



# ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



**June 21, 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 21st**

8:00 a.m. — Father’s Day  
9:30 a.m. — Father’s Day  
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**Monday, June 22nd**

9:00 a.m. — Father’s Day

**Tuesday, June 23rd**

9:00 a.m. — Father’s Day

**Wednesday, June 24th**

9:00 a.m. — Father’s Day

**Thursday, June 25th**

9:00 a.m. — Father’s Day

**Friday, June 26th**

9:00 a.m. — Father’s Day

**Saturday, June 27th**

5:30 p.m. — John Ross (Mary Ross)

**Sunday, June 28th**

8:00 a.m. — Angelina Lisi (Sperduti Family)  
9:30 a.m. — Vincent Stile (Family)  
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Angelina Cappetta  
Barbara Weigand

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

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

Last Week’s Collection \$7,619  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year’s Collection \$8,041  
*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**

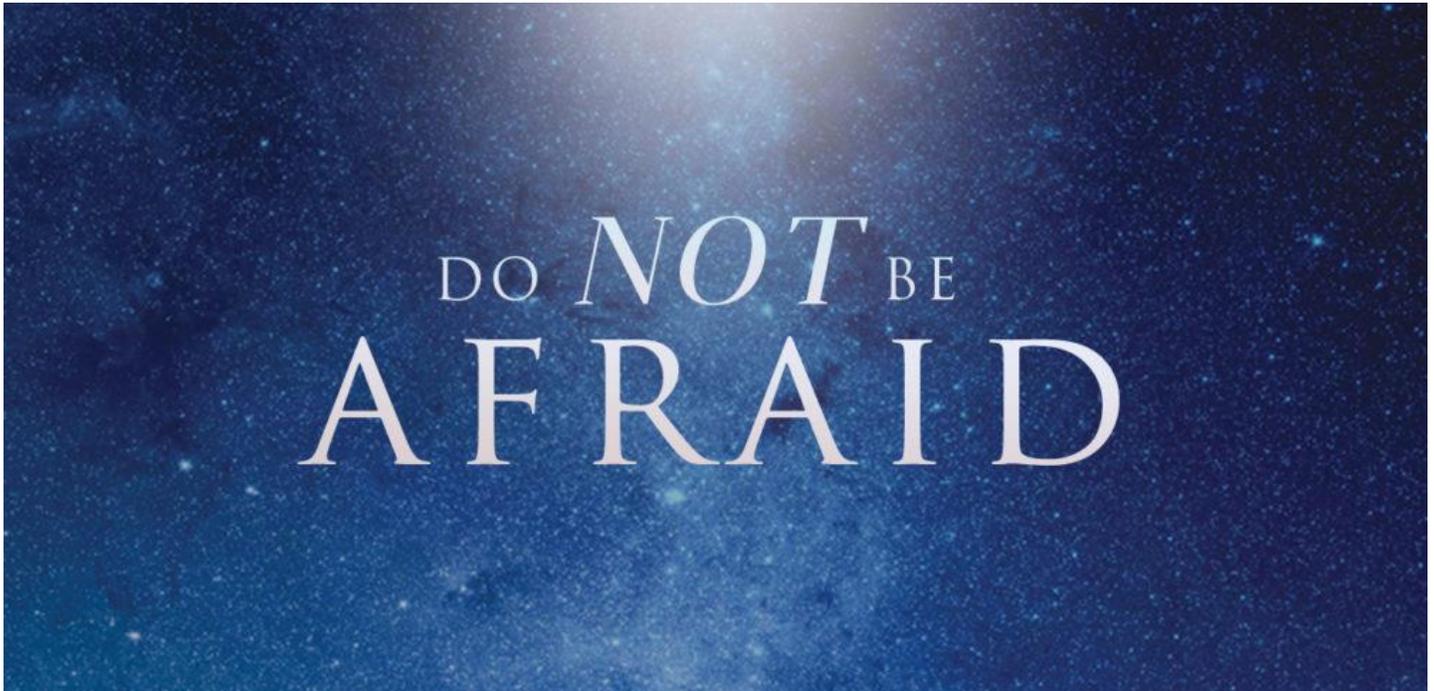
A service-based women’s organization that cares for the Church and promotes the spiritual life of its members. Contact the rectory for meeting dates and times.

**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****Be bold with your good news!**

Think of a time when you were in darkness: a sin, for example, or when you felt abandoned by God or your prayers seemed dry and your spiritual gifts seemed covered over. What did Jesus say to you at that time (perhaps through scripture or friends or a homily at Mass)? What did his whisperings tell you? His words and his guidance were good news for you!



In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus says: "What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light."

