



# ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



**February 9, 2020**

**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

**Sunday, February 9th**

8:00 a.m. — Verius Paul (Children)  
 9:30 a.m. — Richard Rowland (Colleen & Sara Navarra)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**Monday, February 10th**

9:00 a.m. — Luis A. Lucas (Family)

**Tuesday, February 11th**

9:00 a.m. — Harold S. Prew, Jr. (Gazal Family)

**Wednesday, February 12th**

9:00 a.m. — Stefanie Ludyny Paeper (Mom & Family)

**Thursday, February 13th**

9:00 a.m. — Robert Scibelli (Sister)

**Friday, February 14th**

9:00 a.m. — Otto Wolz

**Saturday, February 15th**

5:30 p.m. — Annie B. Cusack (Catholic Daughters)

**Sunday, February 16th**

8:00 a.m. — Enrique Torres (P. & P. Hayle)  
 9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



*Rest  
 in  
 Peace*



Laura Godek

**Time, Talent & Treasure**

**Fostering Stewardship  
 as a Way of Life**

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary  
 (Regular Sunday Offering)**

**Last Week's Collection \$9,839  
 (includes Faith Direct)**

**Last Year's Collection \$9,245  
 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***

### ***Season the world with your faith***

This Sunday, Jesus tells us: "You are the salt of the earth." What does it mean to be salt? Think about what salt does. It adds flavor to foods that lack sufficient taste.

Jesus also raises the point that if we lose our flavor, how can it be restored? The answer is: Only by letting God renew us.

In your baptism, you were made flavorful -- alive with God's love, peace, joy, etc. Fruitful Christians are those who evangelize by adding the seasoning of God's life -- God's love, peace, joy, etc. -- to the lives of the people around them.

But beware of trying too hard! What happens when food is over-salted? It tastes horrible. No matter how good our intentions might be, if we come on too strong, we do more harm than good.

People are much more likely to turn to Jesus if they first experience his love from us, and his peace in how we treat them, and his joy in the way we live our lives. They need to discover that Jesus loves them just the way they are, that he is gentle but sincere when inviting them to grow spiritually, and that he can help them turn hardships and troubles into blessings and joys.

Jesus also tells us to be a light that others cannot help but notice -- but not a light that blinds. To flavor the lives of others with the presence of Jesus, we have to let his light shine in us. We have to be so lit up by Christ that others cannot help but notice.

Additionally, Jesus says that we have to be a city. We cannot evangelize alone. A "city" is a group of Christians: a parish, a family, a church organization. Being Christian means being in community. When our light is joined to the light of others, our collective glow is much more effective in revealing Christ to the world. Why? Because non-believers learn that the love of Christ is real when they see us living in love with each other: unconditionally, generously, with a servant's heart (see Acts 2:42-47).

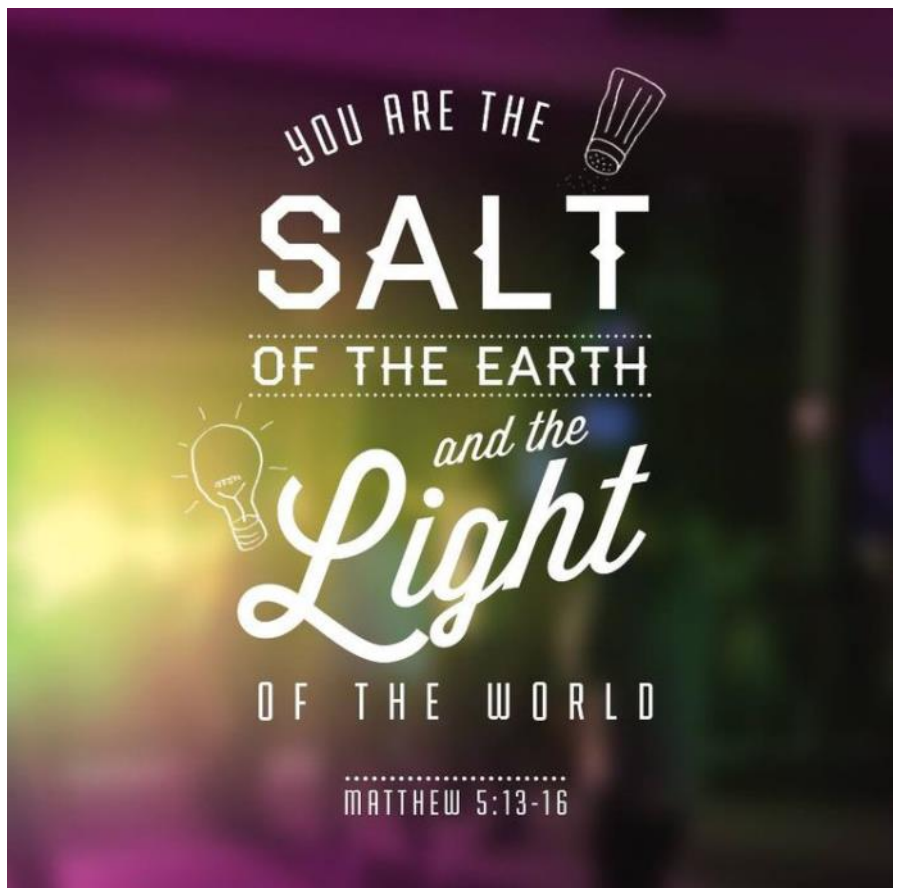
We are the light of Christ for each other. We are seasoning for each other. Without each other, our light dims, our flavor fades, and we become useless to God's kingdom.

