



# ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



**June 14, 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

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Faith Formation: 631-588-6408



# Mass Intentions for the week

## Sunday, June 14th

8:00 a.m. — Maria & Inacio DeSousa (Family)  
 9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

## Monday, June 15th

9:00 a.m. — Peter Egan (Mr. & Mrs. A. Recca)

## Tuesday, June 16th

9:00 a.m. — Joseph Bradley (Ross Family)

## Wednesday, June 17th

9:00 a.m. — Winona Potts (Maryann Valero & Family)

## Thursday, June 18th

9:00 a.m. — Harvey Manchinist (M. Valero & Family)

## Friday, June 19th

9:00 a.m. — Mildred Campanelli

## Saturday, June 20th

5:30 p.m. — Father's Day

## Sunday, June 21st

8:00 a.m. — Father's Day  
 9:30 a.m. — Father's Day  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Helen Ortiz



### Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship  
as a Way of Life

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

**Last Week's Collection \$9,585**  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$8,592**  
*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 Jesus in the Eucharist helps us in difficulties**

This Sunday we celebrate the Sacrament of the Eucharist and the reason why we believe it is truly and physically the presence of Jesus.

In the first reading, we're reminded that God our Father always provides the food and drink that we need for survival in the desert days of life's hardships. What he did for the Israelites, he does for us today in whatever ways we experience hot trials and dry faith. He provides what we need by giving us the True Presence of Christ, who comes to us in the bread of Mass (the Eucharist), and in the presence of his Holy Spirit dwelling within us (Baptism and Confirmation), and in the priest whose ordination makes Jesus present to us in Confession.



The Gospel passage tells us that the Eucharistic food and drink are truly Jesus himself, not a mere symbol of his love. Oh-my oh-my, how we need this food and drink to survive the serpents and scorpions and the parched and waterless ground of our desert experiences! Jesus literally fills us and quenches our thirsts. As we consume him, he consumes us. As we draw him into us, he draws us into himself. In this unity, we walk through our trials with all that we need for success.

The second reading tells us that the Eucharist increases our unity with Christ's body on earth, the church community through which he provides the various resources that we need. In this unity -- when it's activated as it should be -- no one lacks anything good because all necessary goods are shared. And ultimately in this unity, as Jesus said in the Gospel,

we're assured of eternal life in heaven, where all needs are met perfectly and completely.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What are the "serpents and scorpions" in your life right now? In what ways do you feel parched, thirsty to the point of desperation? During Mass, imagine that you're walking through a desert to receive from Jesus what you need. How does it feel to approach Jesus this way?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

How has the Eucharist helped you through a difficult time? Why did it make a difference? I kiss the Host before placing it in my mouth; what do you do that helps you become more aware of the presence of Christ in the Eucharist for all your needs?

**Sunday, Jun 14, 2020**

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST (CORPUS CHRISTI)

**E pluribus unum**

As the United States celebrates flag day, remember that when the Revolutionary War began, no “American” flag existed. Each regiment fought under its own banner. It was another two years before the Second Continental Congress determined that 13 stars and stripes would signify the union of the colonies. An ever-expanding nation required more stars, and then more. It was wisely decided to leave the stripes alone. Holding 50 states together is a challenge in each generation. It takes even more will to hold together a church a billion strong, squatting under banners of preferred views and opinions. “One faith, one Lord, one Baptism” remains our call to unity.

TODAY’S READINGS: Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58 (167). *“The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ?”*

**Monday, Jun 15, 2020****Cheeky faith**

There was a time when the rite of Confirmation included a tap on the cheek—symbolic of being struck—by the bishop, who at the same time wished you peace. The custom was knightly in origin. When you are confirmed, you become a “soldier of Christ,” so you must be ready to risk danger for your faith. But the sacrament strengthens you for the spiritual battles of your lifetime, including for times of crisis. Turning the other cheek hardly means being passive in the face of trials, but rather never giving up in the struggle. Offer yourself over and over in the service of good.

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Kings 21:1-16; Matthew 5:38-42 (365). *“Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go with him for two miles.”*

**Tuesday, Jun 16, 2020****Perfectly clear**

The phrase “biblical criticism” doesn’t mean to criticize Sacred Scripture, though Pope Leo XIII seemed to think so when he wrote the 1893 encyclical *Providentissimus Deus*, which took a dim view of the practice. Rather, it refers to the use of scholarly disciplines—such as literature and history—to uncover the Bible’s deeper meanings. Fortunately, 50 years later, Pope Pius XII penned *On the Most Opportune Way to Promote Biblical Studies* to encourage what had been discouraged. Thanks to it, we can delve into the word “perfect” in Matthew 5:48 and learn it’s an imperfect translation of the Greek “*teleios*,” which means to have integrity. May your actions match your words.

