



# ASSUMPTION

## of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*A welcoming community sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through faith, prayer and the sacraments.*



## December 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.

### ***Eucharistic Adoration***

First Friday of the month: 1:00-2:00 PM - Nocturnal

Third Friday of the month: 7:30-8:30 PM - ADOREMUS

### ***Miraculous Medal Novena***

Wednesdays following the 9:00 AM Mass.

### ***Communion for the Sick or Shut-ins***

Contact the rectory during regular office hours.

### ***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 or those who have been baptized but have not celebrated Eucharist and/or Confirmation to experience the joy of our Catholic community, within an adult context. Anyone 18 and over is welcome. Contact the rectory office at 631-585-8760.

### ***Faith Formation***

Works with parents to share faith with our youngest members, grades 1-8. Contact the office for details at 631-588-6408.

### ***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

### ***Music Ministry***

Our parish's Music Ministry seeks to lead and support our parish family in full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy. For further information call Rob at 516-523-1668.

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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, December 29th

8:00 a.m. — Peggy Rowland (Torres Family)

9:30 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of  
Campanelli & Lang Families

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

## Monday, December 30th

9:00 a.m. — Jack & Dale Cahill (Mary Ross)

## Tuesday, December 31st

9:00 a.m. — Joseph Parnisi (Rose Picariello)

## Wednesday, January 1st

9:30 a.m. — Anne Manitta

11:30 a.m. — Joseph Hallinan

## Thursday, January 2nd

9:00 a.m. — Edmund Keenan II (M/M F. Manna)

## Friday, January 3rd

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

## Saturday, January 4th

5:30 p.m. — Mary Garrecht (Barbara Hoerning)

## Sunday, January 5th

8:00 a.m. — Maryann Lohan (Linda & Ed Ryan)

9:30 a.m. — Lucy Santamaria (M/M J. Reilly)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Rest  
in  
Peace



Robert Ellerkamp  
Edward Whalen



## Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship

as a Way of Life

## Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Year's Collection \$10,415

Last Week's Collection \$9,128  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

*Thank You!*

## Faith Formation

The ministry of the Word is a fundamental element of evangelization through all its stages, because it involves the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God

### 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 (6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>) 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.



## 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.

## 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.

## 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..

**Good News Reflection****How to have holy families**

The scriptures for this Feast Day instruct us on how to have holy families. The reading from Sirach tells children (young and old) to "honor" and "revere" their parents, to be considerate of them when they get old and feeble and to be kind to them even if they fail to love us well. It does not say that we have to obey our parents all the time. This scripture never uses the word "obey".



We are to only obey God, and if a parent instructs us to do what God wants us to do (as in the responsorial Psalm), then by obeying Mom or Dad, we're obeying God, but if a parent disobeys God, we are not to follow him or her into sin. We can honor and revere our parents by respecting their personhood even while refusing to cooperate with their sins.

The reading from Colossians instructs us to "put on love, the bond of perfection", and to make sure that the peace of Christ controls our hearts. How? Saint Francis de Sales put it this way: "Never be in a hurry; do everything quietly and in a calm spirit. Do not lose your inner peace for anything whatsoever, even if your whole world seems upset."

Verse 18 is not saying that wives should do this by obeying their husbands as if in a child-father relationship. To understand this scripture, replace the word "subordinate" or "submit" with "accept his loving protection". God has put the husband in charge of providing protection for the family (which is why in the Gospel reading it's Joseph, not Mary, who was given the dream). This includes spiritual protection, teaching holiness and leading the family to heaven. In other words: The husband is in charge of providing God's radical love to the family.

Notice that the husband is commanded to love his wife. Why isn't the wife told to love her husband?

Because by nature she's a nurturer and a care-giver. But the man, created to protect, is by nature a warrior. To be holy, the husband overcomes his innate urge to protect himself so that he can make loving sacrifices to protect his family -- just like Jesus.

When a wife submits herself to the protection of her husband, if he is being the man whom God created him to be, she is placing herself into God's protection. And the husband is giving her Christ's radical love.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Which of your family relationships needs to become holier? What can you do this week to improve these by (choose the ones that apply) honoring your parents, teaching your children about the faith, or loving your spouse (or ex-spouse) the way Christ loves?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

Husbands (and ex-husbands and widowers), explain how it feels to be a protector. Wives (and ex-wives and widows), share how submission to the husband's protective nature nurtures the marriage. How is this similarly played out in a priest's relationship with his parish?