### **Questions for Personal Reflection:**

In what ways have you over-salted someone by trying too hard or too often to evangelize? What were the results? What will you do to rectify this? What obstructs the light of Christ within you? What in you needs to change so that the people around you can see him better?

### **Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

What clues help us identify people whose lives are lacking the full flavor of Jesus' love? How could their lives be seasoned with the love of Jesus that is in you? And in your parish?





This Spring, couples who have been married fifty years will be honored at a Mass on Sunday, May 3, 2020 at St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church in Smithtown.

Mass will begin at 2:00 p.m., Bishop Robert J. Coyle 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. If you have any questions you may call 516-678-5800, extension 223.

***Did you know a 401k can help our Parish do God's work? Now you do...***

You worked hard for your 401k, IRA or other retirement plan. If you leave it to anyone besides a spouse, a good portion of that savings may go to taxes. But if you leave it to our Parish, the entire value will be put to good use because we are a tax-exempt organization. Simply fill out a *change of beneficiary form* and name our parish as a full or partial beneficiary. To learn more contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-379-5210 ext. 229.



## Coffee in the Courtyard in the Church basement

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

Weekend is on 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

Shot on location in France, this film is highly recommended by the Vatican as a "sensitive portrayal of a very moving story that deserves a wide audience," and was chosen to be shown daily at the shrine in Lourdes to retell the epic story.

## Bernadette

St. Bernadette and the Apparitions of Our Lady of Lourdes



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**ALPHA IS COMING**

**Come and See**

**Monday, March 2, 2020 - 6:30PM**

Alpha is an opportunity to explore  
life and the Christian faith  
in a friendly, open and fun environment.

**Is there more to life than this?**

### **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, x101.



**Pantry Needs:** Pasta sauce, Paper towels, Kleenex, Canned chicken, Grape jelly, Syrup, Oatmeal

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Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit [faith.direct/NY563](https://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!

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 \_\_\_\_\_

### **Annual Fashion Show to benefit Hope House Ministries**

Beta Sigma Phi – Xi Master Chapter Fashion Show

**Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 6:30 p.m.**

**Held at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook**

\$60 pp includes Gourmet Buffet & Fashion Show

Fashions by Chico's, White House/Black Market

For Tickets: Peg (631) 928-2628



*Kick off the 2020 Lent season with the ABVM Women's Ministry*

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual **MARDI GRAS** Celebration

**When:** Tuesday, February 25, 2020

**Where:** Parish Hall of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church  
(33 Crown Acres Rd, Centereach, NY 11720)

**Time:** 6:30-9:00 pm

**Cost:** \$10.00 per person \$25.00 per family (parents and children)

***NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR***

Come celebrate the start of our most Holy Season as one family in Christ with the ABVM Women's Ministry at their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Mardi Gras event. There will be plenty of food, soft drinks and games for adults and children alike!

***Be Bold, Wear a Costume, Win a Prize!***

***1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes for the best costumes for both adults and kids!***

Direct any inquiries to:

Georgia Lovell: 631-891-7387 [glovell951@gmail.com](mailto:glovell951@gmail.com)

Diane Miller: 516-443-7856 [dimiller@optonline.net](mailto:dimiller@optonline.net)

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Fill out the following information and return it or drop it off with your payment to the office in the Parish Center no later than February 14, 2020. Please make checks out to ABVM Church.

Kindly provide an email address and a phone number in case we need to contact you.

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of Adults:** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of Children:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

