



# ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



**March 1, 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



# Mass Intentions for the week

## Sunday, March 1st

- 8:00 a.m. — Doris Doran (Catherine Kothe)
- 9:30 a.m. — Edmund Keenan II (Mr. & Mrs. Tom Donnelly & Family)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

## Monday, March 2nd

- 9:00 a.m. — Sister Letizia Sciulara (J. Scala)

## Tuesday, March 3rd

- 9:00 a.m. — Stefanie Ludnyn Paper (Mom & Family)

## Wednesday, March 4th

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

## Thursday, March 5th

- 9:00 a.m. — Jennie Burckhardt (Scott Ward)

## Friday, March 6th

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

## Saturday, March 7th

- 5:30 p.m. — Ann Marie Lopez (Mary Monte)

## Sunday, March 8th

- 8:00 a.m. — Vincenza Chaimowitz (D, Sclafani)
- 9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Angelo Calamuso  
Winona Potts



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

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

Last Week's Collection \$9,638  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,165  
*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****What victory do you need this Lent?**

How do you deal with temptation? That's the personal challenge given to us by the Word of God on the first Sunday of Lent. And so we begin our journey with Jesus, traveling to the holiest place we can reach at this point in our lives.



This Lent is like no other Lent. Last year, you had different needs, different areas of growth, different levels of insight and understanding. Much has happened since then, and all of it is a preparation for what the Lord is going to do in your life right now.

What victory do you need this year? What needs to be resurrected? To get there, Jesus will lead you through the cross of penance and self-denial, into his tomb, and out into God's light where his love provides healing and new life.

During Lent -- and every time we make sacrifices and connect our sufferings to the Passion of Christ -- we follow Jesus to the cross and to resurrection. This involves seeing our own crosses in a new light, for the Calvary Road is the only way to reach the victories that we yearn to experience.

If we want Easter to be more than just a holiday of colored eggs, chocolate bunnies and big dinners, we have to make Lent more than just 40 days of enduring an annoying, obligatory sacrifice, eating meatless pizza on Fridays, and going to an occasional extra event at church.

If we want to experience the power of resurrection, we have to experience the power of mourning and repenting from our sins. In other words, we have to experience the powerlessness of death -- the death of our selfishness, the death of our worldliness, the death of our behaviors that are not like Christ's.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What can you do this week to die to self? For example, think of a good deed you can do that's the opposite of what your selfishness wants you to do. How will this spiritual exercise make it easier to resist sin?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

1. In the story from Genesis, what did Adam and Eve need to die to (let go of, put aside, or reject) in order to resist the Original Sin? Why didn't they?
2. In the reading from Romans, we hear about the abundant grace and the gift of justification that Jesus provided to each of us when he died on the cross. How does this grace and justification give us life? In other words, how does God help us to resist sin?
3. Looking at the Gospel passage, what did Jesus have to die to in the desert so that he could say no to temptation?



**AYM**  
HIGH SCHOOL  
YOUTH MINISTRY



30 hour Famine is a global youth movement to end hunger. We will challenge ourselves to fast for 30 hours, learn about hunger, and raise money to help create change. Therefore our entire body of AYM would like to invite all of you to be part of this famine in any way you can. Most importantly, can you please pray for us, specially on March 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, that is when we will be fasting. If you like to be part of the 30 hour famine and for more information, please contact Renata at 631-585-8760 ext 121 or rptak@abvmcentereach.com



**Holy  
Name  
Society**

**Easter Bunny**

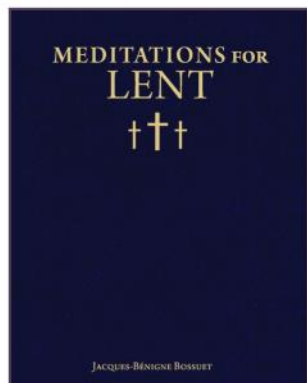
Holy Name Society brings Easter treats to local schools for the disabled a few weeks prior to Easter. If you could spare us a few hours of your time 1 or 2 days to wear a costume and do the visits with us. It is very rewarding to see the children's faces as we visit them. Just a few hours, a day or two would really help. You can contact Sal Stingo at ksands14@hotmail or phone him at 631-981-6905. Looking forward to hearing from you.



*Coffee*  
*in the*  
*Courtyard*  
**in the Church basement**

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!

**FORMED® PICK OF THE WEEK**



**Meditations for Lent**  
by Jacques-Bénigne Bossuet

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Dr. Christopher Blum has selected fifty remarkably powerful meditations from Bishop Bossuet's works that complement the daily readings at Mass during the Lenten season, thus offering to us the perfect companion for a thoughtful, fruitful Lent.

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



### Catholic Ministries Appeal

I want to thank everyone who helped make last year’s 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal a success. The diocese collected over 9.5 million dollars, which was used to support many worthwhile services for the people on Long Island.

Your generosity enabled our parish to reach our assigned goal of \$57,400, thus bringing back to the parish \$13,400 in monies that have been redirected to parish activities.

This year our parish goal is \$56,200. Your generosity provides us with an excellent opportunity to reach out to those in need. In particular, the CMA enables our Catholic community on Long Island 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 are also funded by the Appeal. This is but a short listing of a large number of worthwhile programs which your generous contributions support. In addition, parishes who make their goal receive a rebate from the diocese, amounting to 20% of the actual goal.

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.

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To provide funds I/we agree to make a gift of:

Pledge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Initial Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Balance \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your support!

Parish: **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Centereach**

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send me information about Wills and Bequests

**A Guide to Giving**  
Every Gift Counts!

Pledge	10 Payments
\$150	\$15.00
\$250	\$25.00
\$500	\$50.00
\$1,000	\$100.00
Other \$ _____	

Please make checks payable to:  
Catholic Ministries Appeal

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### 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:** Boxed milk, Laundry detergent, Toilet paper, Dishwashing soap, Coffee, Tooth brushes, Hot cocoa



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit [faith.direct/NY563](http://faith.direct/NY563). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

# ALPHA IS COMING



Alpha

## 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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

*(Note: If a person has gone to Alpha already, it's not recommended that they repeat the process)*

Explore

**LIFE**

**FAITH**

**MEANING**

## Is there more to life than this?

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631-585-8760, [pastor@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:pastor@abvmcentereach.com)