



# ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



**January 19, 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 19th**

8:00 a.m. — Thomas Murphy (Glynn Family)  
 9:30 a.m. — Ambrose Cantale (Sokolowski Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**Monday, January 20th**

9:00 a.m. — Edmund Keenan II (Sheila Donnellan)

**Tuesday, January 21st**

9:00 a.m. — Thanksgiving (Farro & Marjorie Paul)

**Wednesday, January 22nd**

9:00 a.m. — Angelina Lisi (Sperduti Family)

**Thursday, January 23rd**

9:00 a.m. — Patrick V. Wasson (Wife)

**Friday, January 24th**

9:00 a.m. — Intention of Corinne Addiss (M/M Angelo Recca)

**Saturday, January 25th**

5:30 p.m. — Manuel Roaquin (Rose Masone)

**Sunday, January 26th**

8:00 a.m. — Luciano Scuderi (Ann Joan Palma)  
 9:30 a.m. — Abelardo Angeles (Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Barry D. Baratta

Barbara Mingoia



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

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

**Last Week's Collection \$9,870**  
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$8,561**  
*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****How to find healing in the Catholic Mass**

In every Mass, we hear the presiding priest say the words of John the Baptist that are quoted in this Sunday's Gospel message: "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world." To which we reply: "Lord, I am not worthy... but say the word and my soul shall be healed."



This healing began at the beginning of Mass in the Penitential Rite if we had a sincere attitude of repentance. With this healing, we receive Jesus in all of his humanity and divinity. With this healing, we leave church ready to be like John the Baptist, testifying by word and by the way we live that "now I have seen that Jesus is the Son of God."

Is Mass that kind of experience for you?

All parts of the Mass contribute to this. Jesus is present in the community as we unite in song. Jesus is present in the Penitential Rite, listening to our sincerity. Jesus is present in the Liturgy of the Word: the Word read and the Word broken open like bread to nourish our spiritual growth, and when the homily is poor or absent, his Spirit preaches to us privately (straying thoughts are often an action of God). And Jesus is present in all the prayers: the ones we offer and those of the clergy.

All of Mass is meant to transform us, prepare us, and send us out from church as witnesses of the true presence of Christ in our world.

Like John the Baptist, we can say: "I did not know him." In other words: "I saw only bread and wine" and "I was sinful and didn't realize the damage I had done" and "I was wounded and did not know how to be healed."

And like John we can add: "Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God. The Holy Spirit revealed to me the presence of my Savior in the Eucharist. The Holy Spirit gently exposed my sinfulness and gave me help in overcoming them. The Holy Spirit leads me to the resources that are healing my wounds."

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What is the experience of Mass like for you? If you could attend Mass daily, would you? If not, why not? If it's a scheduling problem, will you ask Jesus to change your schedule? If it's a priority problem, will you ask the Holy Spirit to increase in you a desire to sit in the true Eucharistic presence of your Savior?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

Describe a time when you became more aware of Jesus in the Mass. Prior to this development, what distracted you from noticing his presence? What changed? Why? How?

**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

January 22 is the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. In an age when life itself seems disposable, how can we follow God's call to protect and promote the dignity of the human person in all places and circumstances?

**Symbolon:**  
**Living the Faith**  
 Protecting the Dignity of  
 the Human Person

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**ALPHA IS COMING**

**Come and See**

**on**

**Monday, March 2, 2020 - 6:30PM**

Alpha is an opportunity to explore  
life and the Christian faith  
in a friendly, open and fun environment.

**Is there more to life than this?**

### **Capital Campaign Update**

To date we have received pledges and/or one-time gifts from 371 families, bringing our total thus far to \$812,934. The BIG bump came from a very generous gift of \$100,000. To date more than 90% of the pledge total has been collected. Many thanks.

Thus far we have spent \$859,066 to complete all the projects. In addition, there was a \$65,000 fee for running the campaign over the four years. As mentioned previously, we “borrowed” \$200,000 from our savings to complete the parking lot. Everyone’s continued participation, support and generosity are needed since everyone benefits from the upkeep of our church facilities. Please prayerfully consider how you can join in!

### **Parish Outreach Program**

Our Outreach Program consists of trained volunteers who meet with anyone living within parish boundaries who is struggling financially or emotionally and needs support and direction. The Outreach office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling 585-8760, x101.



**Pantry Needs:** Mayonnaise, Conditioner, Box milk, Cat food, Razors, Toothbrushes



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit [faith.direct/NY563](http://faith.direct/NY563) or download the **Faith Direct app** from ios or Android app store and search for the parish with the parish code (NY563). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



*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:** \_\_\_\_\_

