



ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



May 24, 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, May 24th

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

Monday, May 25th

9:00 a.m. — Pauline & Ignazio Rizzo (Family)

Tuesday, May 26th

9:00 a.m. — Jan Szymanik (Renata & Family)

Wednesday, May 27th

9:00 a.m. — Bronislaw Tutka (Renata & Family)

Thursday, May 28th

9:00 a.m. — Robert Aridas

Friday, May 29th

9:00 a.m. — Maria Lozyngier (Ed Uy & Family)

Saturday, May 30th

5:30 p.m. — Annie B. Cusack (M/M J. Ferrara)

Sunday, May 31st

8:00 a.m. — Frederick C. Lingen, Jr. (Family)
 9:30 a.m. — Helen Mosior (Family)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Deceased Brothers and Sisters of our Parish Family



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

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$8,365
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$7,589
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**Called to do more than follow Christ**

In the Gospel reading for this Sunday, Jesus states the Great Commission. He still repeats it today and at the end of every Mass when, through the priest, he sends us on our way. "Go," he says. "Go and make disciples wherever I send you."

A disciple is a student. Think of people you know who are mere followers of Christ, people who claim to believe in Jesus but who are not learning how to imitate Christ, adult Catholics who stopped their religious education a long time ago. Their faith is not enough to change the world, because they live more like the world than like holy representatives of Christ. Or they live more miserably, less joyfully than those who know how much Jesus cares about them. Or they are unpleasant to be around, because they have not developed enough humility to exude Christ.



You are called to disciple them! Jesus has commissioned you to do it. And it's not impossible to do. Take apart the word "commission" to see that you are "with" ("co") Jesus on his "mission". He says, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to Me" in the context of the Great Commission. This means that, when we share in Christ's mission, we share in his power.

If we are more than mere followers and have been disciples learning how to be fully alive in the Holy Spirit of Christ, he will give us the words and the opportunities to teach others to observe and understand what he has commanded.

With Christ, we can change hearts by teaching the people around us what it means to be a follower of Christ who also learns from Christ. We teach first by our example, but unless this is backed up with explanations of why we follow Christ, those whom we hope to influence will make no new discoveries about God's love, the benefits of God's commandments, or the need for God's merciful forgiveness.

"Behold!" he adds as an exclamation point on the Great Commission, "I am with you always. Together we will change the world, one disciple at a time."

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Are you just a follower of Christ or are you also a student of his ways, his truths, and his commandments? What can you do to learn more?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

How does it feel to be a partner of Jesus in his mission of evangelization? How have others evangelized you? What did they do that inspired you to become more active in your Christian faith?

Sunday, May 24, 2020

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Right where you belong

We each have a need to belong that doesn't start with the playground or end with the work shift. Psychologist Abraham Maslow categorized the need to belong as number three on a hierarchy of essentials: right behind physical needs (food, clothing, and shelter) and safety. Catalog the people who are essential to your happiness and the social groups that include you as a member. Then consider this: God has chosen you to be one of God's people. And Jesus counts you as one who belongs especially to him.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a (59). *"They belonged to you, and you gave them to me."*

Monday, May 25, 2020

MEMORIAL OF GREGORY VII, POPE

Cherish your freedoms

Pope Gregory VII fought hard for the separation of church and state because he lived in a time (11th century) when the church was subject to civil authorities, and abuses of power were rampant. In the face of enormous opposition, this great reformer extricated the church from the control of external rulers and strengthened the unity of the whole church under the centrality of the papacy. On this Memorial Day, remember that religious freedom is one of the founding principles of our country, worthy of the sacrifice of many. And one that our faith demands that we respect for all.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 19:1-8; John 16:29-33 (297). *"In the world you will have trouble, but take courage, I have conquered the world."*

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

MEMORIAL OF PHILIP NERI, PRIEST

God provides

It's fitting Philip Neri was canonized in 1622 with Ignatius of Loyola, Francis Xavier, and Teresa of Ávila. Ignatius was a friend, Francis was an influence, and Philip took to heart Teresa's quip: "From . . . sour-faced saints, good Lord, deliver us!" The affable Philip won over so many different kinds of people for Christ in 1500s Rome—using humor, humbleness, and holiness—that he's called, with Peter and Paul, an apostle of Rome. "Cast yourself into the arms of God," he said, "and be very sure that if he wants anything of you, he will fit you for the work and give you strength." That is comforting at a time when many of us feel stretched to the limit.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:17-27; John 17:1-11a (298). *"I revealed your name to those whom you gave me."*