### **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.

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 \$59,138. Please ask the Lord how you might participate. Your pledge is payable over a ten-month period of time.

### **Drug Crisis Assistance**

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS? CATHOLIC CHARITIES / Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. The medical and clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs, to begin his/her journey in recovery. For more information, please call: 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Talbot House is a NO fee for service program.



Assumption Youth Ministries invite everyone to “Coffee in the Courtyard”, on Sundays after the 9:30 AM Mass. Since the weather has 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!

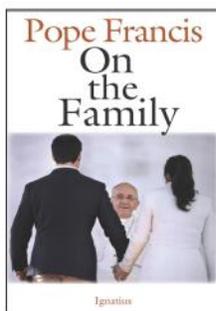


"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." Work to live in your marriage as God desires by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are

Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY and May 1-3, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

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PICK OF THE WEEK



### **Pope Francis On the Family**

*The Family is a “New Mission Field for the Church”*  
Throughout this collection of the Holy Father's addresses, Pope Francis emphasizes the primary role of God and faith in family life and the crucial importance of regular family prayer to draw on God's graces within the home. He emphasizes the deep crisis that the family and marriage are undergoing in the Western world and challenges families today to be witnesses of love, fidelity, and service to the rest of the modern world.

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# One Family In Mission

## **Stewardship Reflection**

Reflecting on our recently completed Stewardship Appeal, it is clear to see that our Assumption parish family is truly blessed. We are working together to create and sustain a community of belonging, where each individual's dignity and self-respect is strengthened by the solidarity of our shared faith, the respect and affection we have for one another, and our mutual dedication to our God-given mission.

With God's help we will continue to grow in discipleship. The willingness of our members to enter into sacrificial giving of time, talent, and treasure in response to our Stewardship Appeal speaks of our continuing gratitude for God's gifts.

May God continue to bless us as we share in His work

## **Stewardship Appeal Update**

As our Stewardship Appeal draws to a close, 250 households have increased their offertory contribution. Assumption parish family is truly blessed with generous stewards. Thank you.

If you have not already done so, please return the Special Response form to indicate your new level of giving, and return to your regular envelope packet for succeeding weeks. If you are interested in receiving information on our Electronic Giving Program, please see below or contact the parish office.



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. You are helping our church be more efficient, and have a steady, predictable cash flow to support the works that are important to you, throughout the year. Signing up is easy! Visit [faith.direct/NY563](http://faith.direct/NY563) or download the **Faith Direct app** from ios or Android app store and search for the parish with the parish code (NY563). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

## **Outreach Needs**

**Christmas Donations:** Thank you to all who gave to our Christmas Drive. Because of your donations, we were able to give Christmas baskets to 60 families in need that are living in our Parish. The generosity of our Parishioners is inspiring!

**Pantry Needs:** Boxed milk, vegetable oil, salad dressing, mustard, deodorant, conditioner, dishwashing liquid and laundry detergent.





## Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>

Mass Schedule: 9:30 am, 11:30 am

### **Remember Our Parish in Your Will**

we often do not realize how helpful it is to the parish that serves our spiritual needs when a person decides to share his/her resources as a way of saying “thank you” for all that has been provided. Most assuredly, a gift to the parish in your will or trust affirms your continued commitment to the parish’s life and works.

Making this gift is easy. You can instruct your attorney to use this wording: “I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Assumption of the BVM parish, with offices at 20 Chestnut St., Centereach, NY 11720, the sum of \$ \_\_\_ to be used for its most urgent needs.” As an alternative, you can make a gift of what remains in your estate or living trust after all other bequests and expenses have been paid: “I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Assumption of the BVM parish, with offices at 20 Chestnut St., Centereach, NY 11720, all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate (trust) to be used for its most urgent needs.” For more information about remembering the parish in your will or living trust, contact Fr. Joseph at 631-585-8760 or [jalenchery@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:jalenchery@abvmcentereach.com) or Barbara Kilarjian at 516-379-5210 x 229.



## DRVC IGNITE CONFERENCE

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January 4, 2020

St. John the Baptist DHS

A DAY OF FORMATION FOR ADULTS  
ON EVANGELIZING THE YOUTH

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