



# ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



**February 23, 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



## Mass Intentions for the week

### Sunday, February 23th

8:00 a.m. — Priscilla Canevari (Glynn Family)  
9:30 a.m. — Abelardo Angeles (Family)  
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

### Monday, February 24th

9:00 a.m. — Susan Fabo (Annette Wolz)

### Tuesday, February 25th

9:00 a.m. — Vesna Stengel (Rose Picariello)

### Wednesday, February 26th (Ash Wed.)

7:30 a.m. —  
Noon —  
4:00 p.m. — Scripture Service  
7:00 p.m. —

### Thursday, February 27th

9:00 a.m. — Laura Jeanne Mauro

### Friday, February 28th

9:00 a.m. — Frank J. Campanelli, Sr.

### Saturday, February 29th

5:30 p.m. — Annie B. Cusack

### Sunday, March 1st

8:00 a.m. — Doris Doran (Catherine Kothe)  
9:30 a.m. — Edmund Keenan II (Mr. & Mrs. Tom Donnelly & Family)  
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Marie Spina  
Michael Boehm



## Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship  
as a Way of Life

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

Last Week's Collection \$9,134  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,043  
*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 open the door of love with mercy**

Mercy is the key to understanding this Sunday's Gospel reading. Think of love as the front door to people's hearts. When they close it, mercy is the love that sneaks in through the back door.

In ancient times, if someone gouged another person in the eye, the victim could gather his clan and punish him by wiping out his aggressor's clan. So God gave his people a law that brought them closer to love: If someone hurts your eye, you may do nothing more than the same to him. It was still unloving, but at least it was fair.

When Jesus came onto the scene, he raised the standards: If someone hurts you, don't play fair; give that person love.

When people sin against us, they don't understand that they're closing their hearts to God and his love. But if we give them love, we give them God through a back door.

This does not mean we are to remain in harm's way. But if we continue to give them love -- even if only from afar -- we bring God and his healing into the situation.

If someone steals from you or demands something from you unjustly, you can't stop his greed but you can stop him from sinning against you: Let it go, give it to him. And as an act of generous love, give him more! I know it

doesn't feel right, but this is what Jesus says is right. Divinely right.

If someone asks you to do a chore for her because she's lazy, prevent it from becoming a sin of cruelty; gladly do what she asks and volunteer to do more.

This plan of Jesus demonstrates, through us, that God's love is superior to everything else. It proves that love conquers evil.

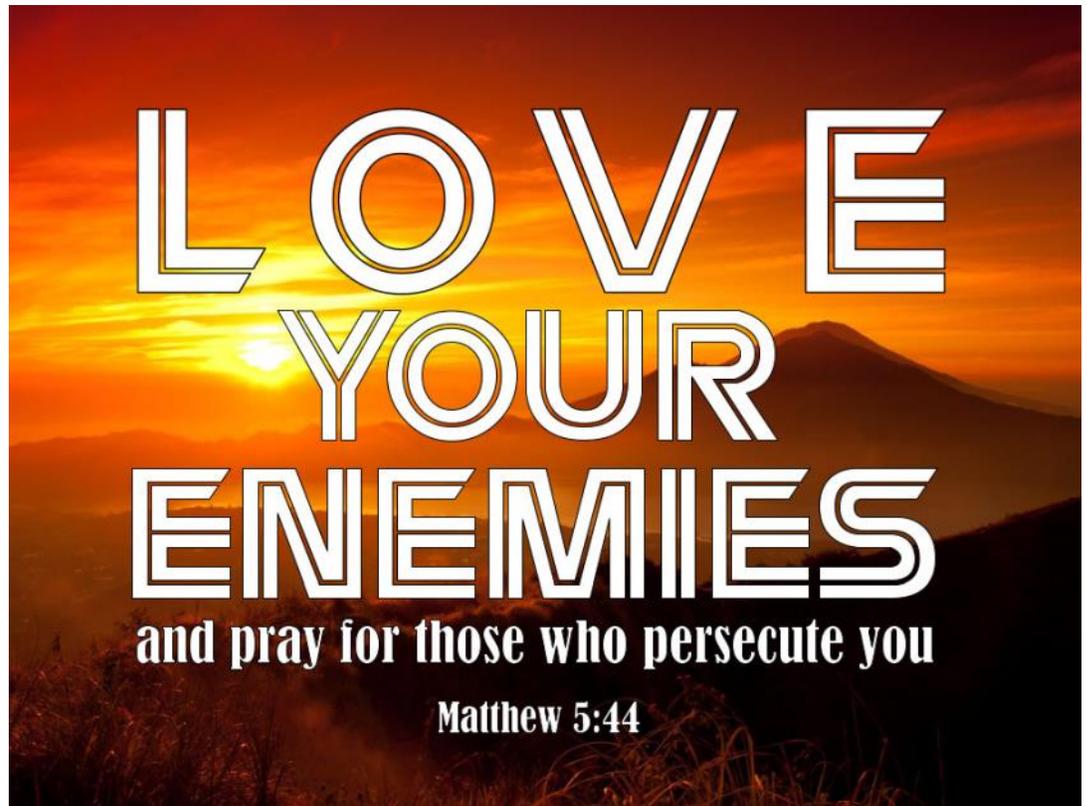
This is what it means to be perfect. Perfection in the Bible means the fullness of love -- complete, unlimited, merciful love.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Think of a time when God showed you mercy even though you didn't deserve his love. What did it feel like when he gave you his love anyway? How did it change you? Who is currently sinning against you? What good deeds can you do simply and easily even before he or she asks for forgiveness?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

