



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 8, 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

Priorities

What in your life is a higher priority than your relationship with God? That's what Jesus wants us to look at in this Sunday's Gospel reading. Which people? What work? What trial? What possessions? What friendships? What goals? What activities?

What crosses do you want to get rid of that, if you do escape from them, would require you to abandon Jesus on his cross? (Hint: What sacrifices of love are you unwilling to make?)

Jesus says that unless we are first and foremost committed to discipleship -- learning from him and making every effort to become more like him -- we are ill prepared for all the other tasks of life.

In other words, we can start building toward good goals, but if our relationship with Christ is not our highest priority, we'll miss his guidance and his surprises and his blessings. We'll get distracted by worldly interferences and sin. We'll become victims instead of victors in the battles we face. Anything good that we achieve will be less than the best, because there is much more in the kingdom of God than what we can imagine.

A disciple is a student. We learn from Jesus how to love others, even when this becomes a cross to carry. He teaches us how to live a life of joyful love but also of unconditional, forgiving love. And we learn from him how to put up healthy, holy boundaries against those who interfere with our spiritual growth, and this too can be a cross.

The strength to follow Christ and become more and more like him every day requires a conscious effort to grow stronger in our ability to carry our crosses while uniting ourselves to his cross and to his strength. When we lack this intimate bond with Christ, we stumble and fall, crushed by the weight of our crosses. But if we are willing to make sacrifices out of love for others, like Jesus did, we embrace him more fully and we receive his love more deeply. And this is the most satisfying way to live!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Consider your daily activities: What are your top priorities? What do you value more than the time you spend with Jesus in prayer, scripture, and other faith-building activities?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

What are some common ways that we move God down in priority? By making him our highest priority, what are ways that we can lovingly show concern for others even while putting God ahead of them in our daily activities?

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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 to be held in our parish on **Tuesday, September 24th 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/



Mass Intentions for the Week



Sunday, September 8th

- 8:00 a.m. — Mary Russo (Linda & John)
- 9:30 a.m. — Abelardo Angeles (Family)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, September 9th

- 9:00 a.m. — JoAnn DiLaurenzio (Family)

Tuesday, September 10th

- 9:00 a.m. — Peter Avalos (Family)

Wednesday, September 11th

- 9:00 a.m. — Oliver Quirk (Family)

Thursday, September 12th

- 9:00 a.m. — Christie Aridas

Friday, September 13th

- 9:00 a.m. — Adele Cosenza (Sperduti Family)

Saturday, September 14th

- 5:30 p.m. — Natalie (Assalone) Nizza (Elizabeth Kramer)

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

Middle School Ministry (MSM)

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



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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 website — 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!

Blessing of Backpacks

On September 15th during the 9:30 a.m. mass we will bless the backpacks the children will be using for the upcoming school year.



Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life



Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$8,035 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$9,548

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 _____

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.

Prayer for the Unborn

A National Day of Remembrance of the Unborn will be observed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on Saturday, September 14th, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us and bring a friend (rain or shine).

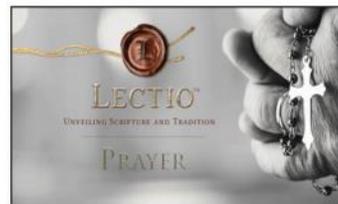
FORMED PICK

Lectio: Prayer

Session 1: Prayer

Prayer as a Conversation

Prayer is one of the most basic elements of a life of faith, but sometimes it feels like a one-way “conversation.” Dr. Gray shows how the solution to this problem can be found in the Scriptures.



“Dr. Tim Gray explains the practice of Lectio in a way that makes you thirst for more!”

—Debbie S., Austin, TX

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.

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

Toothpaste, Canned tuna, Canned Carrots, Egg noodles, Rice a Roni, Pet food, Coffee