



# ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



**July 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

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Phone: 631-585-8760; Fax: 1-866-214-3365  
Faith Formation: 631-588-6408



**Sunday, July 26th**

8:00 a.m. — Joseph Toth (Annette Wolz)  
 9:30 a.m. — Maria & Inacio DeSousa (Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**Monday, July 27th**

9:00 a.m. — Katherine Aridas (M/M J. Nugent)

**Tuesday, July 28th**

9:00 a.m. — Katherine Aridas (Renata & Family)

**Wednesday, July 29th**

9:00 a.m. — Lillian Lang

**Thursday, July 30th**

9:00 a.m. — Steven Calestini (Rose Picariello)

**Friday, July 31st**

9:00 a.m. — Otto Wolz

**Saturday, August 1st**

5:30 p.m. — Joseph Donoghue (Family)

**Sunday, August 2nd**

8:00 a.m. — Frances Russell (Family)  
 9:30 a.m. — Richie & Peggy Rowland (Torres Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Frank Licciardello  
 Margaret Donohue  
 Marie Buonocore

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

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

Last Week's Collection \$9,448  
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$7,509  
*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 Alexandria McMahon at tacjs43@aol.com.

**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**

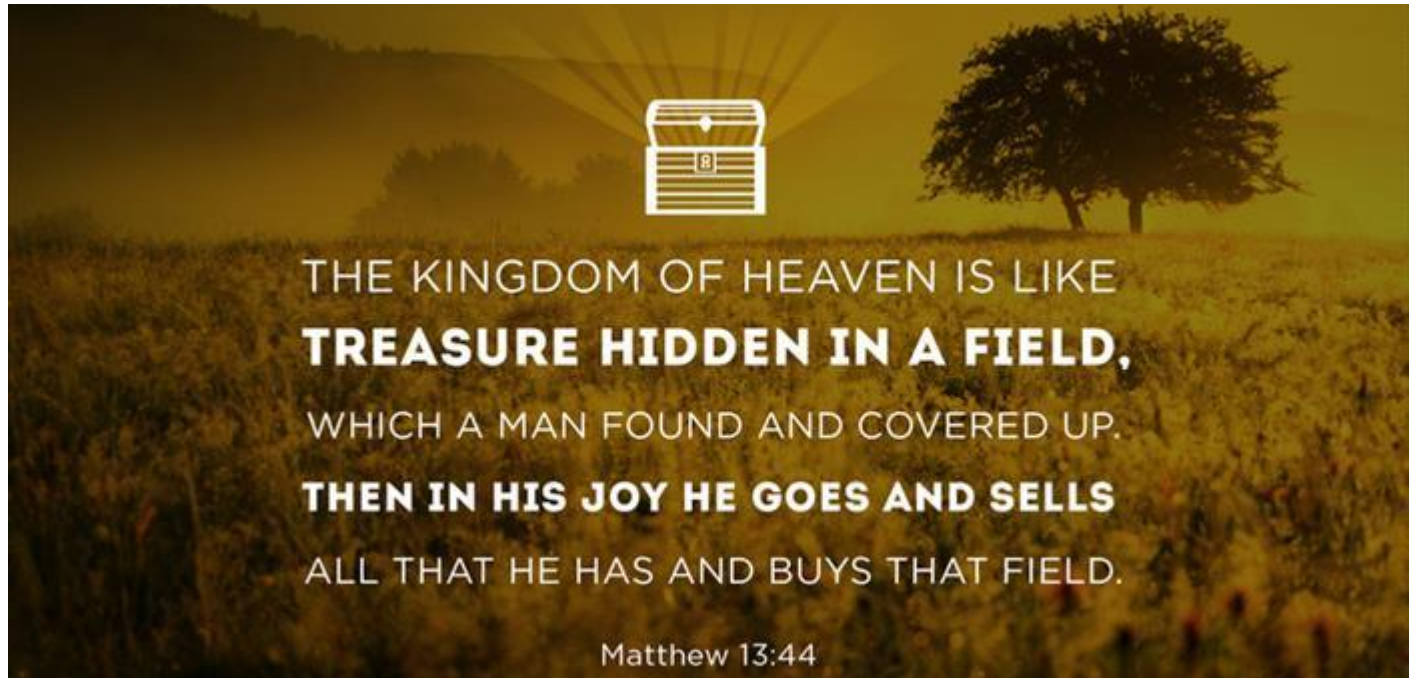
A service-based women's organization that cares for the Church and promotes the spiritual life of its members. Contact the rectory for meeting dates and times.

**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 treasures of God's kingdom**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus tells us that the kingdom of God is like a buried treasure, a pearl purchased at all cost, and a net from which the bad catch of fish will be tossed away and the good catch will be valued.



In other words, our Christian lives are a huge cache of valuables. If our treasure chest has any worthless trash, the garbage needs to be tossed away to make room for more valuables. Some of our treasures have only temporary, earthly value, and ultimately they will be worthless unless they're used for the kingdom of God.

The reading from Romans tells us that all things work together for the good of those who love God. As we purge our lives of false pearls and dead fish, we become more like our Lord. We become more useful to the kingdom of God. Even the bad things that happen to us, under the creative hand of our all-powerful, mercifully loving God, get put to good use as polishing cloths that brighten our pearls and bring out from us a better shine.

In the first reading, Solomon could have asked God for great wealth and he would have received it, but he asked for an understanding heart so that he'd have wisdom to rule the nation well. Even though he ruled imperfectly, his reputation as the wisest king on earth spread throughout the known world and he accumulated great wealth.