Describe a time when you did a good deed to someone who caused you difficulties. What kind of impact did your efforts make? If you're not aware of good results yet, how did it help you experience God's love? How can stopping an abuse be done as an act of love?





# ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

## February 26, 2020

**Masses: 7:30am, 12:00noon, 7:00pm**

**Scripture Service: 4:00pm**



**Holy  
Name  
Society**

**Easter Bunny**

Holy Name Society brings Easter treats to local schools for the disabled a few weeks prior to Easter. If you could spare us a few hours of your time 1 or 2 days to wear a costume and do the visits with us. It is very rewarding to see the children's faces as we visit them. Just a few hours, a day or two would really help. You can contact Sal Stingo at ksands14@hotmail or phone him at 631-981-6905. Looking forward to hearing from you.



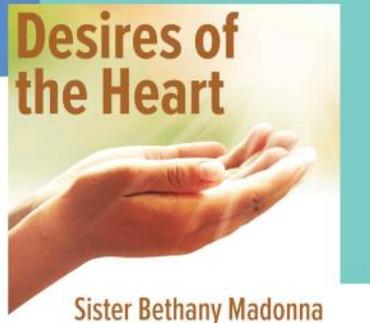

*Coffee*  
*in the*  
*Courtyard*  
**in the Church basement**

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!



Sr. Bethany Madonna, vocations director for the Sisters of Life, shares how God not only wants us to know him, but also to give us the desires of our heart and gifts that bring purpose, meaning, and hope.

**Desires of the Heart**  
by Sister Bethany Madonna



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### Catholic Ministries Appeal

I want to thank everyone who helped make last year’s 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal a success. The diocese collected over 9.5 million dollars, which was used to support many worthwhile services for the people on Long Island.

Your generosity enabled our parish to reach our assigned goal of \$57,400, thus bringing back to the parish **\$13,400** so far in monies that have been redirected to parish activities.

This year our parish goal is \$56,200. Your generosity provides us with an excellent opportunity to reach out to those in need. In particular, the CMA enables our Catholic community on Long Island 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 are also funded by the Appeal. This is but a short listing of a large number of worthwhile programs which your generous contributions support. In addition, parishes who make their goal receive a rebate from the diocese, amounting to 20% of the actual goal.

Please ask the Lord how you might participate. Your pledge is payable over a ten-month period of time. Remember also, one does not have to donate a large amount; joining everyone’s sacrificial gift adds up to a great resource for those in need.

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To provide funds I/we agree to make a gift of:

Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Initial Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your support!

Parish: **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Centereach**

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send me information about Wills and Bequests

**A Guide to Giving**  
Every Gift Counts!

Pledge	10 Payments
\$150	\$15.00
\$250	\$25.00
\$500	\$50.00
\$1,000	\$100.00
Other \$ _____	

Please make checks payable to:  
Catholic Ministries Appeal

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### 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:** Dishwashing liquid, Paper towels, Toilet paper, Ketchup, Pancake mix, Syrup, Pasta sauce, Canned chili



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit [faith.direct/NY563](http://faith.direct/NY563). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

# 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*(Note: If a person has gone to Alpha already, it's not recommended that they repeat the process)*

Explore

**LIFE**

**FAITH**

**MEANING**

### Is there more to life than this?

For more info: [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com)  
631-585-8760, [pastor@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:pastor@abvmcentereach.com)