



# ASSUMPTION

## of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



**August 16, 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, August 16th**

9:30 a.m. — Maria & Inacio DeSousa (Family)  
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**Monday, August 17th**

9:00 a.m. — Katherine Aridas (Sokolowski Family)

**Tuesday, August 18th**

9:00 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)

**Wednesday, August 19th**

9:00 a.m. — Norma Angeles (Mary Beth Van Bourgondien)

**Thursday, August 20th**

9:00 a.m. — Deceased Members of Romeo & Wolz Families

**Friday, August 21st**

9:00 a.m. — John Bodkin (Holy Name Society)

**Saturday, August 22th**

5:30 p.m. — Salvatore Orlando (Anna Orlando)  
8:00 a.m. — Joanne Ruf (Holy Name Society)

**Sunday, August 23rd**

9:30 a.m. — Kathleen Dowd (Diane Melfi)  
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Rest  
in  
Peace

Anna Joseph Alenchery

Nicholas Campanelli

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

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

**Last Week's Collection \$9,279**  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$7,885**  
*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 Alexandria McMahon at tacjs43@aol.com.

**Catholic War Veterans**

Second Saturday of the month: Sept - June at 10 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Vincent Zecca, papazecca@aol.com, or phone 631 588 3423.

**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

### Outsiders

The Gospel reading for this Sunday challenges us to examine our tendency to judge others. The Canaanite woman had two reasons why the disciples might have judged her as unworthy of Jesus' attention: her gender and nationality.

Of course, Jesus was there as Savior for the whole world, but the disciples didn't know it yet. To stretch their minds (and ours), Jesus waited for the Canaanite woman's faith to become so obvious that it would overshadow every limitation that had been imposed upon her.



For Jesus, the only outsider is someone who refuses to come into the kingdom of God. But we don't readily think like this. Our Church is full of people who have been misjudged. Many feel outcast. We easily jump to wrong conclusions about each other.

For example, how readily do you greet the people near you in the pew if you don't know them? How comfortable are you about engaging in friendly conversation after Mass someone who looks unhappy? Does your parish make it easy for single parents to come to extra activities at church by providing free babysit-

ters?

If you're divorced, do you assume that others are deliberately excluding you? That too is usually a misjudgment.

Why do homosexuals feel outcast even though Church teachings have been issued that compassionately invite them to a holy lifestyle?

Why are there lay people who feel blocked from being collaborators in ministry with their priests?

Judging our fellow Christians causes them to suffer. It also allows unmet needs to continue in the Church, because the giftedness of the judged is being rejected. But if we remain conscious of our own tendencies to react to others with assumptions and judgments, we have the power to choose to be Christ for them and to receive Christ from them.

### Questions for Personal Reflection:

Have you ever felt like an outsider? Even in the presence of Christ? How have you been pushed aside and neglected? What kind of damage did it do? Are you willing to try to again to get more involved?

### Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Whom are we most likely to judge? What is your parish doing -- or what have you personally done -- to heal some of the damage that was caused when others were misjudged? What else needs to be done?

# *Congratulations!*

## **First Communicants**

Joseph Bedus,  
Nicholas Bedus,  
Jianna C. Bonghi,  
Anthony J. Buonagura,  
Elizabeth Connors,  
Sallyann Connors,  
Massimo G. Cusumano,  
Charlotte T. Fay,  
Dominic Gallo,  
Ava Gushue,  
Jack J. Kennedy-Manzo,  
Olivia J. Krueger,  
Brianna Kunz,  
Emily Maltese,  
Luke M. Mastermaker,  
Jake M. Mitchell,  
Ava Grace Mueller,  
Valentina Muia,  
Lily C. O'Connor,  
Courtney Peters,  
Marley Peters,  
Sophia I. Picagli,  
Alex Pineda,  
Juliette R. Rivera,  
Benjamin Santamaria,  
Lucas Scraper,  
Jonathan P. Sokolowski,  
Sophia J. Spero,  
Vincent Stile,  
Ian B. Tarazona,  
Geovahnii C. Tudisco,  
Lukas C. Wysocki,

## **Welcome to the Lord's Table**







### **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](mailto:outreach@abvmcentereach.com)



**Pantry Needs: Toothbrushes, Liquid hand soap, Pancake syrup, Cooking oil, Mayonnaise, Rice, Baked beans, Canned chicken, Cake mix, Frosting, Jelly, Paper towels**

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

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.

**Thank you for considering this meaningful parish gift!**



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. You are helping our church be more efficient, and have a steady, predictable cash flow to support the works that are important to you, throughout the year. Signing up is easy! Visit [faith.direct/NY563](http://faith.direct/NY563) or download the **Faith Direct app** and search for the parish with the parish code (NY563). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



# Faith Formation

## Registration 2020-21

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#### Registration for Levels 2-8

Our goal as always at Assumption Faith Formation Program is to help children grow in their relationship with God and to live as disciples of Jesus at home, in school, and their community while developing an understanding of Scripture and our Catholic faith.

We have been preparing a program that meets the standards of faith formation and diocesan guidelines, while at the same time following all CDC guidelines for health and safety. We are planning to start our formation year in person; however, **we follow the actions of the Middle Country School District** and may need to transfer classes to an online forum should the district decide to do so.

- **Classes are scheduled to begin the week of October 5<sup>th</sup>**
- Classes will meet in 2 sessions (A and B sessions) and will be bi-weekly. This allows us to keep classes small, with the maximum allowed being **seven students**.
- Everyone attending **Must** wear a mask
- Desks or chairs will be spaced 6 feet or more apart
- There will be no sharing of materials
- Catechists and children **MUST** stay home when sick
- All rooms and common area surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized before and after classes
- Classes will be dismissed one at a time to ensure social distancing is being followed.

To make this possible for our children, we will need **volunteers** for the following:

- substitute catechists
- cleaning and sanitizing between classes (even if you can offer 20 minutes per week)
- security

To facilitate the registration process, we will now be using an online form. Online Registration will begin on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com). We are limiting class size for each session, so please register as soon as possible if you would like a specific day and time.

Monday A Session	4:30 -- 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 -- 7:30 p.m. for <b>Levels 2-8</b>
Monday B Session	4:30 -- 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 -- 7:30 p.m. for <b>Levels 6-8</b>
Tuesday A Session	4:30 -- 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 -- 7:30 p.m. for <b>Levels 2-8</b>
Tuesday B Session	4:30 -- 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 -- 7:30 p.m. for <b>Levels 6-8</b>
Saturday	9:30 -- 10:30 a.m. for Special Needs* <i>The Special Needs has a limited amount of space; please contact the office for more information</i>

For mor information and **Level 1** registration please consult [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com) or contact Mary Beth Van Bourgondien at (631) 487-2650 or [mscott@abvcentereach.com](mailto:mscott@abvcentereach.com) or Julie Mercado at (631) 588-6408 or [jmercado@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:jmercado@abvmcentereach.com)