This is meant to teach us that when we seek first the treasures of God's kingdom, then we can safely use the treasures of the earth, because God's wisdom guides us in using them for the benefit of his kingdom. The more we love Christ and follow his ways, the easier it is to identify what's really valuable, separate out the junk that does not belong to God, and use everything else for his purposes.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What treasures are buried within you? What pearls of wisdom have you gained, and what did it cost you to learn these? Write a list of your many good qualities. How do they prove that the Lord's presence is within you?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

Choose one treasure, gift, or pearl that God has given to you -- something that reveals the kingdom of God. How did you discover it or gain it? What effect does it have on others?



Dear parish family,

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



## First Holy Communion!

Our level 2 students will celebrate their First Holy Communion on  
**Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**

Please keep them in your prayers as we welcome them to the Table of the Lord to experience the presence of the Lord in the Eucharist.



### **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: Toothbrushes, Liquid hand soap, Pancake syrup, Cooking oil, Mayonnaise, Rice, Baked beans, Canned chicken, Egg noodles, Cake mix, Frosting**

**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 26, 2020**

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**Treat the children well**

Happy Parents' Day! Children are the treasure in every society. For a viable future, we have to invest deeply in their upbringing. Golden-mouthed saint John Chrysostom offered tips on child-rearing: Let the saints enter your home through the naming of your children. Teach your kids Bible stories. Raise them singing psalms and hymns. Encourage in them a bold, not timid, spirit. Disciplined self-possession will benefit them all their lives. Show them actions have consequences, now and in eternity. Finally, give more care to your children than you do for your job, home, wealth, and possessions.

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12; Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 13:44-52 (109). *"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field."*

**Monday, Jul 27, 2020****What is the parable of your life?**

Jesus used a lot of parables to teach his followers—so many that his disciples asked him why. So that the "mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you," he answered. Parables offer a relatable way to understand an abstract spiritual lesson. Most of us know what it is like to plant, cook, eat, manage money, run a business, deal with relationship conflict. What Christian truths would you like your own simple life story to reveal to others? How that parable unfolds is up to you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 13:1-11; Matthew 13:31-35 (401). *"All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables."*

**Tuesday, Jul 28, 2020****Sow the seeds of faith**

Blessed Stanley Rother, a missionary and the first U.S. priest to be declared a martyr, died this day in 1981. Not only did he love and serve his flock of indigenous Guatemalans, he helped build a medical clinic, school, and radio station. But it was his upbringing as an Oklahoma farm boy that endeared him even more to his modest agricultural community—a priest who preached but also plowed their fields. As a farmer, he understood the parables of Jesus more than most: how seeds must die, how flocks need a shepherd, how the harvest requires extra help—our help. Play your part.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 14:17-22; Matthew 13:36-43 (402). *"The field is the world, the good seed the children of the Kingdom."*

**Wednesday, Jul 29, 2020**

MEMORIAL OF MARTHA

**Let Martha be an inspiration**

We remember today a friend of Jesus who with her brother, Lazarus, and her sister, Mary, provided a home of friendship that was a place of respite for the Lord. She could prepare a meal and manage the many details of hosting a gathering of friends. She could speak her mind honestly and trust that she would be heard. She recognized that Jesus was the Messiah. She was human

enough to be crabby yet faithful enough to believe that Jesus was able to bring life out of death. Saint Martha, in these challenging days, pray for us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 15:10, 16-21 (403); John 11:19-27 or Luke 10:38-42 (607). *"Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah."*

**Thursday, Jul 30, 2020****Deliver us from evil**

The United Nations has declared today "World Day Against Trafficking in Persons." Church leaders have been outspoken on this global issue that targets poor and marginalized people, robbing them of their God-given dignity. In today's gospel Jesus envisions the kingdom of heaven as devoid of wickedness. Today is a good moment to oppose the wickedness of trafficking by adding your voice to the many who are committed to raising awareness and rooting out this evil.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 18:1-6; Matthew 13:47-53 (404). *"The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous."*

**Friday, Jul 31, 2020**

MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF LOYOLA, PRIEST

**Soldier us through**

Saint Ignatius of Loyola died in 1566 of Roman fever, a type of malaria. During a time of pandemic, it seems appropriate to call on the aid of a saint known for his survival instincts and spiritual prowess. After all, most thought Ignatius, a Castilian soldier, would die from injuries sustained in battle at age 30, but instead he lived another 35 years. During his time of convalescence, he experienced a spiritual conversion that led to the development of his popular *Spiritual Exercises* and the founding of the Jesuit order that has as its motto "For the greater glory of God." What can you do today, following Ignatius' example, to give God glory despite times of confinement and uncertainty?

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 26:1-9; Matthew 13:54-58 (405). *"A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and in his own house."*

**Saturday, Aug 01, 2020**

MEMORIAL OF ALPHONSUS LIGUORI, BISHOP, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**Speak plainly**

Alphonsus was a bright and gifted youth, earning doctorates in both civil and canon law in Naples at 16. He was so small at the time of his graduation, he later wrote, that his doctoral robes swallowed him up, causing spectators to erupt in laughter. But faith was no laughing matter to the young man, who in short order left the legal profession and dedicated his life to the church to serve those on the margins. This brilliant doctor of the church believed in plain speech. "I have never preached a sermon which the poorest old woman in the congregation could not understand," he said. Let your own witness be simple and direct.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 26:11-16, 24; Matthew 14:1-12 (406). *"For in truth it was the LORD who sent me to you, to speak all these things for you to hear."*

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



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