



ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



May 31, 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, May 31st

8:00 a.m. — Frederick C. Lingen, Jr. (Family)
 9:30 a.m. — Helen Mosior (Family)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, June 1st

9:00 a.m. — Martha & Steven Degenhardt (Family)

Tuesday, June 2nd

9:00 a.m. — Elfriede Aterno (Luz Gaviola)

Wednesday, June 3rd

9:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of the
 Rosary Altar Society

Thursday, June 4th

9:00 a.m. — Al Rondilla (Ed Uy & Family)

Friday, June 5th

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

Saturday, June 6th

5:30 p.m. — Lina Zaccarelli (Ester Eby)

Sunday, June 7th

8:00 a.m. — Abelardo Angeles (Family)
 9:30 a.m. — Intention of Mary Burns (Family)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Katherine Aridas



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

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$7,364
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$7,614
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 (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.



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**Renewal in our lives, the Church and the world**

"Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth." This is our prayer in the responsorial Psalm for Pentecost. It's the reason the Church can exist and continues to exist. We live in the age of the Holy Spirit.

Without the power and presence of the Spirit of Christ, Christianity would have been unable to change the world and sustain itself during two millennia of persecutions, scandals, and obstacles.

Without the Spirit of Christ, we Christians would be unable to be Christ in today's world. We'd be unable to do what the Father asks of us.



Pentecost Sunday re-lives the birthday of the Church, and as it does, it also re-lives our spiritual birthdays, i.e., our initiations as members of the Church. It's a community-wide celebration of the impact that our baptisms have had on our lives and it's a reaffirmation of the Sacrament of Confirmation when the bishop confirmed that we truly received the Holy Spirit during baptism.

Pentecost reminds us that through these sacraments we received God's power and presence so that we can overcome sin, live in holiness, and change the world around us.

How does God "renew the face of the earth"? Through us! First, God the Father gave his Holy Spirit to Jesus the Son so that he could successfully fulfill his mission on earth. Jesus then gave his Holy Spirit to us, so that we can grow in holiness and to continue the work of renewal that he began.

If you feel inadequate for any holy task, you're correct: You are inadequate. But the Spirit of God who dwells in you is more than adequate. Proceed forward trusting in this partnership!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Are you making a difference on the earth because of the Holy Spirit living in you and working through you? What is the Holy Spirit doing -- or wanting to do -- through you? Answer this first regarding your home life, then your job, then your parish, then your recreational activities, in that order of priority.

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

How did you first discover that the Holy Spirit was making a difference in the lives of others through you? Describe a recent time when God partnered with you. How do you feel about the Spirit of God renewing the world through you? What are your hopes and dreams for this?

Sunday, May 31, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST

The Spirit is still at work

The traditional Pentecost hymn is “Veni Sancte Spiritus” (“Come, Holy Spirit”). It’s called the Golden Sequence—a sequence being a prayer that precedes the gospel reading. It became part of the Pentecost liturgy in the 16th century but was written earlier, probably by Cardinal Stephen Langton of Canterbury around the year 1200. It’s tempting to treat the Mass as something that fell from heaven as is. Liturgy is a collaborative effort, woven across centuries—and evolving still. Put your unique stamp on it.

TODAY’S READINGS: Day: Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23 (63). “*Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’*”

Monday, Jun 01, 2020

MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH

Sing of Mary

Today’s celebration of the Blessed Virgin Mary is still new for the Catholic Church, having been decreed by Pope Francis in 2018. But Mary’s tender loving care has been sung throughout the ages. Yes, we experience her maternal protection for each and every one of us. But it’s another thing to honor her universally as protectress of the Mystical Body of Christ. That’s why this memorial comes when it does: the day after Pentecost Sunday—the birthday of the church. Let us honor Mary in the manner of the decree, as “Mother of the Redeemer and Mother of the Redeemed”—namely, Christ’s mother and ours.

TODAY’S READINGS: Genesis 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14; John 19:25-34 (572A). “*Behold, your mother.*”

Tuesday, Jun 02, 2020

MEMORIAL OF MARCELLINUS AND PETER, MARTYRS

Take notice

Today’s rather obscure saints from the early church are included in the Roman Martyrology, a catalog of saints who suffered martyrdom during the era of persecution of early Christians. While some claim Catholicism places too much emphasis on suffering and death, recent events suggest there is a deeper wisdom at work in the Martyrology. In times of crisis, heroic witness often involves willingness to suffer or perhaps even die for a worthy cause. Honor martyrs past and present for their witness.

