



# ASSUMPTION

## of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



October 4, 2020

### **We celebrate EUCHARIST**

Saturdays: 5:30 PM

Sundays: 7:30, 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)**

Office hours, Monday to Friday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Food pantry available. Will also try to help with referrals and advocacy. Call 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, October 4th**

7:30 a.m. — Andrew Cerqueira (Family)  
 9:30 a.m. — Joseph Melfi (Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**Monday, October 5th**

9:00 a.m. — Anna Rempé (Family)

**Tuesday, October 6th**

9:00 a.m. — Abelardo Angeles (Family)

**Wednesday, October 7th**

9:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of the  
 Rosary Altar Society

**Thursday, October 8th**

9:00 a.m. — Corazon Phillips (Ed Uy & Family)

**Friday, October 9th**

9:00 a.m. — Delfin Matibag (Gochan Family)

**Saturday, October 10th**

5:30 p.m. — Laura Godek

**Sunday, October 11th**

7:30 a.m. — Billie Stovall (McGuinness Family)  
 9:30 a.m. — Maria & Inacio DeSousa (Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Albert Boehm



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

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

**Last Week's Collection \$7,611**  
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$8,268**  
*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 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****The fruits of Heaven in our lives today**

"The kingdom of God is given to those who produce its fruit." That's the moral of the story that Jesus gives us in this Sunday's Gospel reading. And what is this kingdom of God, given to us while we're still on earth? What are its fruits, which we produce during our earthly lives?



Anything we do in imitation of Christ is a fruit that has grown as a result of following Christ on our journey toward heaven. If we love as he loves, forgive as he forgives, minister to others, teach the truth, and heal the hurting, we are living in the kingdom of God now.

When I ask Catholics if they believe they're going to heaven, most feel very uncertain, either because they're afraid they might lose their salvation through some future grave sin, or because they're afraid it's not humble enough to answer with a firm "yes."

Granted, we do not imitate Christ perfectly. Most of us will need to spend time in Purgatory being purged of whatever is unheavenly about us, but when the purging is finished, we'll be fully alive in the wonderfulness of God. If we make it to Purgatory, of course we'll reach the glories of heaven. And if our desire to be Christ-like is genuine, then of course our sins will never be so "grave" that we turn completely away from Christ. Of course we'll gladly embrace him when he comes for us at the moment of our death.

Whatever you do because of Christ and out of love for Christ, this is evidence that you are living in and will eternally live in God's kingdom.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What good fruits are you producing in your life now? List them; get out a pen and start writing them down. During the week, as you think of more good fruits, add those to the list.

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

Look at the list you produced for the above question. How do these fruits give evidence of God's goodness within you? How do they provide the kingdom of God for the benefit of others? How do they assure you that you are truly a heaven-bound follower of Christ?



# Faith Formation

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[www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com)

During these unprecedented times, we begin our Faith Formation classes on Monday, October 5. It is imperative to keep these young ones get closer and closer to Jesus. We are trying our best to keep it safe for them as well as the catechists. There are so many aspects we need to focus on and put into practice. The following are some of the precautions we are installing to make sure the safety of everyone.

### Safety Procedures:

Classes will be held every other week.

Every student and adult entering the school building is required to wear a face mask.

There are hand sanitizer stations upstairs in the hallway.

Class sizes are limited to eight students, and desks are spaced 6 feet apart.

As an additional safety measure, the parish center doors will be locked during classes, and nobody is allowed to enter the building. We have installed a "Smart-lock" with a camera, doorbell, and microphone. Please ring the doorbell, and someone will assist you over the microphone. Children will be brought out of the building to each parent. If you need to enter the building, please explain your need over the microphone, and the exterior door will be unlocked for you.

### What Happens if the School District Has Another Shutdown?

If the school should close for a week or more, parents/guardians will be responsible for continuing Faith Formation at home. Each student has a textbook and some form of online content. You will be able to access all videos and textbook apps from our Parish Website: [ABVMCentereach.com](http://ABVMCentereach.com) under the Faith Formation, Levels 1-8 tab. Your child's catechist will contact each family with more information if the schools do a shutdown.