He's calling you and commissioning you and empowering you, through his Holy Spirit, to share your good news with others, so that they can hear him in their darkness. Proclaim it boldly and visibly so that those who want to hear it will stop and listen. Do not be afraid to openly share how Jesus has been working in your life and how he's helped you grow or heal or turn away from sin.

Yes, when we're this bold, some people ridicule us and reject us, like how Jeremiah was treated in the first reading. But the Lord is with you, too, as "a mighty champion," and your persecutors will eventually stumble and fail. Jesus tells us to "fear no one." God takes good care of us.

Jesus acknowledges those who acknowledge him. In other words, when we're insulted or persecuted for our faith, God holds us and comforts us. It's his opinion of us that matters anyway, and no one else's. Listen to him. In the whispers of the sanctuary of your heart, he's telling you all the good that he sees in you. He's telling you that he appreciates the good you have done. He's giving you good news worth sharing.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What is your testimony? What did Jesus teach you when you were in sin or handling a recent difficulty? Write it down; this exercise will help you feel more confident when you try to share your story with others.

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

Practice sharing the testimony you realized during the above personal reflection: Proclaim it first to your community of friends who understand. And as you listen to the testimonies of others, encourage them: Tell them how their story helps you. Then, make a commitment to go forth and spread the good news. What does this commitment look like? What will you do first to fulfill your commitment?

Dear parish family,

I want to thank you all for your patience and love of the Lord during these times. God gives us opportunities in our lives to see where we are and trust in him as we look forward. Many of us have gone through tough times during this pandemic because you or your loved one were sick or are sick. Maybe some of us experienced the death of a loved one. But as believers, we know that the Lord is with us as he promised through the power of the Holy Spirit. Also, he gave us excellent opportunities to explore and experience Him personally and communally through modern technology. I see all these things as great blessings.

We are reopening our church building and resuming our **Sunday masses on the weekend of June 20-21**. Because we need to sanitize the pews after each Mass, we are having **only Saturday 5:30 pm, Sunday 9:30 am, and 11:30 am** Masses for the time being.



Since we are in this together, we need to take care of each other. For the safety of everyone, including the priests and our fellow parishioners, please follow the directives.

- The Dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation Masses remains in effect for the Diocese of Rockville Centre until further notice.
- Those at higher risk from COVID-19 (i.e., the elderly or who have underlying health conditions) or not feeling well of any sort should stay home and watch the live streaming.
- **All present must wear masks** (or facial cloth coverings). Any homemade mask or scarf is sufficient, provided that it covers the nose and mouth. **Please note that you will not be admitted without one.**
- Attendance to Liturgies is limited to 25% of the normal seating capacity of our church; that is **100 people**
- Families and those who traveled to the church together may sit together. All others must maintain social distancing (6 feet apart).
- Offertory baskets will not be passed around. There are collection stations at the exits and can drop your offertory into a basket before or after Mass.
- **Live streaming of all masses will continue until further notice.**
- Further directives will be given at the Mass about the distribution of communion.

Once again, I want to thank you very much for your generous support of our parish family financially. Because of your generosity, we can maintain our staff and other needs of our parish like maintenance of our buildings, landscaping, utilities, etc. I wish all the fathers and expectant fathers, a very Happy Fathers Day.

Blessings and prayers

Fr. Joe



## **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 is open during this health crisis. We have expanded 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. Please call **631-585-8760** before you drop off the supplies. You can make a monetary donations too. 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](mailto:outreach@abvmcentereach.com)

**Pantry Needs: Box milk, Mayonnaise, Fruit juice, Toothbrushes, Razors, Liquid hand soap, Household cleaner, Shampoo, Conditioner, Jello**

## **ASSUMPTION OUTREACH**

**FAITH DIRECT**<sup>®</sup>  
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Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. You are helping our church be more efficient, and have a steady, predictable cash flow to support the works that are important to you, throughout the year. Signing up is easy! Visit [faith.direct/NY563](http://faith.direct/NY563) or download the **Faith Direct app** and search for the parish with the parish code (NY563). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

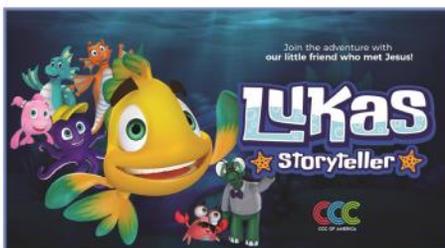


### ***A Fathers Day Blessing***

God our Father, in your wisdom and love you made all things. Bless these men, that they may be strengthened as Christian fathers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



## FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



### LUKAS STORYTELLER

In our newest kids addition, Lukas and his old friend Noah, a turtle survivor of Noah's Ark, gather and tell the greatest stories of Jesus and all the Saints that Lukas met through the ages.

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