



# ASSUMPTION

## of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



January 3, 2021

### **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, January 3rd**

7:30 a.m. — Ralph Cirone (Family)  
 9:30 a.m. — Salvatore Rosato (Colleen Navarra)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**Monday, January 4th**

9:00 a.m. — Rafael Vaca (Maryann Morse)

**Tuesday, January 5th**

9:00 a.m. — Anna Joseph Alenchery (Nancy Dentrone)

**Wednesday, January 6th**

9:00 a.m. — Katherine Aridas (Elizabeth Leverock)

**Thursday, January 7th**

9:00 a.m. — John Hayes (Jerry & Jeanne Flynn)

**Friday, January 8th**

9:00 a.m. — David & Kathleen Worrell (Family)

**Saturday, January 9th**

5:30 p.m. — Eileen Pacula (Daughter)

**Sunday, January 10th**

7:30 a.m. — Steven Caletini (Mike Montelione)  
 9:30 a.m. — Felicja Bedarska  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Marie Soddors  
 Francis Barnes  
 Kenneth Dougherty



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

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

**2020 Christmas Collection \$13,606**  
 2019 Christmas Collection \$22,837

**Last Week's Collection \$7,866**  
 (includes Faith Direct)  
 Last Year's Collection \$10,090  
**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 a.m.

**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

### Gifts of new birth

Epiphany is a celebration of the adoration of magi from the East who sought and found Christ the newborn king.

The Greek word "magi" meant oriental scientists. Also called astrologers, their worship of Jesus does not validate astrology, which assigns power over us to stars and planets; rather, it validates that Jesus was born to bring salvation to all, Gentiles as well as Jews. Their arrival at the manger demonstrates that Jesus was born for the sake of all who recognize that only God should have power over us. Jesus was born to free us from sin and all other forces that control us.



The magi also demonstrate that gift-giving is a normal part of worship. Their gift of gold honored Jesus as king. Their gift of incense honored Jesus as God. And their gift of myrrh honored the gift that Jesus would eventually give to us: his death. He was born to sacrifice his life for us. He took to the cross our sins, and then his resurrection destroyed the power of sin and the power of demons who tempt us to sin.

The gifts of the magi become gifts that we all give to Jesus: Gold represents our righteous-

ness, which Christ's kingship over our lives makes possible so that we become more and more saintly each day. Incense represents our prayers going up to God - prayers that involve giving God the gift of our trust. And myrrh is the gift of suffering for Christ: the sacrifices we make for the sake of his ongoing mission of transforming our world.

The word "epiphany" means a moment of discovery, a revelation that changes our lives. Did the magi have an epiphany about Jesus when they came into his presence? Did they realize that they were looking at the Savior of the world? Did they want this little baby to save them from their own sins?

We can safely assume that they never forgot about their trip to Bethlehem. Surely they kept their ears open for news about him as the years went by. Probably they heard about the King of the Jews who was crucified.

We know that they in fact became very saintly Christians; their relics still exist and have been venerated since very early times.

What about you and me? Will we remember Jesus in some new way this year? Will our worship of him transform us? Will the power of sin be defeated by our faith in Christ when we face temptations?

Hopefully, we have been changed this Advent and Christmas Season by a new rebirth of Jesus into our lives and - through our lives - out into the world.

### Questions for Personal Reflection:

What's the gold you're giving to Jesus? What is your incense? What is your myrrh?

### Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Describe an epiphany you have had during this past Advent and the Season of Christmas. How will you take this out to others so that they, too, experience Christ more completely?



# Good Shepherd Hospice

## Catholic Health Services

At the heart of health

### **BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUPS**

Good Shepherd Hospice Bereavement Services are opened to anyone in the community who has experienced a loss through death at no charge.

Upcoming Virtual Bereavement Support Groups, led by a Bereavement Specialist, include:

[Loss Due to COVID-19 Bereavement Support Group](#) 1/7/ 21 - 2/11/21 – 1:00pm-2:30pm

Registration Required - Please email/call: Jennifer Herzog, LMSW

(631) 828-7636 / Jennifer.Herzog@CHSLI.org

[Spousal/Partner Bereavement Support Group](#) 1/12/21 - 2/16/21- 12:00pm-1:30pm

Registration Required - Please email/call: Carolyn Lisi- Haas, LCSW-R

(631) 828-7629 / Carolyn.Lisi-Haas@CHSLI.org

[Adult Loss of Parent or Sibling Bereavement Support Group](#) 1/12/21 - 2/16/21- 5:00pm-6:30pm

Registration Required - Please email/call: Carolyn Lisi- Haas, LCSW-R

(631) 828-7629 / Carolyn.Lisi-Haas@CHSLI.org

### **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. The medical and clinical staff at Talbot House will assess the kind of care the person needs, to begin his/her journey in recovery. 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



Thank You  
FOR  
**GIVING**  
...  
GENEROUSLY

### **Outreach Needs for Christmas**

Thank you to all who gave to our Christmas Drive. Because of your donations, we were able to give Christmas baskets to 50 families in need that are living in our Parish. This included gift cards so they were able to buy presents for their children. The generosity of our Parishioners is inspiring!

*Thank You!*

### 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: Pancake Mix, Syrup, Egg Noodles, Laundry Detergent, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste.**



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 [faithdirect.net/NY563](http://faithdirect.net/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!



For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.  
**2021**  
Jeremiah 29:11

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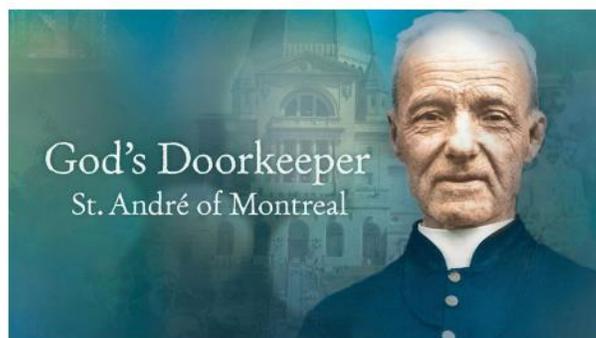
PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

#### GOD'S DOORKEEPER: ST. ANDRÉ OF MONTREAL

This week, we celebrate the memorial of a humble doorkeeper, St. André of Montreal. Learn how this man became a great saint through his small acts of love!



Our parish subscribes to a revolutionary online platform which provides the best in Catholic audio talks, movies, e-books, and video-based studies. It is, **free of charge**. Simply type in [abvmcentereach.formed.org](http://abvmcentereach.formed.org) on your browser. Once you have registered you'll have access to all the material on FORMED, again **free of charge**.

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**A BIG thank you**

The **Assumption Faith Formation** and the Lake House Shelter would like to thank all who donated beautiful gifts and generous gift cards. Your thoughtful giving has ensured that all the children had gifts to open for Christmas. Your exceptional kindness has guaranteed that these families had a joyful Christmas. Thank you for your generosity and love.

