



ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



July 12, 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, July 12th

8:00 a.m. — Lucyna Vetovec (Riggs Family)
 9:30 a.m. — Marilyn Brewster
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, July 13th

9:00 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)

Tuesday, July 14th

9:00 a.m. — Vito Santevecchi (M/M S. Tabile)

Wednesday, July 15th

9:00 a.m. — Joanne Ruf (M/M J. Reilly)

Thursday, July 16th

9:00 a.m. — Kenneth McDonough (Rose Picariello)

Friday, July 17th

9:00 a.m. — Jeffrey Safran (Rose Picariello)

Saturday, July 18th

5:30 p.m. — Edward Whalen (Pat & Kelly)

Sunday, July 19th

8:00 a.m. — Joseph Toth
 9:30 a.m. — Lynn Butkowski
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Maria DeBonis
 Benigna Triarsi
 Elizabeth Secari



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

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$8,885
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,568
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**The seed sown on rich soil**

This Sunday's readings are about sowing seeds. The important thing to remember about seed sowing is that the effort is worthless if the seeds are not changed by being cast to the ground. Each seed must give up its former self, dying in the dirt while new life stirs within it. Only then can it send out a tender, first root, which will multiply and grow stronger and deeper to support upward growth. Even so, it has to be properly nourished to survive.



If all this takes place, the end result is a plant that looks nothing like the seed, which as it grows develops the ever-more important mission of benefitting the wider world of Nature beyond itself.

As we listen to Jesus explain the parable, we say yes, we want to be seeds that become fruitful lives. But desiring it does not automatically transform us. What is it that makes the soil of our lives rich and growth-producing?

The reading from Isaiah tells us that it is God himself who is the rich soil -- God and his Word. Saint Paul reminds us in the second reading that suffering is part of creation (seeds must fall in the dirt and die in order to produce a fruitful life). Redemption grows from suffering and death.

We will never feel truly fulfilled until we've surrendered to the soil and have allowed God to nourish our growth.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What tender, new roots do you have that are sprouting from times of suffering and loss? What blessings are springing up from them? What ministry (what benefit to others) could be a fruitful gift of these blessings?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Share what it means to give up your former self to allow new life to stir and grow. What is the will of God (what does the Word say) regarding the end result? Give examples from your life or from the lives of others.

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 have reopened our church building and resumed 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 33% of the normal seating capacity of our church; that is **120 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.

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



Pantry Needs: Shampoo, Conditioner, Liquid hand soap, Household cleaner, Cooking oil, Mustard, Mayonnaise, Fruit juice, Frosting, Laundry detergent, Dishwashing liquid, Kleenex

**JOIN US FOR FAMILY ACTIVITIES
TUESDAYS, AUGUST 4, 11, 18TH
7PM, ON THE GRASS
1 PARENT/FAMILY REQUIRED
20 CHESTNUT ST. CENTEREAACH
TO RSVP VISIT: [HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/MAQVJHIVVSAUPOXQ7](https://forms.gle/MAQVJHIVVSAUPOXQ7)**

Sunday, Jul 12, 2020

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Tell me what you see

Most stories aren't very mysterious. Even so-called mysteries have predictable plots that we anticipate before they unfold. We know, for example, that the fellow wandering into the cemetery at dusk is going to meet a bad end, and the storyteller knows that we know. It's all part of the fun. When reading Bible parables, the meaning is rarely mysterious. Seeds fall on different soil, reap different results. No surprise there. A parable's mystery isn't in not knowing, but in not seeing. What kind of soil are we? What seed has been planted in us, awaiting its harvest?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 55:10-11; Romans 8:18-23; Matthew 13:1-23 (103). *"The disciples approached him and said, 'Why do you speak to them in parables?'"*