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

MEMORIAL OF AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY, BISHOP

Look for God in unexpected places

Lest Saint Augustine of Canterbury be confused with Saint Augustine of Hippo: the two are not the same. Augustine of Hippo was a fourth-century doctor of the church. Augustine of Canterbury was a sixth-century Benedictine missionary sent by Pope Gregory the Great to Christianize the British Isles. He is known as the "Apostle to the English," and his legacy includes an approach to evangelization and conversion that shows a respect for indigenous practices. Rather than condemning, he consecrated

and incorporated popular Anglo-Saxon rites into Christianity. What practices from popular culture today might we consecrate into contemporary Christian practice?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 20:28-38; John 17:11b-19 (299). *"As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world."*

Thursday, May 28, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Celebrate our finest gifts

Shavuot, or the Feast of Weeks, which our Jewish friends observe today, has a connection to the Catholic Solemnity of Pentecost. Just as Pentecost this Sunday comes seven weeks after Easter, Shavuot is celebrated seven weeks after Passover. In the biblical era, important dates for planting and harvesting were marked by religious holidays. Shavuot celebrated the wheat harvest seven weeks after Passover. Christians thank God for the abundant gift of the Holy Spirit.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; John 17:20-26 (300). *"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word."*

Friday, May 29, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Keeping the peace

In 1972, Pope Saint Paul VI declared, "If you want peace, work for justice." Today we observe the International Day of United Nations Peacekeepers. The U.N. deploys peacekeepers around the world to provide "a unique and dynamic instrument . . . to help countries torn by conflict to create the conditions for lasting peace." The work of Catholic social justice organizations like Catholic Relief Services, Catholic Worker, and Cross Catholic Outreach go a step further by "tending the sheep" of the poor, the oppressed, the refugee, the dispossessed. Do your part today to support the social outreach of your church.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 25:13b-21; John 21:15-19 (301). *"Tend my sheep."*

Saturday, May 30, 2020

EASTER WEEKDAY

Just do it!

Some argue that "believing the right things" is enough of a response to the call to discipleship. But Jesus emphasized *doing*. *Orthopraxy* (right practice) goes hand in hand with *orthodoxy* (right belief). In this time of global suffering, our faith response is required. It flows out of our faith *assent*, but we can't stop with professions of faith. Take your faith out to meet the great need you find around you today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; John 21: 20-25 (302).

"There are also many other things that Jesus did, but if these were to be described individually, I do not think the whole world would contain the books that would be written."

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.

Parish Outreach Program

Our Outreach Program Food Pantry has been open on a very limited basis during the recent health crisis. We are going to expand the program in an effort to better serve those in need while protecting the safety of our clients and volunteers. We are asking for your assistance in making donations of food and other supplies listed below. Even though the Church is currently closed, you can drop off your donations at the Parish Office. Please call 631-585-8760 before you drop off. If you are concerned about going shopping, you can make a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you. In that case, please drop off or mail your gift to the Parish Office and be sure to mention that the donation is for the Outreach Ministry. If you are in need of assistance, please contact our office:
Phone: 631 585-8760 Ext. 101
E-Mail: outreach@abvmcentereach.com



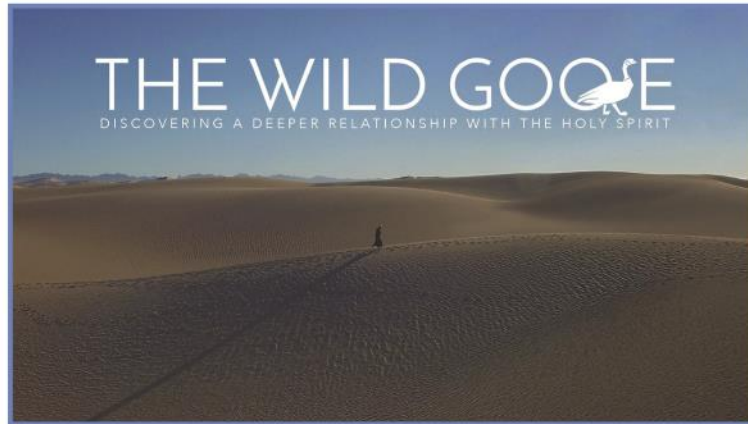
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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



THE WILD GOOSE

Father Dave Pivonka

The Wild Goose is a work of the Holy Spirit, which is awakening in the hearts of all those participating God's love and transforming power. As you walk through this series, pray for the Spirit to breathe life into your heart.

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