



ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



September 20, 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 20th

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

Monday, September 21st

9:00 a.m. — Anna Joseph Alenchery (Flynn Family)

Tuesday, September 22nd

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

Wednesday, September 23rd

9:00 a.m. — Anna Joseph Alenchery (Colleen& Sara Navarra)

Thursday, September 24th

9:00 a.m. — Anna Joseph Alenchery (M/M B. Sidor)

Friday, September 25th

9:00 a.m. — Anna Joseph Alencher (C.D.A.)

Saturday, September 26th

5:30 p.m. — Katherine Giambrone
Jessie Gallucio (M/M G. VanSchaick)

Sunday, September 27th

9:30 a.m. — Intention of Terry Zarillo & The Bedus Family (MaryBeth)
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Tillie Plansker
Robert Demarco
John Verry

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

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
(Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$8,630
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,062
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 (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

God's not fair!

God's not fair! How many times have we felt that way? And it's true, at least by our standards. The parable in this Sunday's Gospel reading is a fine example of this.

The landowner seems to be very unfair. We can begin to understand him, however, if we think of this parable in terms of parenthood. A loving father cares about each of his children equally. Although he gives more attention to the child who needs it more, he loves the others just as much.

God the Father is like a vineyard owner who gives equally to all. Since we cannot earn our way into heaven, equal benefits are not an injustice to those who labored longer. Rather, God gives complete and perfect love even to those who only discovered, at the last minute, the value of having a relationship with him. He can do no less.

The first reading reminds us that as high as the heavens are above the earth, God's ways are greater than our ways and his thoughts are higher than our thoughts. We think that justice (fairness) means equal treatment, but that harkens back to the Old Testament concept of justice: "an eye for an eye". Jesus raised justice to its highest level, which means being equally loving and kind to all, whether they deserve it or not.

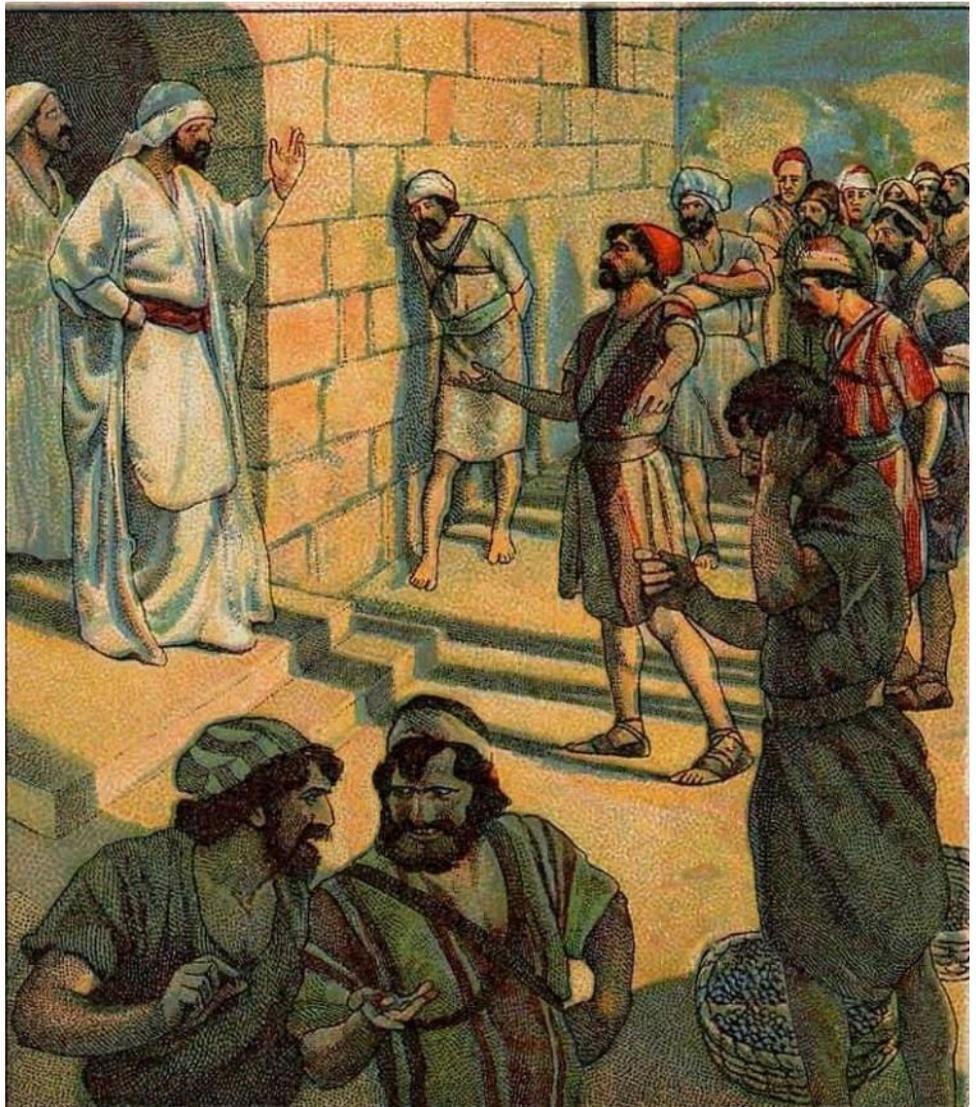
We don't have to understand God's higher ways. We only have to be grateful that God loves us even when we are unloving. No matter how undeserving of his love we might be, he still gives us the same amount of love that he gives to the holiest of saints. He loves us as much as he loves Mary the Blessed Mother of Christ! "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own love?" he asks.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

