



# ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



**September 13, 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 13th**

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

**Monday, September 14th**

9:00 a.m. — John Houthton (Chris Lingen & Family)

**Tuesday, September 15th**

9:00 a.m. — Vincent DeSiderio (Peter & Jeanette)

**Wednesday, September 16th**

9:00 a.m. — Robert Byrnes (Toni Boch)

**Thursday, September 17th**

9:00 a.m. — Leonie Moliere (Daughter Marcelle)

**Friday, September 18th**

9:00 a.m. — Ralph Cirone (Rose Picariello)

**Saturday, September 19th**

5:30 p.m. — James Ross (Mary Ross)  
James Powers (Family)

**Sunday, September 13th**

9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)  
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Rest  
in  
Peace



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 \$9,293  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,286  
*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; 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 (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****The freedom of forgiveness**

Jesus' message In this Sunday's Gospel reading explains a line from the "Our Father" prayer he had taught earlier (Matthew 6:12): "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."



The strongest word here is "AS" -- the same as, just like, in equal measure.

If there is anyone we have not forgiven, if there is anyone we cannot pray for with love, we'd better keep our mouths shut during this part of the prayer to our Father, who is the Father of all.

Sometimes, it's difficult to forgive because we think "forgiving" means "forgetting". Jesus never said that we must forget what the debtor owes. Forgiveness means remembering -- and learning from the memory -- without demanding repayment or retribution.

Unforgiveness is a form of punishment: it's payback time. For example, if we remain angry, we hope that our anger or coldness will somehow punish the sinner into repentance. Well, guess what. That never works.

Here's something else we do that never works: holding a grudge to protect ourselves from getting hurt again. Grudges do not free us from the pain of bad memories. It chains us to them.

When we free others from the debts they owe us for hurting us (whether they seek it or not,

whether they're still alive or not), we free ourselves and our healing begins -- OUR healing!

It's the most loving gift that we can give to ourselves, as it's a gift of love to others. Even when they don't recognize our gift, God does.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Who angers you because they don't deserve your forgiveness? What are you gaining from unforgiveness and resentment? What will you lose if you forgive?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

What is the most difficult part of forgiveness? What steps do you take for pushing yourself into truly letting go of unforgiveness so you can find healing? Sharing this with others will spread good ideas that could change someone's life!

Dear parish family,

Every year in the summer, missionaries visit us and share their experience and ask us to consider helping their mission work with prayer and with money. Not all of us can go away and help at the missions, but we do that by donating to organizations who do the work. This year Mission Doctors Association, a Catholic missionary organization, was supposed to do the appeal, but because of the pandemic, they were not able to come. That's why they are doing their mission appeal through a letter below. Please prayerfully consider helping this missionary cause. Please make the checks out to Assumption. Thank you very much for your generosity.

Fr. Joe



**MISSION  
DOCTORS  
ASSOCIATION**

**A Mission of Healing,  
A Partnership of Hope**

**On behalf of Mission Doctors Association**, I had been looking forward to being with all of you at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary RC Church when the Diocese of Rockville Centre assigned us for Mission Co-op. As you know many things have changed, however, Fr. Joseph has invited us to share briefly, even if I cannot be with you today.

Catholic doctors and their families have answered the call to share their skills and faith since 1959, providing direct patient care and training for local healthcare professionals. Serving at the invitation of Bishops, Religious Sisters and Catholic Hospital in Africa in Latin America. Some serve long-term for three years and more – others serve one – three months.

Mission Doctors are looking at tomorrow with faith and hope as you are. We know the corona virus will not win, and we will eventually put this behind us, we will be back together with our families and airports will open again in Africa and Latin America **and we know the need is there.**

So, how can you help? When we look at the direct expenses of having a Mission Doctor at the bedside of a patient it came out to only \$3 per patient. So today if you can give \$30, you can make it possible for a Mission Doctor to care for 10 patients. But what ever you can share, large or small, know it is a real sign of hope for the children, the women and men cared for at Catholic Hospital where Mission Doctors serve.

There is so much more I would love to share with you, and so I invite you to visit our web page at [www.MissionDoctors.org](http://www.MissionDoctors.org) – there are videos, and inspiring stories from doctors, *and if you are a doctor yourself, and feel called to serve*, please visit and let us answer any questions you may have.

As our Partner in Hope, you make the Mission of Healing possible. God Bless you and keep you and all the families of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary RC Church well. Our thanks to Fr. Joseph and the Diocese of Rockville Centre for including us in the 2020 Mission Co-op.

Elise Frederick

Executive Director

Mission Doctors Association



# Congratulations!

## Confirmation Candidates

### September 19, 2020

Angelina Augusta  
 Aiden Blouin  
 Mariah Brand  
 Kaylee Bridgwood  
 Sienna Cappsillo  
 Lea Capuano  
 Antonio Catapano  
 Samantha Chichester  
 Annamarie Connors  
 Teresa Cotty  
 Joseph DeSantis  
 Gavin DaSilva  
 Jianna Didonato – Curry  
 Emily Farnacci  
 Madison Gillen  
 Charles Huskiewicz  
 Sarah Kahn  
 Brendan Kearney  
 Cassandra LoBrutto  
 Christopher Mancini  
 Matthew Mancini  
 Sydney B. McGarrity

Sean T. McGuigan  
 Kierstin McNamara  
 Gregory Mears  
 Emily Mendelsohn  
 Michael J Meahan III  
 Santo Oliveri  
 Sara O'Sullivan  
 Thomas Padula  
 Jonathan Patscott  
 Elijah Pecson  
 Sergio Pineda  
 Julianna Rastelli  
 Emily G. Raymond  
 Kyle Richuitti  
 Ava Robles  
 Nolan Rocco  
 Jayde Tancsik  
 Andrew Tarazona  
 Anthony Traube  
 Sadie Trucchio  
 Sean Tully  
 Christopher Zammillo



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](https://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!

### **Parish Social Ministry (Outreach) Program**

The Outreach Food Pantry is available for individuals and families that are struggling to stretch their food budget. We can also refer those needing assistance to any program appropriate to their needs. Appointments can be made by calling 631 585-8760 x2. The Outreach Office is open Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 12 PM.

**Pantry Needs: Paper towels, Laundry detergent, Mustard, Salad dressing, Cake & Frosting, Tea, Coffee, Rice-a-Roni, Dry Soup, Jelly, Hot chocolate, Oatmeal**







# Faith Formation

## Registration 2020-21

### 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 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 [mescott@abvcentereach.com](mailto:mescott@abvcentereach.com) or Julie Mercado at (631) 588-6408 or [jmercado@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:jmercado@abvmcentereach.com)