



# ASSUMPTION

## of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



May 9, 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, May 9th**

7:30 a.m. — Mother's Day  
 9:30 a.m. — Mother's Day  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**Monday, May 10th**

9:00 a.m. — Mother's Day

**Tuesday, May 11th**

9:00 a.m. — Mother's Day

**Wednesday, May 12th**

9:00 a.m. — Mother's Day

**Thursday, May 13th**

9:00 a.m. — Mother's Day  
 7:00 p.m. — People of the Parish

**Friday, May 14th**

9:00 a.m. — Mother's Day

**Saturday, May 15th**

5:30 p.m. — Deceased Members of the Spina Family  
 Maryann DeGori (Petroccione Family)

**Sunday, May 16th**

7:30 a.m. — Joseph Nugent (Ed & Diane Pozzi & Family)  
 9:30 a.m. — Robert De Laurentis (Raby Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**Time, Talent & Treasure**

**Fostering Stewardship  
 as a Way of Life**

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

**Last Week's Collection \$9,984  
 (includes Faith Direct)**

**Last Year's Collection \$5,831  
 Thank You!**

**Faith Formation****Faith Formation Office Hours**

Regular Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7:30 pm; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; 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..

Rest  
 in  
 Peace



Joan Tait  
 Ron Della Croce

***Good News Reflection******How to be a good friend of Jesus***

Servanthood is the mark of true Christian living. Jesus emphasized this during the Last Supper, saying that he came not to be served, but to serve, and that likewise we should serve one another. In his parables, he often referred to believers as "servants" of the Kingdom. But in this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus says that he wants us to be his friends, not his slaves. Is he contradicting himself?

Not at all! Friends serve because they care. Slaves serve because of duty and the fear of punishment.

Jesus said, "If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love." Do we hear this as a friend or as a slave?

Slaves are afraid of what will happen if they fail to keep God's commandments; they are self-protective. Friends are eager to find out what God commands, because they view the commandments from the perspective of love, as opportunities to serve; they are other-oriented.



Jesus said, "This is my commandment: Love one another the way I love you." It's the supreme commandment; call it the Commandment of Friendship. He says, "You know how I love you, my friends: I openly share with you everything that the Father tells me." His friends realize that what he shares (through scripture and through the Church) reveals our opportunities to love. Every commandment is rooted in love. Every Church teaching is based on scriptures that help us know when and how to love.

When we fail to obey, do we lose God's love? Never! Do we lose our place in his love? Yes. By living outside of his commandments, we feel unloved even while being loved.

This is slavery. We're enslaved by fear or by false beliefs or by our wounds that have caused us to think that we're not loved enough. God's commandments then feel confining, and if we try to escape, we commit rebellion. Those who don't rebel accept their slavery and obey dutifully in the hope of winning God's love.

Friends, on the other hand, know that God always loves them, and in this love, they are free to serve one another joyfully.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Are you obeying God like a slave or his best friend? Do you eagerly and happily jump into doing the will of God or do you complain about it? Do you ever want to escape from God's will? What will you do this week to become more aware of his friendship?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

What raises our relationships with God from slavery into friendship? Describe the differences between obeying out of duty and obeying out of love. How do you define friendship with God?





## ***Mother's Day***

Our mothers are always very special to every one of us. God gave us wonderful mothers who have planted and nurtured the seeds of faith in our lives, and they stood with us in thick and thin of our journey of life. It is because of their faith and their love that we are where we are today. Some of us grieve the passing of our beloved mothers to eternal joy. So I want to wish all the mothers, expectant mothers, and many women who are mothers to others in many ways. Happy Mother's day! Thank you very much for being a blessing to so many.



## **2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**



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*One Family in Mission*  
Creating Pathways to Faith

I want to thank everyone who helped make 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal a success. As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised is restricted to support the objectives, programs, and mission that serves more than 600,000 people each year, and our parish shares in the money raised to use for our own local needs. Our parish goal this year is 54400.

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. If you haven't got a pledge card please use the form below and drop it off in the Sunday collection or at the office.

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Down payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## 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. If you or someone you know can use our services, please call us at 631 585-8760 x2 or by email to [outreach@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:outreach@abvmcentereach.com). We are happy to assist people of all faiths. The Outreach Office is open Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 12 PM. **Pantry Needs: Baked Beans, Grape Jelly, Box Milk, Dog Food, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper**



# Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 13

**Mass Schedule: 9:00 AM & 7:00 PM**

**Please notice the NEW Mass Schedule**

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**WATCH**

### FATIMA GEMS

Fatima Gems, hosted by Fr. Andrew Apostoli, focuses on the beauty of Our Lady's messages to three young children in 1917. This series demonstrates ways to apply the Fatima teachings to our everyday lives, showcasing that this apparition is just as relevant to our culture today as it was 100 years ago.



Our parish subscribes to the Formed. 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**.

You also can install FORMED through an app. Learn more at [app.formed.org](http://app.formed.org). Our parish code is P8DGQ8.

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# *Congratulations!*

## *Confirmation Candidates*

May 15, 2021

Nicholas Adamo  
Joseph Alberigo  
Leonora Augusta  
Gillian Blouin  
Patrick Bono  
Diana Caputo  
Anthony Cardiello  
Alexa Carmody  
Jared Catapano  
Jack Cavalieri  
Alejandro Cebrian  
Nathan Cepparo  
Mia Clark  
Declan Cleary  
Morgan Decker  
MarcosDiaz  
Thomas Doyle  
Caragh Doyle  
Maya Dziki  
Colin Ehrler  
Brayden Elenterio  
Anthony Ferrara  
Nicholas Fiorentino  
Gabriella Fraga  
Katherine Garcia  
Raymond Godbersen  
Dylan Grant



Rachel Gray  
Kylie Grecki  
Meaghan Grieco  
Meghan Ippolito  
Daniel Kahler  
Madison Kveton  
Christopher Lema  
Dominick Magliulo  
Marie Manolt  
Liam Molloy  
Taylor Montroy  
Philip Mucha  
Miranda Palumbo  
Julianna Paoli  
Jessica Pennino  
Sofia Puleo  
Kylie Randazzo  
Justin Renna  
Anthony Ridolfi  
Jaeden Rivera  
Cara Robbert  
Patrick Rodgers  
Colin Sengelaub  
Alexa Teixeira  
Alexa Temple  
Keith Tietjen

