



# ASSUMPTION

## of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



**January 5, 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, January 5th**

8:00 a.m. — Maryann Lohan (Linda &amp; Ed Ryan)

9:30 a.m. — Lucy Santamaria (M/M J. Reilly)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**Monday, January 6th**

9:00 a.m. — Mary &amp; Patrick McConnon

**Tuesday, January 7th**

9:00 a.m. — Edmund Flood (M/M T. LeGrady)

**Wednesday, January 8th**

9:00 a.m. — Helen Strang (Allen Strang)

**Thursday, January 9th**

9:00 a.m. — Peter and Marjorie Gochan (Family)

**Friday, January 10th**

9:00 a.m. — Olivia Aliprandini (Pra Adamo)

**Saturday, January 11th**

5:30 p.m. — Eileen Pacula (Daughter)

**Sunday, January 12th**

8:00 a.m. — Luciano Scuderi (M/M A. Loretoni)

9:30 a.m. — Ruth Casanova (Butzbach Family)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



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)

**2019 Christmas Collection \$22,286****2018 Christmas Collection \$21,223**

**Last Week's Collection \$10,090**  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$9,128****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 and Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 3:00—8:00 p.m.); Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.—7:30; Thursday & Friday - Closed; Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 11; Sunday - 10:30 a.m. to Noon.

**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 Maria Calestini at flo815@optonline.net.

**Catholic War Veterans**

Second Saturday of the month: Sept - June at 10 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Richard Gallagher at popparich38@aol.com.

**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***

### ***Where did the faith of the Magi come from?***

The Season of Christmas includes the celebration of the arrival of the magi from the East. Let's consider the humble adoration of the magi for the Christ child. The magi were Gentiles, and the Greek word "magi" meant oriental scientists. Despite sometimes being translated as "astrologers", their visit to the manger does not validate astrology.

Because they were not Jews, their determination to meet the Jewish savior says much about what the word "epiphany" means. The magi are good examples of believing in the importance of Jesus even without understanding what it would mean to them personally or to the rest of the world.



They worshiped Jesus as a King-Messiah before they knew how he would become king or how his kingship would save the world from evil. As scientific scholars, they had studied religious writings from beyond the scope of their own culture. Then, they acted on faith in response to the Spirit of God who activated them, and it changed their lives.

Only the Spirit of God can move someone to have faith, because faith is a gift of the Holy Spirit (see 1 Corinthians 12). The word "epiphany" means discovery, a revelation that changes our lives. Epiphanies are gifts from God as he collaborates with our desire for new growth.

We can imagine how the magi felt when they experienced an epiphany in the presence of the Christ child. Although they did not understand how this baby from a poor family could become king, they remembered him for the rest of their lives and listened for news from the land of Israel about Jesus. We know that they heard about his crucifixion and learned what his followers were teaching about it, for they became Christians -- their relics have been venerated since very early times.

### **Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What sign from God, like the star that the magi followed, are you waiting to see? What signs is God already showing you? These are evidence that he is working in your life. What epiphany -- new understanding -- is Jesus giving you about what God is doing in your life?

### **Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

God has given you faith to believe in Jesus as the Messiah. How do you act on this faith? And how do these actions evangelize non-believers?

**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.

**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



Assumption Youth Ministries invite everyone to “Coffee in the Courtyard”, on Sundays after the 9:30 AM Mass. Since the weather has changed into cold and rainy we are moving inside until the Spring. It is a great opportunity to meet people who we worship with, make new friends, and build a stronger community, in which we then become a stronger parish family. All are welcome!



"Put on, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another." Work to live in your marriage as God desires by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are

Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY and May 1-3, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

Dr. Pitre exposes the problems with the many false theories that have resulted in widespread skepticism about the reliability of Christianity.

**The Case for Jesus**

By Dr. Brant Pitre

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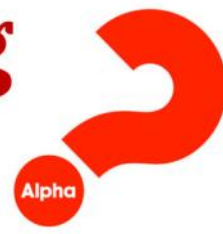
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# Alpha is coming



**Come and See**  
**on Monday, March 2, 2020 - 6:30PM**

## ***Outreach Needs***

**Christmas Donations:** Thank you to all who gave to our Christmas Drive. Because of your donations, we were able to give Christmas baskets to 60 families in need that are living in our Parish. The generosity of our Parishioners is inspiring!

**Pantry Needs:** Boxed milk, vegetable oil, salad dressing, mustard, deodorant, conditioner, dishwashing liquid, pet food, and laundry detergent.



## ***Remember Our Parish in Your Will***

we often do not realize how helpful it is to the parish that serves our spiritual needs when a person decides to share his/her resources as a way of saying “thank you” for all that has been provided. Most assuredly, a gift to the parish in your will or trust affirms your continued commitment to the parish’s life and works.

Making this gift is easy. You can instruct your attorney to use this wording: “I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Assumption of the BVM parish, with offices at 20 Chestnut St., Centereach, NY 11720, the sum of \$ \_\_\_ to be used for its most urgent needs.” As an alternative, you can make a gift of what remains in your estate or living trust after all other bequests and expenses have been paid: “I hereby give, devise and bequeath to Assumption of the BVM parish, with offices at 20 Chestnut St., Centereach, NY 11720, all the rest, residue and remainder of my estate (trust) to be used for its most urgent needs.” For more information about remembering the parish in your will or living trust, contact Fr. Joseph at 631-585-8760 or [jalenchery@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:jalenchery@abvmcentereach.com) or Barbara Kilarjian at 516-379-5210 x 229.



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*Kick off the 2020 Lent season with the ABVM Women's Ministry*

# 4<sup>th</sup> Annual **MARDI GRAS** Celebration

**When:** Tuesday, February 25, 2020

**Where:** Parish Hall of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church  
(33 Crown Acres Rd, Centereach, NY 11720)

**Time:** 6:30-9:00 pm

**Cost:** \$10.00 per person \$25.00 per family (parents and children)

**NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR**

Come celebrate the start of our most Holy Season as one family in Christ with the ABVM Women's Ministry at their 4<sup>th</sup> annual Mardi Gras event. There will be plenty of food, soft drinks and games for adults and children alike!

**Be Bold, Wear a Costume, Win a Prize!**

**1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes for the best costumes for both adults and kids!**

Direct any inquiries to:

Georgia Lovell: 631-891-7387 [glovell951@gmail.com](mailto:glovell951@gmail.com)

Diane Miller: 516-443-7856 [dimiller@optonline.net](mailto:dimiller@optonline.net)

Fill out the following information and return it or drop it off with your payment to the office in the Parish Center no later than February 14, 2020. Please make checks out to ABVM Church.

Kindly provide an email address and a phone number in case we need to contact you.

**Family Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of Adults:** \_\_\_\_\_ **# of Children:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

