

ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



September 6, 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, September 6th

9:30 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family) 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, September 7th

9:00 a.m. — Dr. Elisa G. & Frankie G. Valisno (Aida Tonypet & Arnold)

Tuesday, September 8th

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

Wednesday, September 9th

9:00 a.m. — Intention of President Trump (Legion of Mary)

Thursday, September 10th

9:00 a.m. — Thanksgiving—Catholic Daughters

Friday, September 11th

9:00 a.m. — Mary Gann (Maria Grant)

Saturday, September 12th

5:30 p.m. — Christie Aridas Stella & Anthony Anzalone (M/M George Van Schaick)

Sunday, September 13th

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



Deceased Brothers and Sisters of our Parish Families

Time, Talent & Treasure Fostering Stewardship

as a Way of Life

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$8,459 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,035 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 to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 3:00—8:00 p.m.; Thursday & Friday - Closed; Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 11. Saturday schedule begins when the classes begin.

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 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

3 steps for calling others to repentance

This Sunday's readings all speak of the need to stand up for what is holy and right and true in a way that that invites others to turn away from sin. If we don't, we indirectly play a part in the sins he or she commits, and we will be held accountable (see the first reading).

If we do take a stand against sin but without compassion and mercy and unconditional love, that too is a sin (the second reading).

Jesus shows us in the Gospel reading that in our efforts to stop a fellow Christian from sinning, it's important to rely on our Christian community for advocacy and prayer support. How?

First, we speak to the sinner. When we know that someone is harming himself and others (all sins are harmful even when we can't see the harm), if we don't try to impart this knowledge to him or her at least once, our silence is unloving and uncaring.



Once we've shared the truth, even if the sinner does not change, we're free of any guilt. But we must not stop trying, and so we take one or two others with us in a stronger effort to help the sinner understand and repent.

And if that fails, we try again with still more backing.

When every attempt to help someone has failed, only then do we quit. In reality, it's not us who's walking away. The sinner is the one who has chosen the path of separation. However, remember how Jesus treated the Gentiles and tax collectors (i.e., the outsiders, the separated ones): He never stopped loving them. He still chose to die for them.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Whose sins have greatly disturbed you lately? What have you done about it? How loving and caring have you been in handling it?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

What bothers you about the way some people have pointed out your sins or the sins of others? How could they have been more compassionate? Share the story of a time when someone successfully led another into repentance and growth. Explain why the effort was effective.

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Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time



Weekend Mass Schedule: Saturday 5:30 PM, Sunday 9:30 am and 11:30 am

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). 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 collection stations are at the exits and can drop your offertory into a basket before or after Mass.
- We Live Stream masses on Sat. 5:30 pm, Sunday 9:30 am. Re-broadcast on Sun. 8:00 am and 11:30 am.
- Further directives will be given at the Mass about the distribution of communion.



All children are invited with their backpacks for a Blessing on Sunday, September 13 after 9:30 and 11:30 am masses outside in the plaza between Church and the Parish Center as they begin their new school year.



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



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Catholic Ministries Appeal

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. You 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, Laundry detergent, Household cleaner, Salad dressing, Jello and Pudding mix, Hot Chocolate, Fruit juice, Rice, Rice-a-Roni, Jelly, Bottled water



Thank you very much.

I don't have enough words to express my heartfelt thanks to all those who have sent me condolences in the passing of my mother **Anna Joseph Alenchery** through phone calls, texts, cards, and in person. Our God is a loving and living God, and I am sure my mother is with the One who she loves to be with; our God. I appreciate all of your love, prayers, and concern for my family and me. May God bless you all and keep you in His living presence.

Fr. Joe



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

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 1^{st,} at <u>www.abvmcentereach.com</u>. 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*
	The Special Needs has a limited amount of space; please contact the office for more information

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