



ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



June 7, 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, June 7th

8:00 a.m. — Abelardo Angeles (Family)
 9:30 a.m. — Intention of Mary Burns (Family)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, June 8th

9:00 a.m. — Dennis Dugan (Edward Kenny)

Tuesday, June 9th

9:00 a.m. — Harvey Machinist (Flynn Family)

Wednesday, June 10th

9:00 a.m. — Andrew Cerqueira (Family)

Thursday, June 11th

9:00 a.m. — Deceased Member of Romeo & Wolz Families

Friday, June 12th

9:00 a.m. — Anthony Lang

Saturday, June 13th

5:30 p.m. — Edmund Kennan II (Rosary Altar Society)

Sunday, June 14th

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



Deceased Brothers and Sisters of our Parish Families



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

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$6,491
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$7,824
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**What's the reason for each Person of the Trinity?**

On the first Sunday after Pentecost, we celebrate and honor God's character as the Most Holy Trinity.

The first reading shows us the Father as he parented the baby nation of Israel. We see that he is "a merciful and gracious God, slow to anger and rich in kindness and faithfulness" -- the Perfect Father.



If we have difficulty seeing him this way, it's because we've never experienced a human father-figure who showed us what perfect fatherhood looks like. Our spirits need healing. We've been projecting human imperfections onto our image of God. Even the best parents and teachers fall short of the wonderfulness of God's fatherhood. We need to consciously differentiate him from our human dads and other human authorities.

The second reading shows us the entire Trinity: the grace of Jesus, the love of the Father, and our friendly partnership with the Holy Spirit. In this and because of this, we are to rejoice, mend our ways, and live in peace with one another.

In other words, because Jesus bore our sins as he died on the cross and then conquered death, he provides us with grace so that we can resist sin, and he provides us with the Father's love so that we can love one another no matter what, and he provides us with the Holy Spirit, who fellowships with us and empowers us so that we can continually live as holy Christians.

The Gospel reading shows us the depth of the Father's love. He doesn't condemn us for our sins; he gives us his Son to rescue us from the destructive results of our sins. Our sins condemn us and sentence us to eternal death, but Jesus saves us from this by taking us to eternal life -- if we want him to!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Which Person of the Trinity do you know the least? Or feel distant from? Or fear? How have human relationships interfered with your ability to feel God's closeness?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Which Person of the Trinity do you know best? Why? How is the Trinity the perfect example of a good, loving, healthy relationship?

Sunday, Jun 07, 2020

SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

The power in three

Faith, hope, love; body, mind, spirit; life, liberty, the pursuit of happiness; executive, judicial, legislative: There's something satisfying and complete about a list of three. Good things come in threes, too: from "bacon, lettuce, and tomato" to "Peter, Paul, and Mary." Alert to the power of three, scripture uses it as the sum of completion. The prophet Jonah spends three days inside the fish to fully absorb a lesson in obedience. Jesus exits the tomb on the third day. We encounter God three ways: as Creator, Restorer, Sanctifier. O God of many faces—recreate, restore, bless our community!

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18 (164). *"The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you."*

Monday, Jun 08, 2020**The cure for what ails us**

Pope Francis said that living the Beatitudes means "going against the flow" of the world. What the world tells us—that wealth brings security, that power gives us strength, that pleasure makes us satisfied—is the opposite of what Jesus says. Francis asks us to let the Beatitudes "unsettle us . . . challenge us, and . . . demand a real change in the way we live." We've clearly been upended in this sense by the current pandemic, and we have learned firsthand that nothing exempts us from vulnerability. Jesus was, is, and always will be our only hope. Live accordingly.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 17:1-6; Matthew 5:1-12 (359). *"Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven."*

Tuesday, Jun 09, 2020

MEMORIAL OF EPHREM OF SYRIA, DEACON, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Rise and shine!