Monday, Jul 13, 2020**Looking for prophets in our midst**

Many of us lately have learned what it's like to be held back by illness, as the coronavirus brought about grinding halts to life as we knew it. Blessed Charlie Rodríguez Santiago, a candidate to be the first Puerto Rican saint, was prevented from getting an education because of severe chronic illness. He died on this day in 1963 at the age of 44—and left behind a legacy of liturgical renewal in the church. He advocated for use of vernacular languages and increased lay participation—which came to be shortly after his death with Vatican II reforms. How can you too be a prophet for hope and change in our own disease-challenged days?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 1:10-17; Matthew 10:34-11:1 (389). *"Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward."*

Tuesday, Jul 14, 2020

MEMORIAL OF KATERI TEKAKWITHA, VIRGIN

Indigenous help to heal the world

Kateri Tekakwitha—born Mohawk and Algonquin in 1656, canonized in 2012—is a fitting intercessor for coronavirus, though she is actually patron saint of ecology. Losing her family to the same smallpox epidemic that left her disfigured and half blind, Kateri knew firsthand the suffering wrought by disease. Perhaps her empathy helps account for so many miraculous healings attributed to her to this day. But Kateri's love of the earth may also inspire our continued care of the environment, which has seen healing of its own during human quarantine. Kateri, pray for us on all fronts!

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:1-9; Matthew 11:20-24 (390). *"Will you be exalted to heaven?"*

Wednesday, Jul 15, 2020

MEMORIAL OF BONAVENTURE, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Love finds the common ground

Saint Bonaventure (1221-74) was born Giovanni di Fidanza to a noble Italian family and joined the Franciscan order at the age of 22. By then, Francis had been dead for 17 years, and conflict had arisen among his followers as they tried to imitate the poverty Francis embraced. Bonaventure, who brought gifts of intellect and organization, emerged as a leader and teacher who helped the order resolve differences and renew its purpose. He encouraged a

Franciscan detachment from wealth and practiced it himself, but not at the expense of generous love. Bring a spirit of love to the conflicts you face today.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 10:5-7, 13b-16; Matthew 11:25-27 (391). *"What you have hidden from the learned and clever, you have revealed to the merest children."*

Thursday, Jul 16, 2020**Easy does it**

Today's readings promise both a smooth path (the first reading) and a light yoke (the gospel). But Christianity does not promise comfort and ease. Rather, our faith is founded on the idea that Christ conquered death *through* suffering. One of our primary symbols is the crucifix, an ongoing reminder that Christ offers victory over suffering and death but first experienced them. Ultimately, our rough paths and burdens do find rest in Christ. If you are tempted today to give in to ridicule, anger, despair, or a sin that weighs you down, try to "put on the yoke of Christ," and see if your mood lightens.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 26:7-9, 12, 16-19; Matthew 11:28-30 (392). *"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest."*

Friday, Jul 17, 2020**Kyrie eleison, down the road that I must travel**

The Greek words *Kyrie eleison* are some of the most ancient—and powerful—words of the Christian liturgy: "Lord, have mercy." Typically we find these words in the penitential rite where the church asks God's mercy and forgiveness. But these words are not just for penance; they are words of life and encouragement to the weary soul. It's as if we are saying, "Look kindly upon me." This call for mercy is not just directed toward God; it is also part of the fabric of our relationships with ourselves and the world. We can look kindly upon ourselves, instead of berating ourselves for what we didn't get done. We can look kindly upon those around us filled with fear and hatred. We can look kindly upon the fragile earth and God's good creation. How is mercy calling you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8; Matthew 12:1-8 (393). *"If you knew what this meant, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice,' you would not have condemned these innocent men."*

Saturday, Jul 18, 2020**A tireless voice for justice**

During the era of European conquest of the Americas, Native American people were typically regarded as savages who must be "conquered" and coerced into conversion or pushed aside. Bartolomé de Las Casas is remembered today as one of the few voices opposing the dominant ideology of religious and secular leaders alike. Appalled by colonial cruelties in the Caribbean in the 1500s, he doggedly advocated for the rights of indigenous people for some 50 years, urging an end to the cruelties and coerced conversions. Remember de Las Casas and make justice a central part of your own witness.

TODAY'S READINGS: Micah 2:1-5; Matthew 12:14-21 (394). *"They oppress householder and house, people and their inheritance."*

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



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