Let us keep each other in prayers as we navigate these difficult and uncertain times to support our young disciples safe and protected with our catechists who volunteer to help them in their faith journey.

*Fr. Joe*

### Drug Crisis Assistance

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS?



CATHOLIC CHARITIES / Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. For more information, please call: 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Sliding scale fees, Medicaid, Medicare, and other third-party insurance accepted

### Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

This year our parish goal is \$57,400. Your generosity provides us with an excellent opportunity to reach out to those in need by supporting the many programs run by our diocese. In particular, the CMA enables our Catholic community on LI 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 throughout the diocese.

In addition, parishes who make their goal receive a rebate from the diocese, amounting to 20% of the actual goal. Thus far we have collected \$59,206. Please ask the Lord how you might participate. Your pledge is payable over a ten-month period of time.

# New Mass Schedule

starting **October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Sat: 5:30 PM,**

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



## **Catholic Ministries Appeal**

This year our parish goal is \$56,200 and \$50,807.00 is pledged. We are short of \$5,393.00 of our goal. 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. 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.



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: Laundry detergent, Deodorant, Rice, Noodles, Canned peas, Fruit juice, Box milk, Corn muffin mix, Cake mix, Icing, Paper towels, Kleenex, Cranberry sauce**





Faith Formation Registration 2020-21 Ended  
Classes begin on Monday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

THE CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS OF LONG ISLAND  
TEST FOR ADMISSION TO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS  
ONLINE FOR 2020-2021

**Saturday, Nov. 7, 2020**

 CHAMINADE HIGH SCHOOL MINEOLA (516) 742-5555	 HOLY TRINITY DIOCESAN H.S. HICKSVILLE (516) 433-2900	 KELLENBERG MEMORIAL H.S. UNIONDALE (516) 292-0200
 OUR LADY OF MERCY ACADEMY SYOSSET (516) 921-1047	 SACRED HEART ACADEMY HEMPSTEAD (516) 483-7383	 ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH HUNTINGTON (631) 271-2020
 ST. DOMINIC HIGH SCHOOL OYSTER BAY (516) 922-4888	 ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST H.S. WEST ISLIP (631) 587-8000	 ST. MARY'S HIGH SCHOOL MANHASSET (516) 627-2711

THE EDUCATION OF A LIFETIME

REGISTER TODAY  
[www.TACHSINFO.com](http://www.TACHSINFO.com)  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE  
Oct. 23, 2020



Sunday,  
October 4<sup>th</sup>  
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 25<sup>th</sup>. 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
<b>SEPTEMBER 2020</b>		
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
<b>OCTOBER 2020</b>		
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.

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NOVEMBER 7, 2020  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_



# THE DIOCESE *of* **ROCKVILLE CENTRE**

## **A Message to the Faithful**

As our valued partner in providing spiritual, educational, charitable and cultural activities in the Long Island community, the Diocese of Rockville Centre felt it was important to share the news with you that today we have filed a voluntary petition for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. In addition to the media release attached to this email, a video message from Bishop Barres announcing this filing and other information regarding the filing is posted on the diocesan website: [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org).

We took this necessary action to manage litigation expenses, address disputes with the Diocese's insurers and facilitate settlements of lawsuits filed under the Child Victims Act. Like many other institutions and the parishioners, we serve, the Diocese has suffered a strain on its finances as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Approximately 40 percent of our annual revenue comes from offertory collections, which have dropped precipitously with attendance at Sunday Mass.

We believe the restructuring process is the only way to ensure a fair and equitable outcome for everyone involved, including abuse survivors whose compensation settlements will be resolved by the courts.

But rest assured, this process will impede neither our mission to be a spiritual resource to the 1.4 million Catholics who reside in Long Island nor our partnership with your organization.

The Diocese believes its current and future liquidity will be sufficient to fund operations and ministries during the restructuring process and beyond. Operations of the parishes and schools are expected to continue as normal.

We will work diligently with all survivors, creditors and ministries to maintain open communication while we work toward our goal of completing a settlement and finalizing a restructuring plan that includes a comprehensive and fair resolution for survivors.

We appreciate your support prayers during this period. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or concerns. You may also find updated information on our website: [www.drvc.org](http://www.drvc.org).

Sean Dolan/516-510-0473