Leave it to Saint Ephrem to derive beauty from pain. As we feel the ripple effects of coronavirus, let's learn from a man who died in 373 during a plague—from contracting the disease of the people he was ministering to. Ephrem, named a doctor of the church for the poetic nature of his theology, wrote: "We give glory to you, Lord, who raised up your cross to span the jaws of death like a bridge by which souls might pass from the region of the dead to the land of the living." Seek and share beauty today.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 17:7-16; Matthew 5:13-16 (360). *"Just so, your light must shine before others."*

Wednesday, Jun 10, 2020**Most fulfilling of all**

As children, many of us were required to memorize the Ten Commandments. It's likely we can still recite them and have a sense of their importance. However, the catechism teaches that it is the *Beatitudes* that "fulfill, refine, and surpass the old law to its perfection." And how many of us can recite *them* from memory or even know where to find them in the Bible? (Hint: For all eight,

try Matthew 5:3-12.) In these difficult and, for some, tragic days, as we seek God's presence in our midst, we ask for the grace to comfort those who mourn.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 18:20-39; Matthew 5:17-19 (361). *"Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill."*

Thursday, Jun 11, 2020

MEMORIAL OF BARNABAS, APOSTLE

Make history

What was it like during the times of the apostle Barnabas, whose memorial is today? Thousands of people at a time were becoming Christians with no real formality or infrastructure yet in the church. There was the "grace of God" and "firmness of heart" at work, today's first reading tells us, but persecution and internal conflict too. Every era has its challenges and opportunities. How are you building the Body of Christ during your moment in history?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 (580); Matthew 5:20-26 (362). *"They sent Barnabas to go to Antioch. When he arrived and saw the grace of God, he rejoiced and encouraged them all."*

Friday, Jun 12, 2020**This most amazing day**

Tucked within Muir Woods, a national memorial park in California, is a beautiful space called Cathedral Grove. Hikers are asked to maintain quiet as they behold the old-growth coastal redwood trees. Though not a "cathedral" in the ecclesial sense, the grove reminds us that nature is one of the surest places to experience the power and tenderness of God. Pope Francis writes in *Laudato Si'*: "The entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us. Soil, water, mountains: everything is, as it were, a caress of God." How do you experience this "caress of God," even in the potted plant in your own home?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11-16; Matthew 5:27-32 (363). *"Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD; the LORD will pass by."*

Saturday, Jun 13, 2020

MEMORIAL OF ANTHONY OF PADUA, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Treasure the baby and the Bible

The traditional depiction of Saint Anthony (1195-1231) holding the infant Jesus began with a 1580 painting by El Greco showing the Franciscan priest with a large open Bible in which one can see the very tiny baby emerging from the text. Over time in Christian art the image of the baby grew to become a life-size child in the arms of the saint, sometimes standing on a much smaller book and sometimes with the Bible missing all together. In times of quarantine and isolation, when we may not be able to enjoy the consolation of Jesus in Holy Communion, we can experience the Lord's presence in the Bible, which may have gone missing in our lives. If that is the case, you can invoke Saint Anthony for a return of your lost Bible!

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 19:19-21; Matthew 5:33-37 (364). *"Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.'"*

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



ASSUMPTION OUTREACH

Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Pasta, Fruit Juice, Liquid Hand Soap, Tuna, Toothbrushes, Rice.

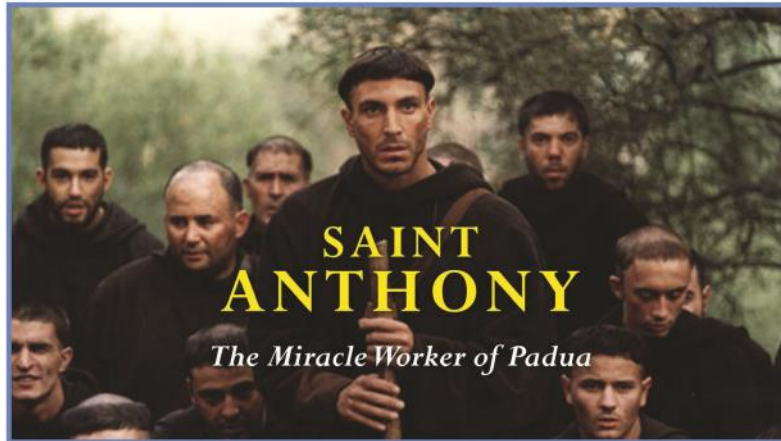
Our Outreach Program Food Pantry has been open on a very limited basis during the recent health crisis. We are going to expand the program in an effort to better serve those in need while protecting the safety of our clients and volunteers. We are asking for your assistance in making donations of food 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

Pantry Needs: Laundry Detergent, Household Cleaner,



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FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



SAINT ANTHONY The Miracle Worker of Padua

Saint Anthony of Padua is known for his powerful preaching and miracles that won countless souls for Christ. This film beautifully portrays the power of his preaching, love for the poor/oppressed, and wonders of his miracles.

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