a.m. — Erna Ryan (Acevedo Family)  
 9:30 a.m. — Amelia & Inacio DeSousa (Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Allow Jesus to transform your marriage and show you how to truly love your spouse 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 \$8,286  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$9,333

*Thank You!*

## Middle School Ministry (MSM)

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

## AYM Opening Night

Wednesday, September 25, 2019

7:30-9:00PM in the Parish Center Hall

All 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders  
and their friends are  
welcome



Come! Share in the joy of belonging,  
with faith, fun, food, love, acceptance...

## Faith Formation

### Summer Office Hours

The office is opened Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. until classes resume in October.

## 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 website — [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; 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](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!

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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Coffee in the Courtyard

Assumption Youth Ministries invite 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!



## Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

This year our parish goal is \$57,400. Your generosity provides us with an excellent opportunity to reach out to those in need by supporting the many programs run by our diocese. In particular, the CMA enables our Catholic community on LI to support the work of Catholic Charities, our Catholic Regional Schools, programs for ongoing formation and training of lay leaders as well as our deacons; our seminary which trains men for the priesthood as well as various pastoral offices which provide excellent resources throughout the diocese. This is but a short list of a large number of worthwhile programs which your contributions support.

In addition, parishes who make their goal receive a rebate from the diocese, amounting to 20% of the actual goal. Thus far we have collected \$46,500. Please ask the Lord how you might participate. Your pledge is payable over a ten-month period of time. Remember, one does not have to donate a large amount; joining everyone’s sacrificial gift adds up to a great resource for those in need.

## 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.

PLACE: PARISH CENTER, COST: \$7.00 per person \$20.00 per family (parents and children)

DATE: SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 2019, 6:30-8:30 pm

Tickets must be purchased ahead of time. There will be NO tickets sold at the door.

## PRO-LIFE MEETING

Join with others on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, 7pm, Parish Center Library (downstairs). Learn, share, become active. We need and welcome you. Information: 631 588 7242.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

## Drawing Strength from Our Lady of Sorrows

by Kimberly Hahn



“Speechless ... I have cried so many tears hearing this.”

—Charity L., Anderson, SC

[LISTEN ON FORMED.ORG](https://www.formed.org)

### Walk with Mary

Kimberly reflects on the joys and sorrows that Mary prayerfully experienced during her time on earth, and shares how her example leads us closer to Christ.

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](https://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](https://app.formed.org). Our parish code is P8DGQ8.

## Capital Campaign Update

To date we have received pledges and/or one-time gifts from 370 families, bringing our total thus far to \$708,000. More than 80% have completely redeemed their pledge with the other 20% faithfully sending in their payments. To date we have collected 87% of the total amount pledged. Many thanks. Your faithfulness is important for us to accomplish the final part of the project, namely, paying for the parking lot.

As mentioned previously, we “borrowed” \$200,000 from our savings to complete the parking lot which had become dangerous due to potholes, etc. Everyone’s continued participation, support and generosity are needed since everyone benefits from the upkeep of our church facilities. Please prayerfully consider how you can join in reaching our goal!

## Outreach Needs

Toilet paper, Deodorant, Dishwashing liquid, Rice-a-Roni, Canned Peas, Pet food, Powered potatoes, Paper towels

# St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility for Retired Priests

*The heart of a priest is a heart pierced by the love of the Lord... ” – Pope Francis*

Dear Friends:

Many retired priests in our Diocese, who have given their life in union with Jesus, find a home at St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility in Amityville.

Their many years of service helped lay the foundation of our own Catholic faith. These priests helped to build and renovate parishes; they evangelized across our Island and have nurtured many ministries vital to the life of our faith community today.

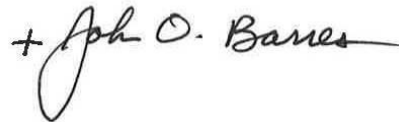
As they enter another stage of their lives, they often experience ongoing challenges that require added care and attention.

St. Pius X Enriched Living Facility meets those challenges by ensuring that our senior priests are being cared for in a setting that fosters their spiritual lives, nurtures their physical and mental well-being, and guarantees that they can continue to live with dignity while accessing a wide array of social and spiritual opportunities.

As Msgr Ryan shared, *“I have found much happiness living here with my fellow priests and in the entire community, and I especially appreciate the support I receive. Thank you for making this home possible.”*

You also have my deepest thanks for considering a gift in support of our retired priests and for the loving care you have provided to these dedicated priests. May I ask that that you remember all of our priests in your prayers as you are remembered in ours?

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ John O. Barres". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.

Most Reverend John O. Barres  
Bishop of Rockville Centre