When have you felt undeserving of God's goodness? What evidence proves that he never stopped loving you? What did he do for you? How has your own opinion of yourself interfered with feeling his love?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Share the story of a time when you saw something good happen to a "bad" or undeserving person, or a time when you prayed for something that you didn't get while an unfaithful person received it without turning to God for help. Despite the unfairness of this, why are you glad that you have known God's love? Can you also be glad for the blessings that unbelievers receive from God?



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 – 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 26, 2020

Nicholas Barry
 Ava M. Benasutti
 Christian Bertoni
 Alessandra Cesa
 Nicole Cieslak
 Alexa R. Commike
 Joseph P. Duffy
 Devin J. Faicco
 Timothy Fitzpatrick
 Sarah Gephardt
 Justin Grund
 James Gundlach
 Keith C. Gustafson
 Gianna Hannah
 Jordyn Hesselbarth
 Gabriella Hirsch
 Kassandra Jurlando
 Jessica T. Kelly
 Samantha Kolyer

Kayla Loeffler
 Michael A. Materazo
 Ana Mesquita
 Jack Mitchell
 Sophia Montano
 Thomas J. Obenauer
 Tyler C. Orlic
 Carson Peters
 Logan Phillips
 Kaylee Rennard
 Luke J. Rizzo
 Elizabeth Tracy
 Dominic Trapani
 Collin Valencia
 Nina Verrastro
 Victoria White
 Jason M. Zaita
 Grace Zyka

New Mass Schedule

starting October 4th

Sat: 5:30 PM,

Sun: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM

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: Shampoo, Laundry detergent, Rice, Rice-a-Roni, Noodles, Oatmeal, Dry soup mix, Jelly, Fruit juice, Canned peas





**Faith Formation Registration 2020-21 ENDS on Tuesday, September 22nd.
Classes begin on Monday, October 5th**

If you haven't registered yet, please visit www.abvmcentereach.com for more information and online registration.

For **Level 1** registration please contact Mary Beth Van Bourgondien at (631) 487-2650 or msscott@abvmcentereach.com or Julie Mercado at (631) 588-6408 or jmercado@abvmcentereach.com

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With Complimentary Pizza!**

YOUR LIFE YOUR LEGACY:

THE IMPORTANCE
OF CATHOLIC FUNERAL, MASSES
& EXPLANATION OF CREMATION
WITH
FR. GREG RANNAZZISI, PASTOR
ST. GERARD MAJELLA R.C. CHURCH
&
O.B. DAVIS FUNERAL HOMES

When: September 29th, 2020 OR September 30th, 2020
(Please choose one date)

Where: O.B. Davis and Casimir Funeral Homes
4839 Nesconset Highway
Port Jefferson Station, NY 11776

Time: 6:30 PM

Phone: 631-473-0360

PLEASE RSVP by September 27th, 2020
631-473-0360 Seating is limited

STAND UP FOR LIFE

Sunday, October 4th
2 to 3:30 PM

Rte 110 & Jericho Turnpike Huntington

Join fellow parishioners in a prayerful, peaceful witness to the sanctity of life...one of hundred throughout the Country.



Court St Gerard, Catholic Daughters invites you and your family and friends to take part in their THANK YOU PROJECT.

Write a note or letter to ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBERS thanking them, encouraging or praying for their service to our Country.

Return date by October 25th. Basket in Church Vestibule. Nothing other than note or letter. No envelopes, please.

Questions? Information? 631 588 7242

THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OF LONG ISLAND OPEN HOUSES

You are invited to explore the benefits of a Catholic High School Education

Please feel free to visit our schools during the times and dates listed below.

DATE	TIME	SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 2020		
SATURDAY, SEPT. 26	11 A.M. - 2 P.M.	SACRED HEART ACADEMY
SUNDAY, SEPT. 27	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL
	2 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.	ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL
OCTOBER 2020		
SATURDAY, OCT. 3	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	KELLENBERG MEMORIAL H.S.
	2 P.M. - 4 P.M.	CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL
SUNDAY, OCT. 4	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY
	1 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.	ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL
SATURDAY, OCT. 17	11 A.M. - 1:30 P.M.	HOLY TRINITY DIOC. H.S.
SUNDAY, OCT. 18	10 A.M. - 1 P.M.	ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST DIOC. H.S.

TEST FOR ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS ONLINE FOR 2020-2021

NOVEMBER 7, 2020
REGISTER TODAY
WWW.TACHSINFO.COM
REGISTRATION DEADLINE
OCT. 23, 2020

New parishioner? Moving out of the parish? Kindly fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory.

Name _____

Address _____

Town/Zip _____

Telephone _____

New Parishioner _____ Moving _____