



ASSUMPTION

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



April 26, 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, April 26th

8:00 a.m. — Maria & Inacio DeSousa (Family)
 9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, April 27th

9:00 a.m. — Professor Harold Pagliaro (Mrs. Palma)

Tuesday, April 28th

9:00 a.m. — Joseph Furino (Cheri & Rich)

Wednesday, April 29th

9:00 a.m. — Antoinette Gentile (Michael Patti)

Thursday, April 30th

9:00 a.m. — Josephine Blancato (Vinny, Diane & Family)

Friday, May 1st

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

Saturday, May 2nd

5:30 p.m. — John Ross (Mary Ross)

Sunday, May 3rd

8:00 a.m. — Barbara Mingoia (Acevedo Family)
 9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Harry Palmer

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

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$6,930
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$17,259
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 (6th thru 8th) 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 see Jesus

The two disciples in this Sunday's Gospel reading did not recognize Jesus until after they heard him explain the scriptures and then broke bread with him. It was a two-part process.

First, while listening to him teach about the scriptures, only their hearts recognized him. ("Were not our hearts burning within us?") Their eyes didn't see his true identity until Jesus shared a meal with them, raised the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them to eat.

When we celebrate Mass today, we're on a similar journey with Jesus. First, we have the Liturgy of the Word, during which we hear the scriptures and a homily that explains them. This is a time of opening our hearts to him.



A well-trained reader will speak the words of scripture with meaning and emphasis so that our hearts can recognize God in the words. A well-trained priest or deacon will set our hearts on fire as if Jesus himself were teaching us the meaning of the scriptures. But even when the reader or homilist does a poor job, we can open our hearts to hear Jesus speaking to us directly.

Then we move into the Liturgy of the Eucharist. When the presiding priest consecrates the bread and wine, it is Jesus himself who is actually doing it, using the priest's hands and vocal chords. Jesus is doing for us what he did for those two disciples at Emmaus.

If we have opened our hearts to Jesus during the first part of Mass, and if we are still paying attention, we see much more than a piece of bread and a chalice of wine. We see Jesus. We recognize him with our hearts and our heads. We know beyond all doubt that the resurrected Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

In what area(s) of your life does Jesus seem to be absent? How can the Mass help you recognize Jesus and feel his closeness? What else can you do to discover the presence of Jesus when you are not able to sense his nearness?

Questions for Group Faith Sharing:

When did you discover that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist? What helped you with that discovery? How do you know that the bread and wine change into the substance of Jesus while retaining their original form (which is called "transubstantiation")? How easy is it for you to recognize Jesus in the Eucharist? Why?

Sunday, Apr 26, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Three ways to foolishness—or faith

Some of us are quick to admit we don't need help in being foolish. We do this quite well on our own. Nonetheless, the story of the Emmaus travelers provides a checklist of choices that lead to boneheaded moves. First of all, they abandon hope too soon. Second, they separate from the community of faith. Third, they discount reports that Jesus is still being encountered. No wonder they didn't recognize Jesus when he was standing right next to them! Practice patience. Stay close. And seek the Lord while he may be found.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35 (46). *"Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke!"*

Monday, Apr 27, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Saints for all seasons

Six years ago today, Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II were both canonized. Commentators pointed out the apparent differences between these new saints: one known for his progressive outlook in convening Vatican II, one seen as upholding more traditional Catholic values. And yet their canonization was the perfect snapshot of what we believe the communion of saints to be—holy role models who are each unique unto themselves, demonstrating so many different ways to follow Christ. Ask John XXIII and John Paul II to pray for you today, requesting they guide your own distinct path to holiness.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273). *"Believe in the one he sent."*

Tuesday, Apr 28, 2020

MEMORIAL OF PETER CHANEL, PRIEST, MARTYR

Exercise your right of redemption

Saint Peter Chanel is revered for having lived a courageous life as a missionary and having died a martyr's death in 1841 on the Oceania island of Futuna. The later remorse and repentance of his murderer Musumusu is also noteworthy. Having clubbed Chanel to death in 1841 on instructions from the king to "do what was necessary" to stop Chanel's evangelization, he later repented and was baptized. He asked to be buried outside the church where Chanel's remains were kept, so that the faithful would walk over his grave on their way to revere Chanel. Even your greatest errors in life can be redemptive.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 7:51—8:1a; John 6:30-35 (274). *"The bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."*

Wednesday, Apr 29, 2020

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Speak up!

