



# ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



**February 2, 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, February 2nd**

8:00 a.m. — Joseph Manitta  
9:30 a.m. — Helen A. Murphy (MM T. Spina)  
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**Monday, February 3rd**

9:00 a.m. — Laura Luvera (Frank Lofria & Family)

**Tuesday, February 4th**

9:00 a.m. — Salvatore Rosato (Rose Picariello)

**Wednesday, February 5th**

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

**Thursday, February 6th**

9:00 a.m. — Mary Labella (Merola Family)

**Friday, February 7th**

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

**Saturday, February 8th**

5:30 p.m. — James Robert Aliffi (Family)

**Sunday, February 9th**

8:00 a.m. — Verius Paul (Children)  
9:30 a.m. — Richard Rowland (Colleen & Sara Navarra)  
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Joe Wagenhofer,



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

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

**Last Week's Collection \$10,467**  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$8,576**  
*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 you, too, can be consecrated to God?**

This Sunday we celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, recalling the consecration of the baby Jesus by Joseph and Mary. Because the infant was consecrated to God, his whole life and even his death were consecrated to God -- for our sake.



Have you consecrated your life to God?

What about consecrating your death to God, too? Even your dying breath can serve God if you ask him to give you the opportunity. What kind of a testimony will your passage from earth to heaven be for those you leave behind?

At your baptism, you were reborn into the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, but have you consciously consecrated your life to him? This is a daily decision, even a moment-by-moment renewal of the decision, not just a one-time baptismal ceremony.

This means being in a constant state of prayer, no matter how busy we are.

It means tuning to God and acting on faith instead of reacting to circumstances.

It means getting in touch with God in our hearts and not letting our heads fool us into thinking we're living on the heart-level when we're not.

It means identifying what we are attached to in this world, then letting go so that we can become attached only to God.

It means staying spiritually awake.

It means deliberately growing in holiness each and every day.

It means continually asking ourselves, in each and every situation that occurs, "Am I experiencing God's love right now? If not, what must I do to unite myself to his love? Am I living in his love right now by giving it to others, even though it might be very difficult to do? If not, I choose to force myself to behave lovingly."

**For Personal Reflection:**

*Pray this if you want to consecrate your life to God:* Lord Jesus, help me to live the consecrated life each and every moment. Holy Spirit, make me aware of the times I fail to do this, and show me how to re-consecrate my life to You. Loving Father, accept my desire to be consecrated to You, and help me to immerse myself more fully into Your generous love for me. Amen!

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

Have you consecrated your life to God? Describe what that decision was like. Why did you do it? What changed? How does consecrating our lives to God help us grow spiritually? What are some of the struggles we face in trying to live out our consecration?

## Ronkonkoma Cenacle

Sunday, February 9, 2020

10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
at the Retreat Center

9:30 a.m. arrivals and refreshments



## SWEET SURRENDER

We often hear the expressions, "*It is what it is.*" or "*Let go and let God.*" Using scripture, Twelve Step spirituality and life experience, we will explore the implications of these words. We will explore the process to truly be able to let go and accept life on life's terms. "*Spiritual bypassing*" is letting go too soon before we have felt the feelings that are necessary to heal.

**Presenter:** Karen Musicaro, LCSW

**Suggested Offering: \$50 - Lunch included**

**\$20 deposit required  
to hold your reservation**



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

Weekend is on 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

In this talk by Fr. Mike Schmitz, he reveals the incredible implications of the question that Christ asks all of us: "Who do YOU say that I Am?"

**Jesus is...**  
By Father Mike Schmitz

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**ALPHA IS COMING**

**Come and See**

**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?**

**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, Household cleaner, Box milk, Cat food, Razors, Paper towels, Kleenex



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!

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 \_\_\_\_\_

**Annual Fashion Show to benefit Hope House Ministries**

Beta Sigma Phi – Xi Master Chapter Fashion Show

**Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 6:30 p.m.**

**Held at Villa Lombardi's in Holbrook**

\$60 pp includes Gourmet Buffet & Fashion Show

Fashions by Chico's, White House/Black Market

For Tickets: Peg (631) 928-2628



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