TODAY’S READINGS: 1 Kings 21:17-29; Matthew 5:43-48 (366). *“Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.”*

**Wednesday, Jun 17, 2020****Love leads the way**

Doing good is not only what we are called to do as Christians, it is also a benefit to all human beings in the long run. Evolutionary studies show that cooperative behavior has long-term benefits for

human beings; whereas selfish behavior is a short-term win. In these difficult days, let love be your guide, your inner voice, and your consolation. Doing good is indeed its own reward.

TODAY’S READINGS: 2 Kings 2:1, 6-14; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (367). *“Take care not to perform righteous deeds in order that people may see them.”*

**Thursday, Jun 18, 2020****Lead on**

A small change in translation can be a big deal when the words of the Lord’s Prayer are at stake. After years of consideration, Italian and French bishops embraced a change in the version said at Mass, from “*lead us not into temptation*” to “*do not let us fall into temptation*.” The change intends to clarify the fact that God doesn’t lead people toward evil. So, if you are tempted toward sin today, why not ask God to lead you elsewhere?

TODAY’S READINGS: Sirach 48:1-14; Matthew 6:7-15 (368). *“This is how you are to pray: ‘Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.’”*

**Friday, Jun 19, 2020**

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS

**Get to the heart of the matter**

Expressions of the meaning of the Sacred Heart of Jesus have come from everywhere—from saints and theologians to singers and tattoo artists—each trying to give shape to the meaning of the unconditional love of Jesus the Christ. The Sacred Heart reminds us to allow ourselves to experience Jesus’ great love for us, to dwell in Jesus’ way of being in and for the world. Use your imagination to place yourself within Jesus’ heart, within love. How does this shift your view of the joys and challenges of the day?

TODAY’S READINGS: Deuteronomy 7:6-11; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:25-30 (170). *“Beloved, let us love one another, because love is of God.”*

**Saturday, Jun 20, 2020**

MEMORIAL OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**What have we done?**

During the coronavirus pandemic, some have asked why God would “do this” to us or what we have done to “deserve this punishment.” A similar question was asked of Jesus in the story of the man born blind. Jesus replied that it was nothing the man did and neither was it some form of punishment. Think of the Blessed Virgin Mary, whose Immaculate Heart is the expression of her sinlessness. She did nothing wrong yet she suffered mightily. Even her Immaculate Heart is shown encircled with thorns and pierced with a sword. Many have suffered in this season of sickness and loss, through no fault of their own. Pray for those whose hearts are heavy with grief.

TODAY’S READINGS: 2 Chronicles 24:17-25 (370); Luke 2:41-51 (573). *“His mother kept all these things in her heart.”*

*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**

Paper towels, Laundry detergent

Our Outreach Program Food Pantry is open during this health crisis. We have expanded 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. Please call **631-585-8760** before you drop off the supplies. You can make a monetary donations too. 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](mailto:outreach@abvmcentereach.com)

**Pantry Needs: Box milk, Mayonnaise, Toothbrushes, Fruit juice, Razors, Liquid hand soap, Household cleaner,**

# **ADOREMUS**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

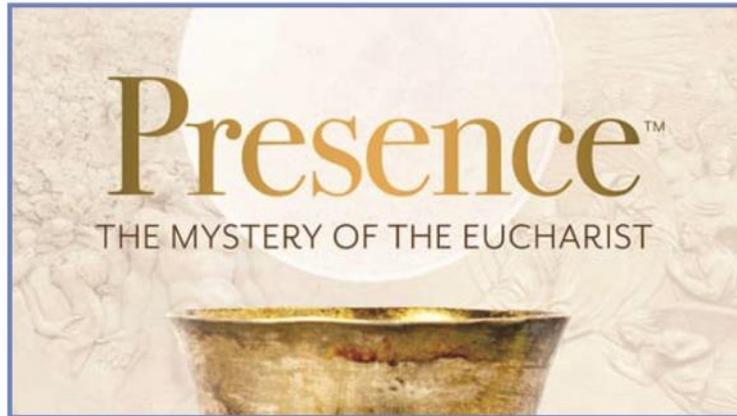
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**Friday, June 19, 2020 - 7:30 - 8:30 PM**  
**in the church & LIVE Streaming**

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# FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



## PRESENCE The Story of the Eucharist

Jesus' teachings and actions throughout his ministry prepare for the moment he offers himself for, and to, each of us, fulfilling his promise that "My flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed" (John 6:55).

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