Preaching is a sacred art, whether at a podium or in everyday life, "to communicate the awe of the word," says Jonathan Edwards, one of the best-known Protestant preachers. A skilled preacher prays with scripture, studies, and reflects on the circumstances of the local and global community to inspire and challenge listeners.

Each of us has the capacity to preach the Good News. One of the great saints and a member of the Order of Preachers, Catherine of Siena advises us: "Preach the truth as if you had a million voices. It is silence that kills the world."

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40 (275). *"Now those who had been scattered went about preaching the word."*

Thursday, Apr 30, 2020

MEMORIAL OF PIUS V, POPE

Set the bar high

Picture horse racing in St. Peter's Square. Hard to imagine how that worked, but it does give us an indication of the state of the papacy when reformer Pius V took charge in 1566. Though his stern demeanor and reforms did not endear him to comfortable Vatican insiders, he practiced what he preached, living and dressing simply and often walking barefoot. During a famine he used church resources to purchase corn from abroad and distributed it widely to the poor. He also spent heavily to improve the water supply and sewers of Rome. If you wish to hold others to high standards, be willing to start with yourself!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51 (276). *"The bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world."*

Friday, May 01, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Food for the soul's journey

What food does to the body is what the Eucharist does to the soul. It gives us energy, strength, defense against disease. It's intimate, partaken in relationship, in family, in community. It's a gift, shared in love. If you are what you eat, as the old saying goes, then it transforms us, makes us more like Christ. Finally, we take it with us, out of the church doors. In the words of Pope Benedict XVI: "We cannot approach the Eucharistic table without being drawn into the mission which, beginning in the very heart of God, is meant to reach all people."

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 (277); or Genesis 1:26—2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Matthew 13:54-58 (559). *"Unless you eat the Flesh of the Son of Man and drink his Blood, you do not have life within you."*

Saturday, May 02, 2020

MEMORIAL OF ATHANASIUS, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Be an ideal person

It can feel lonely to fight for an ideal, including some of the ideals that the church has spoken up for in recent years: immigrant rights, racial justice, dignity of life from womb to tomb. Today is a good day to find inspiration and support in a soulmate: Saint Athanasius, who spent much of his energy as a bishop in the fourth century defending our core belief in the divinity of Christ as the Word made flesh. Hold fast to your ideals and continue to bring them to life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69 (278). *"Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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Catholic Ministries Appeal

I want to thank everyone who helped make last year’s 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal a success. 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 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. 75% of our goal is pledged so far.

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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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.

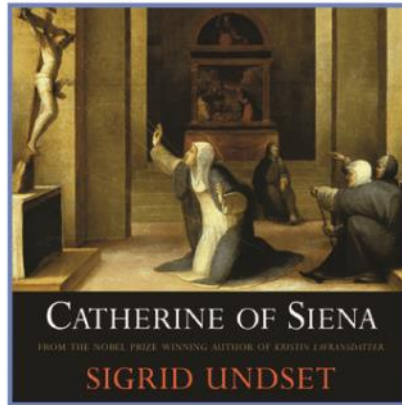


Pantry Needs: Mayonnaise, Shampoo, Conditioner, Liquid hand soap, Paper towels, Pet food, Box milk, Toothbrushes



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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



Catherine of Siena by Sigrid Undset

With sensitivity to the zealous love of God and man that permeated the life of Saint Catherine, Undset presents a most moving and memorable portrait of one of the greatest women of all time.

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