



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.*

October 20, 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, October 20th

8:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas

9:30 a.m. — Amelia & Inacio DeSousa (Family)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, October 21st

9:00 a.m. — Carlos Perez (Lidia Vieyra)

Tuesday, October 22nd

9:00 a.m. — Thanksgiving - Fr. Chris

Wednesday, October 23rd

9:00 a.m. — Thanksgiving - Fr. Joe

Thursday, October 24th

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

Friday, October 25th

9:00 a.m. — Kaylee Rivers (Family)

Saturday, October 26th

5:30 p.m. — 57th Wedding Anniversary Patricia & Frank Campanelli

Sunday, October 27th

8:00 a.m. — Peter Avalos (Family)

9:30 a.m. — Michael Russo (Linda & John)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

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 _____

Faith Formation

Faith Formation 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.

Faith Formation Office Hours

Regular Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 3:00—8:00 p.m.); Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.—7:30; Thursday & Friday - Closed; Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 11; Sunday - 10:30 a.m. to Noon.

Middle School Ministry (MSM)

Middle School Ministry is on Thursday nights from 7:00 PM to 8:45 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 with you.



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!



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

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$8,475 | Last Year's Collection \$9,126

(includes *Faith Direct*)

Thank You!

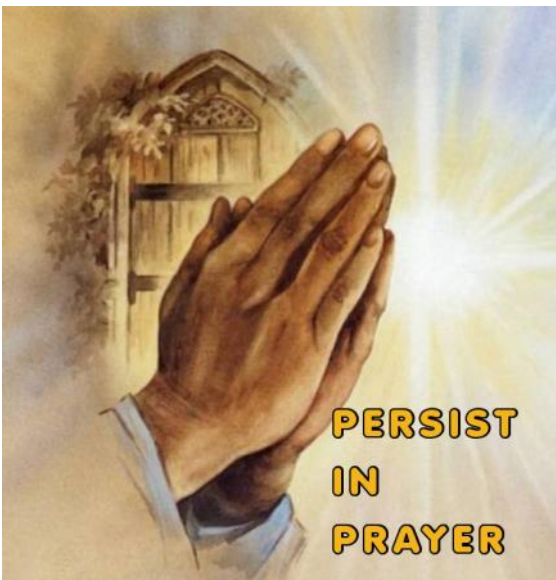
Good News Reflection**God is coming to your rescue!**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, God promises to secure the rights of his faithful ones who seek his justice. When we're abused, neglected, rejected, abandoned, or falsely accused, God comes to our rescue. And speedily, he says! What? He's not helping you fast enough? Is he breaking his promise with you?

Although God often seems way too slow, whether it takes months or years (and it often does) before your problem gets resolved, Jesus is in fact at your side immediately delivering you from evil, in the very moment you begin to cry out to him.

The real question is not "Where is Jesus?" nor "Why doesn't he care enough to help me sooner?" The question that matters -- for the healing of our souls -- is stated in the last sentence of this Gospel passage: As he's arriving to help us, do we greet him with faith? Or is fear spinning our minds in such turmoil that we don't see him as he stands right next to us offering a helping hand?

If we're not living by faith, we inadvertently expand our problems. Are you feeling miserable after calling upon God for help? Look! Jesus is at your side begging for your trust. Are you feeling frustrated because God is not removing the obstacles you're facing? Look! Jesus wants you to follow him in a direction that's different than where you think you should go.



We all have adversaries. Jesus is wielding his sword of truth against the spirits of darkness who are working against you; he is driving them away. But if we reject the truth he wields, his sword is of no help to us.

What about the troublemakers who continually annoy you? When our eyes are on them instead of on Jesus, we miss the healing embrace that he's offering to us as vindication.

When we live by faith, we experience God's vindication every day, even while injustices continue. We experience it in our hearts as we receive his peace and his patience and his endurance.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What injustices are frustrating you today? What evil is being done against you? What will you do right now to be a faith-filled follower of Christ? What action will you take to conquer your fears and choose to give God your trust?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Describe an injustice that you recently witnessed or experienced. What shocked and dismayed you the most about it? What is fearsome about it? And what does trust for the Lord encourage you to believe about it?

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 \$51,399. 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.

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. 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,



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!



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

Grape jelly, Canned chicken, Syrup, Salad dressing, Oatmeal, Box milk, Mayonnaise, Laundry detergent

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

Pope John Paul II



A Towering Figure Brought to the Big Screen

Jon Voight stars in this epic film that explores Karol Wojtyla's life, which touched millions of people, changing the face of the Church and the world.

"This was a wonderful representation of the life of Pope John Paul II. A beautiful story."

—Ivonne F., Vernon Hills, IL

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

November Raffle Tickets



Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be selling chances on October 19th and 20th after all the masses. The money collected is used to help our many charities, Hope House, Wounded Warriors, Assumptions

Parish Ministries, and many more. You will have 21 chances to win during the weekdays of November; winning is \$50 a day and \$100 winners on Election day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving. Tickets are \$10 a chance.

**CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
COURT ST. GERARD**
PLEASE HELP SUPPORT OUR FUNDRAISING EFFORTS BY PURCHASING A RAFFLE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10.00. BY PURCHASING A TICKET YOU HAVE SEVERAL CHANCES TO WIN THE MONEY THAT IS RAISED FROM THE FUNDRAISER WILL GO TOWARDS SUPPORTING LOCAL, STATE AND NATIONAL CHARITIES. DRAWINGS WILL BE HELD WEEKDAYS IN NOVEMBER 2019. TICKET HOLDERS NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN. WINNING NUMBERS WILL BE POSTED @ WWW.ABVMCENTEREACH.COM. WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A CHECK BY MAIL. PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR BELOW FOR PAYOUT INFORMATION. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.

NOVEMBER 2019									
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17									
	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$50				
24									
	\$50	\$50	\$50	\$100	\$50				

KEEP THE TOP PORTION FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN & VERIFY YOUR NUMBER.

St. Agnes Award

The parish has received word that Bishop Barres is awarding the St. Agnes Service Award to Gilbert Cruz for outstanding service to the Church. Well known to our parish family, Gill has served our community in a variety of ways: first and foremost as an Usher, working with the Knights of Columbus to inspire and encourage children through Soccer and Basketball challenges and helping everyone at work; to name just a few. This well-deserved honor brings with it a blessing for our entire parish. Gill will receive this award at St. Agnes Cathedral on Sunday, October 27th.



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/>.



Couples who have been married fifty years will be honored at a Mass on **Sunday, November 3, 2019 at Maria Regina Roman Catholic Church in Seaforth**. Mass will begin at 2:00 pm, Bishop Andrzej Zglejszewski will preside. Registration forms and complete instructions can be obtained at the rectory. Space is limited, registration will be accepted on a first come first served basis. The forms can also be found on our website www.drvc-faith.org. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, ext.



Charles Naccari

Assumption Youth Ministries

REACH

MISSION 2019 - EPHESIANS 4:12

All Middle School and High School students
and their parents are invited to join us.

November 8-10, 2019



More details and Registration Packets will follow