



# ASSUMPTION

## of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



**March 8, 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, 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

**Monday, March 9th**

9:00 a.m. — Edward P. Donnellan, Sr. Sheila & Family)

**Tuesday, March 10th**

9:00 a.m. — Vesna Stengel (Sharon & Jeffrey Safran)

**Wednesday, March 11th**

9:00 a.m. — Barbara Quinn Connolly

**Thursday, March 12th**

9:00 a.m. — Ignazio Meli (Josephine Scala)

**Friday, March 13th**

9:00 a.m. — Edmond Keenan II (Anne Joan Palma)

**Saturday, March 14th**

5:30 p.m. — Edward Keenan II (M/M J. Angland)

**Sunday, March 15th**

8:00 a.m. — Anne & Edward Whalen (Ester & Gregg Eby)  
 9:30 a.m. — Intentions of Ralph Cirone  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



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| <p><i>Rest<br/>in<br/>Peace</i></p> |  | <p>Joseph Bradley<br/>Frances Swinson</p> |
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**Time, Talent & Treasure**  
 Fostering Stewardship  
 as a Way of Life

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

Last Week's Collection \$10,297  
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,434  
*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***

### ***The Transfiguration for your life today***

Atop Mount Tabor, the pure light of Christ was revealed, as seen in this Gospel reading. The Father said, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."

The transfiguration is repeated every time we listen to him and allow our faith to be enlightened more today than it was yesterday. Now it is we who are transfigured! We are transformed into our true identity. What is our true identity? It's our innermost being, which was created in the image of God and baptized into the likeness of God.

We enjoy life much more when we live according to our true identity. For example, how do you feel when you're impatient? Not so good, right? That's because God is patient (see 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 for a description of his true identity and yours), and when we are patient, we are much happier.

During Lent, by humbly examining how Christ-like we are and repenting from our sins, we let his light consume the darkness within us.

Jesus left his mountaintop experience to fulfill his calling. Following Christ, we too leave our mountaintops to do what God has gifted us to do. Although there is, as the reading from Timothy points out, hardship in living a holy life, we can be comforted by the fact that after every Calvary there is always an Easter. We can rely on "the strength that comes from God."

Listen. Can you hear what God is saying about you? It's the same words he spoke about Jesus on Mount Tabor: "This is my beloved child; listen to him/her." What are you saying as Christ's partner in ministry?

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

What's going on in your life that you would like Jesus to transfigure? What will you do this week to expose it to Jesus' healing light?

#### **Questions for Community**

##### **Faith Sharing:**

1. As you read the passage from Genesis, how does it feel to think that others could "find a blessing in you"? How does Jesus bless others through you?
2. Timothy reminds us of our holiness. Recall a time when you were enlightened by a new understanding of the faith. How did that change your behavior?
3. In the Gospel story, because the Father was so pleased with his Son, he affirmed him publicly. How do you know when the Father is pleased with you?



**ENOUGH**  
FOR ALL

**AYM**  
HIGH SCHOOL  
YOUTH MINISTRY

**30 HOUR  
FAMINE**

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. You can support our efforts by putting even if its only a dollar in the jar. That dollar can feed a child for a day! You can be a prayer buddy, when you can pray for a specific person from our ministry on March 13th and 14th. Or you can fast in your own setting during that same time that we are fasting... If you would like to be part of the 30 hour famine, please contact Renata for more information, at 631-585-8760 ext. 121 or [rptak@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rptak@abvmcentereach.com)



**Holy  
Name  
Society**

### ***Easter Bunny***

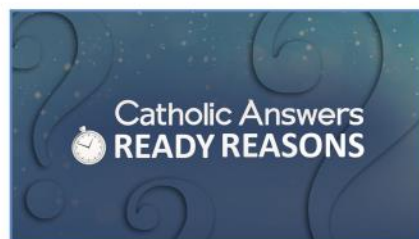
Holy Name Society brings Easter treats to local schools for the disabled a few weeks prior to Easter. If you could spare us a few hours of your time 1 or 2 days to wear a costume and do the visits with us. It is very rewarding to see the children's faces as we visit them. Just a few hours, a day or two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



*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



### **Ready Reasons**

**Was Jesus' Sacrifice Enough?**

The Catholic teaching on penance is often rejected because they think it implies Jesus' death on the cross was not enough. Learn why that is not actually the case.

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### 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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**2020 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL**  
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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 \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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:** Dishwashing liquid, Laundry detergent, Household cleaner, Box milk, Canned chili, Canned chicken, Canned pasta



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!

**THE GREAT WEEK**

A PILGRIMAGE WITH THE LORD IN HOLY WEEK

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM BISHOP JOHN O. BARRES TO THE PEOPLE OF GOD OF THE DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE  
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### ***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.



## **Interactive Multi-sensory Lenten Prayer Experience**

You are invited to participate  
in a unique  
interactive prayer experience,  
during this year’s Holy Week

**April 5-10, 2020 in the Parish Center**

