



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.

November 3, 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, November 3rd

8:00 a.m. — All Souls
9:30 a.m. — All Souls
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, November 4th

9:00 a.m. — All Souls

Tuesday, November 5th

9:00 a.m. — All Souls

Wednesday, November 6th

9:00 a.m. — All Souls

Thursday, November 7th

9:00 a.m. — All Souls

Friday, November 8th

9:00 a.m. — All Souls

Saturday, November 9th

5:30 p.m. — Joseph DeRiso (Ester & Greg Eby)

Sunday, November 10th

8:00 a.m. — Fred & Anna Kretschmer
9:30 a.m. — Abelardo Angeles (Family)
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



All Souls

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 _____

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.



Capital Campaign Update

To date we have received pledges and/or one-time gifts from 371 families, bringing our total thus far to \$812,934. The BIG bump came from a very generous gift of \$100,000. To date more than 90% of the pledge total has been collected. Many thanks.

Thus far we have spent \$859,066 to complete all the projects. In addition, there was a \$65,000 fee for running the campaign over the four years. As mentioned previously, we “borrowed” \$200,000 from our savings to complete the parking lot. 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!



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

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week’s Collection \$9,131 | Last Year’s Collection \$8,712

(includes Faith Direct)

Thank You!

Good News Reflection**Let nothing stop you from seeing the Lord!**

Notice the determination of Zacchaeus in this Sunday's Gospel reading. His view of Jesus was obstructed, but that didn't stop him from seeing Jesus. He had an obstacle (the crowd) and a handicap (his short stature), but he refused to allow any of this to prevent him from reaching his goal of getting a clear view of Jesus.

In fact, Zacchaeus was so eager to experience Jesus that he did something drastic: He climbed a tree! Maybe he felt embarrassed hanging onto a tree limb; maybe onlookers thought he was odd. Maybe someone tried to talk him down. Maybe the tree was rough and tore his clothes and scratched his skin. None of that stopped him.

We all have handicaps -- prejudices, misconceptions, bad training, spiritual laziness, fears and doubts, and so on -- which obstruct our view of Jesus. And we all have short stature: we are much smaller than God and cannot see the goodness that he sees in and beyond our hardships. In our short-sightedness, we conclude that Jesus has abandoned us, and we feel so very alone.

Instead, we should be like Zacchaeus. In our desire to see Jesus fully, as he really is, we should do everything possible to find a way around all obstacles and overcome all spiritual handicaps.

Notice that once Zacchaeus climbed the tree, Jesus zeroed in on him and gave him personal attention and affirmation. How did Zacchaeus respond? He *quickly* descended from the tree and welcomed Jesus with *delight*. He had so much enthusiasm that he wanted to quadruple the penance for his sins!

Do you see Jesus in the Eucharist at Mass? If Zacchaeus' reaction to Christ's presence isn't our reaction, it means our view is still partly obstructed. We need to climb higher.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What are you "short" on? What in your faith life is too small? What is crowding your life and obstructing an enthusiastic relationship with Jesus? And how can you overcome this handicap so that you can see Jesus and recognize his nearness and hear his affirmation?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Name some signs of spiritual determination that you've seen in others. Why are we able to see Jesus better when we pray more fervently, sing in Mass more enthusiastically, serve others more eagerly, immerse ourselves in scripture more hungrily, care about others more cheerfully, or donate our treasures more generously?



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 \$52,564. 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/>.



Assumption Youth Ministries invite everyone to "Coffee in the Courtyard", on Sundays after the 9:30 AM Mass. Since the weather changed into cold and rainy we are moving inside until the Spring. 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!

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. 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

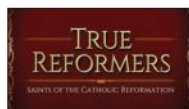
Shampoo, Household cleaner, Pancake mix, Syrup, Canned chili, Rice-a-Roni, Baked beans, Tea

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

True Reformers

Episode 4: Saint Charles Borromeo: The Good Shepherd



A Cardinal Dedicated to Reform

As the nephew of the Pope, Charles Borromeo was one of the most powerful men in Rome. Yet he chose the challenge of reform, and lived for his flock.

"This presentation is great at teaching so many truths of our faith and the challenges of their times. Inspiring!"

—Theresa B., Harbor Springs, MI

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You're invited to a Flapjack Fundraiser breakfast to support CATHOLIC DAUGHTER OF THE AMERICAS



APPLEBEE'S® LOCATION:
3145 Middle Country Road
Lake Grove, New York 11755

TICKETS: \$10.00

DATE & TIME:
Saturday, November 16th, 2019
8am-10am

CONTACT: Jennifer Orlic
516 909 9589

Meal includes: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and a beverage (coffee, juice, soda or tea.)



Catholic Daughters are encouraging people to write thank you cards to the military personnel. Thanking them for the sacrifice that they have made to keep us safe. The cards will be collected on November 10th in time for them to be delivered by Christmas. The cards can be dropped in a box at the back of the Church after the masses on November 9th or 10th or at the rectory.



Assumption Youth Ministries

REACH

MISSION 2019 - EPHESIANS 4:12



LOVE



GROW



SERVE

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

November 8-10, 2019

Registration packets are available at

www.abvmcentereach.com

Registration is a **MUST!**

Must be completed and returned no later than Nov 3, 2019 with \$30.00 Fee

Renata Ptak @ 631-585-8760 ext. 121 or rptak@abvmcentereach.com

*Rest
in
Peace*



November 2nd was All Souls Day. Listed below are those loved ones our parish family has given back to God during the past year.

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord;
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Dorothy Auer
Eileen F. Bayard
Lucille Bevelaqua
Katherine Boggi
Rosemarie Cancelino
Yolanda M. Capps
William D. Carpenter
Cornelia Cavell
Martin J. Connolly
Eileen Connolly
Joseph P. Contento
Nino I. Covelli
Donna Dean
Anthony Delfino
Leona Demidow-Rexrode
Joseph Desantis
Marie Garrecht
Eva Gordon
Bernard Graziano
John D. Gunning
Robert Hauptman
Veronica E. Hollman
William Houston
Gail Ingleston
David W. Kirk
Salvatore Loggia
Mary Ann Lohan
Frank D. Maggio

Dolores Mandarin
Joanne Mccann
Irene Meeks
Patrick Merschoff
Helen Murphy
Charles Naccari
Robert O'Donnell
Laura Outten
Daniel R. Palemo
Edwin Papetti Jr.
Acacia Prieto
Josephine Rachunas
William Rachunas
Edwin Santiago
Joseph J. Sarno
Ann Sherlock
Thomas Stevens
Geraldine Temterini
Martin J. Tiess
Richard S. Traube
Nick Trezza
Mary Wagenhofer
Nicole L. Walsh
Kathryn Ward
John J. Whitbeck
Carmella Wolf
Majorie Zeman

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