



ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



June 28, 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, June 28th

8:00 a.m. — Angelina Lisi (Sperduti Family)
 9:30 a.m. — Vincent Stile (Family)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, June 29th

9:00 a.m. — Michael DeMasi

Tuesday, June 30th

9:00 a.m. — Joseph Donoghue (Family)

Wednesday, July 1st

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

Thursday, July 2nd

9:00 a.m. — Lynn Edini (Jones Family)

Friday, July 3rd

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

Saturday, July 4th

5:30 p.m. — Anna Schwin

Sunday, July 5th

8:00 a.m. — John McMahon (Glynn Family)
 9:30 a.m. — William V. Scott (M/M R. Palmer)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish





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

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$9,992
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,355
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**What matters most to you?**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus emphasizes the importance of keeping our eyes on him and always making him our top priority. Nothing else matters as much as our relationship with God. This means following Jesus wherever he leads, doing everything his way, all the way, every day, giving him our 100% (no excuses for being mediocre in our faith), laying down our lives in service to others like he did.



Laying down our lives means making sacrifices, such as giving our cup of cold water to someone who's thirsty. It means receiving someone into our busy schedules and listening for the prophet in him; for example: What is God saying to us through this person?

When we refuse to lay down our lives for others, we reject the Cross of Christ and his sufferings, which he submitted to for our sake. This does not mean, however, that we can never say no to others. Jesus wants to lead us away from the harm of abuse or demands that are sinful or the enabling of unhealthy behaviors. Saying no in such cases is yet another Way of the Cross.

When we truly follow Christ, we can receive all that he is and all that he has for us. When we let go of our fears and personal goals, letting Jesus lead us into new places and new ways of handling problems, we discover new life in Christ. His ways are always far better than what we had feared would happen.

This is the difference between a mediocre faith and a life in Christ that is full of adventures, miracles, surprising solutions, healing, victories, and realizing how very precious and important we are to God.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Who has asked you (either consciously or unaware) to lay down a part of your life for them? When have you said no? When have you said yes -- and was it worth the sacrifice?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Why is laying down our lives for the needs or requests of others worthwhile? Share a story from your own life that illustrates this.

Dear parish family,

I want to thank you all for your patience and love of the Lord during these times. God gives us opportunities in our lives to see where we are and trust in him as we look forward. Many of us have gone through tough times during this pandemic because you or your loved one were sick or are sick. Maybe some of us experienced the death of a loved one. But as believers, we know that the Lord is with us as he promised through the power of the Holy Spirit. Also, he gave us excellent opportunities to explore and experience Him personally and communally through modern technology. I see all these things as great blessings.

We are reopening our church building and resuming our **Sunday masses on the weekend of June 20-21**. Because we need to sanitize the pews after each Mass, we are having **only Saturday 5:30 pm, Sunday 9:30 am, and 11:30 am** Masses for the time being.



Since we are in this together, we need to take care of each other. For the safety of everyone, including the priests and our fellow parishioners, please follow the directives.

- The Dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation Masses remains in effect for the Diocese of Rockville Centre until further notice.
- Those at higher risk from COVID-19 (i.e., the elderly or who have underlying health conditions) or not feeling well of any sort should stay home and watch the live streaming.
- **All present must wear masks** (or facial cloth coverings). Any homemade mask or scarf is sufficient, provided that it covers the nose and mouth. **Please note that you will not be admitted without one.**
- Attendance to Liturgies is limited to 25% of the normal seating capacity of our church; that is **100 people**
- Families and those who traveled to the church together may sit together. All others must maintain social distancing (6 feet apart).
- Offertory baskets will not be passed around. There are collection stations at the exits and can drop your offertory into a basket before or after Mass.
- **Live streaming of all masses will continue until further notice.**
- Further directives will be given at the Mass about the distribution of communion.

Once again, I want to thank you very much for your generous support of our parish family financially. Because of your generosity, we can maintain our staff and other needs of our parish like maintenance of our buildings, landscaping, utilities, etc.

Blessings and prayers

Fr. Joe



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



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

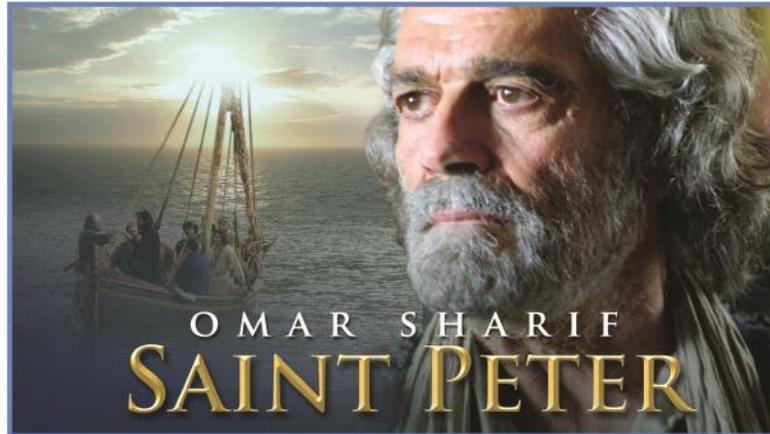
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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



SAINT PETER

(Parental Guidance Recommended)

As a dedicated follower of Christ, Peter spreads the message of the Gospel across the land. As the tension between Christians and Romans grows throughout the film, Peter and Paul meet and join together in preaching about Christ.

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