



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 29, 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

Mass Intentions for the Week



Sunday, September 29th

8:00 a.m. — Asher Benavides Umanzor
 9:30 a.m. — Intention of John Mosior (Family)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, September 30th

9:00 a.m. — Edward F. Handibode (Luz Gaviola & Joy Maray)

Tuesday, October 1st

9:00 a.m. — Ken Hartmann (Marge Sparano)

Wednesday, October 2nd

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

Thursday, October 3rd

9:00 a.m. — Pascual Sari (Lida Vieyra)

Friday, October 4th

9:00 a.m. — David & Kathleen Worrell (Family)

Saturday, October 5th

5:30 p.m. — Richard H. Cornelius (Family)

Sunday, October 6th

8:00 a.m. — Andrew Cerqueira (Mom)
 9:30 a.m. — Frank Corso (Family)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Faith Formation

Registration for Faith Formation Program ended on September 25th. Classes will begin on the week of October 20th. Please keep all the children as well as the catechists in your prayers, so that may God open their hearts and minds with His wisdom and grace.

Office Hours

The office is opened Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. until the week of October 13th to 19th.

Middle School Ministry (MSM)

Middle School Ministry opening Night: Thursday, October 17, 2019 7:00 PM. All Middle Schoolers (6th thru 8th) are welcome.



Assumption Youth Ministry (AYM)

Assumption Youth Ministry welcomes all high Schoolers (9th thru 12th) on Wednesday nights from 7:30-9:00 PM. We gather in the Parish Center Hall. Bring your friends too.



Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer God's 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 _____



Time, Talent & Treasure Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$8,253 | Last Year's Collection \$8,629
 (includes *Faith Direct*) **Thank You!**

Good News Reflection**What makes us generous?**

What was the rich man's sin in this Sunday's Gospel story? What tormented him after he died? Being wealthy is not sinful; what tortured his soul was his decision to not share his wealth with Lazarus while he had the opportunity.

Death is not a closing of life; it's the opening up of our souls so we become fully alive in the truth of God's love. Death awakens us to the full reality of who God is and all the gifts he has given us and how well -- or how poorly -- we've invested those gifts.

Whenever we share with others the gifts that we've received, we're investing in God's kingdom. In God's economy, our investments always pay off very well. We receive more than we give away so that we can share even more!

In contrast, when we protect and keep something for ourselves, we lose it like a flower that's "protected" in a dark box. The flower wilts. It cannot grow in the dark. Everything we try to protect ends up useless and even poisonous: We stagnate spiritually as well as emotionally. The gift rots. Our selfishness destroys our union with God who is the Master of Generosity.

Every day, we're given opportunities to share something -- some blessing from God -- with others.

Perhaps what made the rich man in the parable turn away from Lazarus was his disease. Since Lazarus was covered in sores, we can surmise that he was a leper and highly contagious.

This leads us to the question: Do we share less because we feel disgust toward those who need what

we have? Or maybe fear holds us back. Or resentment or unforgiving anger. To be united to God and experience everlasting joy, we cannot live in this state. We have to let love motivate us. Love has no limits; it's always generous.

In the second reading, we hear: "Compete well for the faith." Against whom are we competing? Ourselves! Are you holier today than you were the last time you had an opportunity to be generous? Are you spiritually stronger because you've worked hard at becoming more loving and generous?

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Bring to mind someone you find disgusting and unlikable. How generous are you toward him or her? If you've missed an opportunity to share a blessing with this person, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will give you strength, through special grace, to overcome this sin.

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Give examples of times when people turn away from opportunities to be generous. Explain reasons why this happens. How have you personally been a Lazarus who was denied what you needed because of someone's prejudice? What did you learn from that experience that changed your own attitudes about generosity?



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.

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/>.

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!

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!



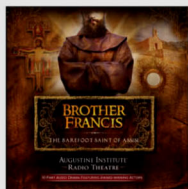
Outreach Needs

Toilet paper, Deodorant, Dishwashing liquid, Bar Soap, Shampoo, Cake mix, Icing, Jello, Pudding, Paper towels, Kleenex.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

Brother Francis: The Barefoot Saint of Assisi



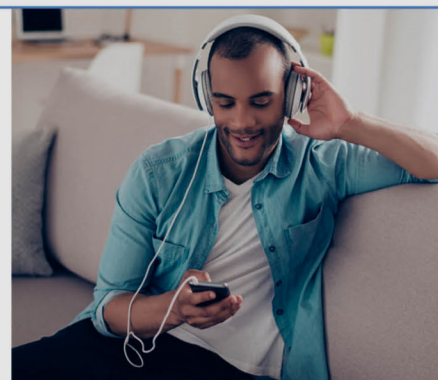
Get to Know the Real Francis

Discover the astonishing life of Saint Francis, the fun-loving son of wealth and privilege who gave up everything for the sake of Christ.

"What a brilliant story, beautifully told.
I was so moved and inspired."

—Flor De Liz P, Astoria, NY

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You also can install FORMED through an app. Learn more at app.formed.org. Our parish code is P8DGQ8.

Opening Night

ASSUMPTION MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY



Belong ★ Serve ★ Believe

JEREMIAH 29:11



WELCOME

All 6th, 7th & 8th graders

Food, Faith, Fun

Thursday, October 17, 2019

Come and see what Middle School Ministry is all about!

For more information please contact Renata Ptak at 631-585-8760 ext. 121

www.abvmcentereach.com

Benefits & Breakfast Lecture Series

Medicare Basics

Presented by Maryflorene Brennan

HIICAP: Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance Program

It's Time for Open Enrollment.

Making decisions for your coverage is confusing.

Join us to ask your questions and to learn about:

Medicare (Parts A, B and C)

Medicare prescription drug benefit (Medicare Part D).

Supplemental Insurance, Medigap Plan Coverage & More!

Free Program -- Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019

9 am to 10:30 am

Continental Breakfast will be served

Long Island
State Veterans Home



AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

at the Long Island State Veterans Home
100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook, NY 11790

on the campus of Stony Brook University Hospital (follow the signs)

Questions? Please call 631-444-8606 or visit www.lisvh.org

Congratulations!

*The following couples have completed their
Pre-Cana session.*



*We congratulate
them and wish
them*

*happiness in their
marriage.*

Kevin Aug & Onara Roberta Dias Gomes

Frank Ankner & Katie Haggerty

Louis Capezza & Christina Famiglietti

James Guarmera & Kelly Gochan

Ronald Gocinski Jr. & Michelle Brendli

Adam Enzinger & Jessica DeStefano

Jared Zadwarny & Elizabeth Errico

Assumption
Women's
Ministry



Spaghetti
Dinner

PLACE: ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY 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

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!

Menu:

Choice of pasta - Spaghetti or Gluten free Penne pasta
 Choice of Sauce - Meat, White Clam or Marinara
 Steamed Veggies, Salad and of course bread
 Coffee, Tea and Dessert

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^h and 6th*. The last date for you to purchase tickets will be *October 16th*.

To ensure we have enough food for everyone, there will be NO tickets sold at the door. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

For questions contact:

Georgia Lovell gl Lovell951@gmail.com 631-891-7387

Diane Miller dimiller@optonline.net 516-443-7856

Registration details:

NAME _____

Phone Number _____ **E-mail** _____

Number of Adults _____ **Children** _____ **Total cost** _____

____ Check here for Gluten free pasta