TODAY’S READINGS: 2 Peter 3:12-15a, 17-18; Mark 12:13-17 (354). “*Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God.*”

Wednesday, Jun 03, 2020

MEMORIAL OF CHARLES LWANGA AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

And the youth shall lead us

The world today is blessed with many young people willing to take a stand on major issues of our time. They work to end violence in schools and on our streets, protect lives, and ensure that future generations and the earth will thrive. Today in the church we honor a group of teens and 20-somethings who stood up for one another amid the threat of violence and death. Charles Lwanga and his 21 companions were martyred in Uganda in 1886 because their Catholic faith opposed the ruling king’s violent

ways. In light of your faith, when and where are you called to take a stand?

TODAY’S READINGS: 2 Timothy 1:1-3, 6-12; Mark 12:18-27 (355). “*I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have.*”

Thursday, Jun 04, 2020**Not worth fighting about**

Timothy was a peacemaker in the early church. He urged members of newly formed congregations to work out their differences rather than foster needless division. Sadly church life (Catholic and otherwise) still involves far too many stories of division—sometimes over the smallest things. Whatever your community’s issue might be, be a voice for reasonable compromise.

TODAY’S READINGS: 2 Timothy 2:8-15; Mark 12:28-34 (356). “*Tell them in the name of God that there must be no wrangling about words: all that this ever achieves is the destruction of those who are listening.*”

Friday, Jun 05, 2020

MEMORIAL OF BONIFACE, BISHOP, MARTYR

Aging can bring strengths

The COVID-19 crisis highlights the health risks older folks face. At the same time, it has led occasionally to examples of ageism—the tendency to see someone as weak or infirm simply because of their age. Saint Boniface would have none of that. Traversing the rugged terrain of what is now Germany during the wild and untamed Middle Ages, he continued his tireless evangelization efforts well into his 70s. In fact, only martyrdom could bring his ministry to a close. “Respect your elders” means respecting their ability to continue making meaningful contributions.

TODAY’S READINGS: 2 Timothy 3:10-17; Mark 12:35-37 (357). “*From all these things the Lord delivered me.*”

Saturday, Jun 06, 2020

MEMORIAL OF NORBERT, BISHOP

Humble pie belongs on every menu

Saint Norbert was a key figure in reforming the medieval church and monastic life. An ascetic at heart, he wore the simplest garb and walked barefoot even in winter. Having been appointed archbishop of Magdeburg in 1126 against his wishes, he arrived at the episcopal residence only to be met by a doorman who took him to be a beggar and turned him away! Church officials quickly explained the error to the doorman, but Norbert turned to him and said, “You were right the first time.” A healthy sense of humility will take each of us far.

TODAY’S READINGS: 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Mark 12:38-44 (358). “*Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury.*”

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Catholic Ministries Appeal

I want to thank everyone who helped make last year's 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal a success. 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 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. 75% of our goal is pledged so far.

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.

Parish Outreach Program



ASSUMPTION OUTREACH

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Pasta, Fruit Juice, Liquid Hand Soap, Tuna, Toothbrushes, Rice.

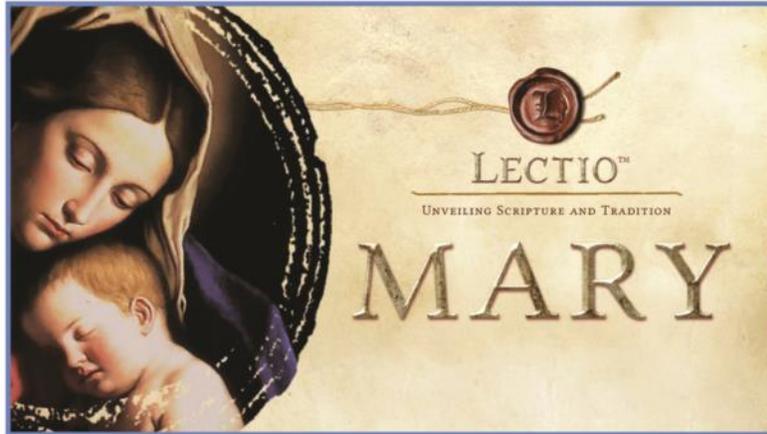
Our Outreach Program Food Pantry has been open on a very limited basis during the recent health crisis. We are going to expand the program in an effort to better serve those in need while protecting the safety of our clients and volunteers. We are asking for your assistance in making donations of food and other supplies listed below. Even though the Church is currently closed, you can drop off your donations at the Parish Office. Please call **631-585-8760** before you drop off. If you are concerned about going shopping, you can make a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you. In that case, please drop off or mail your gift to the Parish Office and be sure to mention that the donation is for the Outreach Ministry. If you are in need of assistance, please contact our office: Phone: 631 585-8760 Ext. 101
E-Mail: outreach@abvmcentereach.com

Pantry Needs: Laundry Detergent, Household Cleaner,



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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



LECTIO: MARY The Queen Mother

In the Old Testament, throughout the line of Davidic kings, the queen was not the wife of the king, but rather the king's mother. Jesus rules as king of heaven and earth with his mother, Mary, as the queen mother.

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