



ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



August 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



Sunday, August 23rd

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

Monday, August 24th

9:00 a.m. — Allan Carniello

Tuesday, August 25th

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

Wednesday, August 26th

9:00 a.m. — Katherine Aridas (Holy Name Society)

Thursday, August 27th

9:00 a.m. — Robert Aridas

Friday, August 28th

9:00 a.m. — Joseph Hallinan

Saturday, August 29th

5:30 p.m. — Carol Cacciatore (Colleen Navarra)
Steven Calestini (Holy Name Society)

Sunday, August 30th

9:30 a.m. — Andrea Scalisi (McGuinness Family)
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Yvonne Marie Urgo
Daniel Haggerty



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

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
(Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$9,171
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,295
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 Alexandria McMahan 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**Breaking through demonic strongholds**

When Jesus ordained Peter to become the rock upon which he would build his Church, he made a promise. The gates of hell, he said, speaking of the netherworld that belongs to the principalities and powers of darkness (see Ephesians 6), "shall never prevail against it."

Jesus did not say that hell would never win battles against the Church. He said that the gates of hell would not win. Of course they won't: Gates don't attack! Gates protect. Gates hold inside their boundaries whatever has been enclosed by a fence or wall. Do you know anyone who's been imprisoned by their sins? Or by hellish circumstances?

Christians are not called to take a defensive posture against attacks and encroachments from evil-doers. Christians are called to take the offensive -- we are called to attack the very gates of hell, knock them down, and conquer the devils that are trying to drag people into their kingdom of misery and eternal death.

What Jesus did 2000 years ago to free people from evil he still does today through you and me.

For the sinners who want to escape from evil before it's too late, Jesus gave gate keys to Peter when he ordained him as the first shepherd (priest and pope) of Christianity. These keys have been passed from generation to generation through the unbroken line of Catholic priests.

What are the keys? The gates of hell are unlocked by Sacraments; they open the way to eternal life. When a priest "looses" (releases) the grace and forgiveness of God upon a repentant sinner during the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or when a priest "binds" a man and woman together in the Sacrament of Marriage, it's Jesus who's doing it through him.

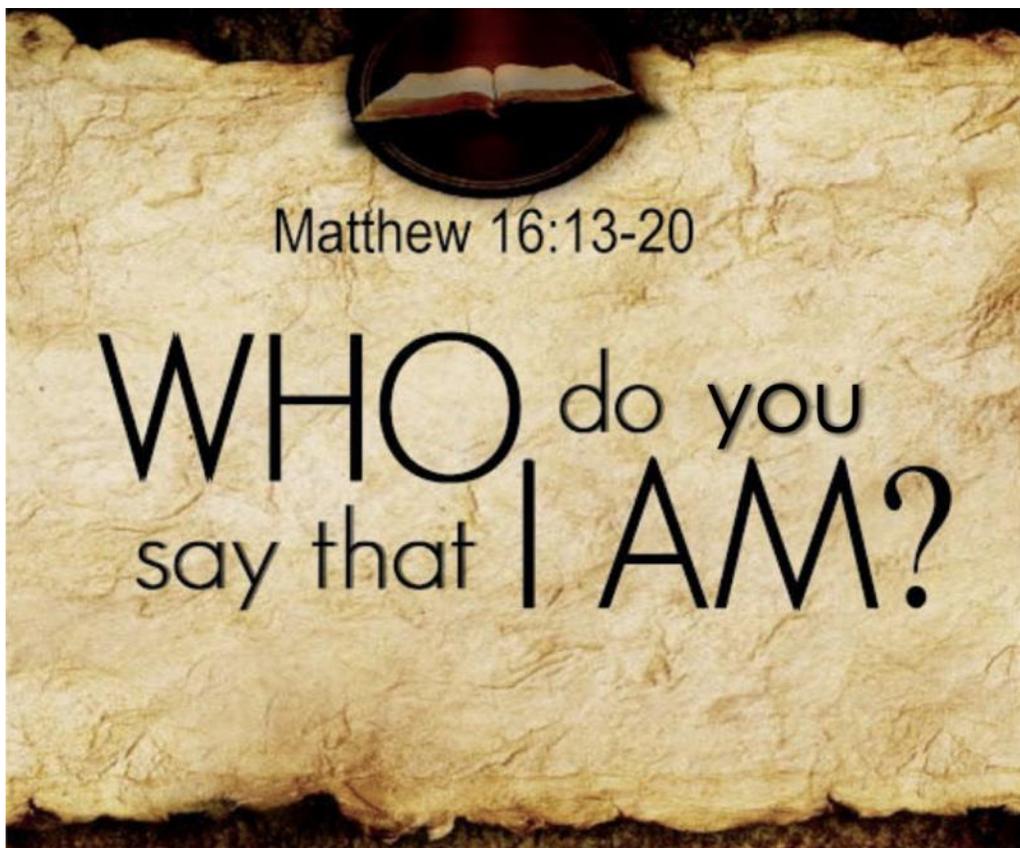
The supernatural power of the Sacraments conquers evil every time we take them seriously and rely on the graces they provide.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Where is there a locked gate in your life, which needs to get blown open so that Jesus can rescue you from some sort of darkness? What will you do this week to utilize the Sacraments more deeply, more profoundly?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Who do you say Jesus really is, and how do you encounter this Jesus in the Sacraments? Which Sacrament (Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Reconciliation, Marriage, Ordination, or the Anointing of the Sick) is most powerful for you personally? Why?





Dear parish family,

We have reopened our church building and resumed 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 stream.
- **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 33% of the normal seating capacity of our church; that is **120 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



Prayer for the Unborn

A National Day of Remembrance of the Unborn will be observed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on Saturday, September 12th, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us and bring a friend (rain or shine). Rte 112 Entrance, Coram





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. 90.6% 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



Pantry Needs: Paper towels, Dishwashing liquid, Household cleaner, Jelly, Pancake mix, Syrup, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Cooking oil, Rice-a-Roni, Cake mix, Icing

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 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or bkilarjian@drvc.org.

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 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 5th**
- 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 1st at 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 Levels 2-8
Monday B Session	4:30 -- 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 -- 7:30 p.m. for Levels 6-8
Tuesday A Session	4:30 -- 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 -- 7:30 p.m. for Levels 2-8
Tuesday B Session	4:30 -- 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 -- 7:30 p.m. for Levels 6-8
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 or contact Mary Beth Van Bourgondien at (631) 487-2650 or mscott@abvcentereach.com or Julie Mercado at (631) 588-6408 or jmercado@abvmcentereach.com