

# **ASSUMPTION** of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



# October 25 2020

#### We celebrate EUCHARIST

Saturdays: 5:30 PM Sundays: 7:30, 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)

Office hours, Monday to Friday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Food pantry available. Will also try to help with referrals and advocacy. Call 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, October 25th

7:30 a.m. — Evelyn McGuiness

9:30 a.m. — Nona Isaac Bautista (M/M C. Gaviola)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

#### Monday, October 26th

9:00 a.m. — Anna Joseph Alenchery (Scottaline & Loeffler Families)

#### **Tuesday, October 27th**

9:00 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)

#### Wednesday, October 28th

9:00 a.m. — Carmen Teresa Prestopino (Tiri & Family)

#### Thursday, October 29th

9:00 a.m. — Edmund T. Keenan II (Joan Tait)

#### Friday, October 30th

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

#### Saturday, October 31st

5:30 p.m. — Kathleen Sanacore

#### Sunday, November 1st

7:30 a.m. — Katherine Aridas (Wolz Family)

9:30 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

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# Time, Talent & Treasure

# **Fostering Stewardship** as a Way of Life

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

> Last Week's Collection \$8,213 (includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection \$8.402 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 to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m; Friday - Closed; Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 11. Saturday schedule begins when the classes begin.

# 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.



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# **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 tacis43@aol.com.

# **Catholic War Veterans**

Second Saturday of the month: Sept - June at 10 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Vincent Zecca, papazecca@aol.com, or phone 631 588 3423.

# 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**

# Whole-hearted love

This Sunday's Gospel reading reminds us that we cannot love God without loving ourselves and others, but God must always come first.

When we have difficulty loving God with all our heart, mind and soul all the time, every day, every moment, no matter what's going on, it's usually because we're spending too much time focused on other people and/or on our own plans and wishes.



Yes, we must focus on others in order to love them. And yes we must focus on our own needs so that we can love others as much as we love ourselves. Our own needs are important and we are responsible for seeing that our needs get met; otherwise we don't have enough to share with others - enough energy, enough enthusiasm, enough kindness, enough patience, etc. Likewise, we can't focus so much on ourselves that we neglect the needs of others.

So the question then becomes: What are the priorities? In other words: How much time should we spend alone with God? How much time should we spend nurturing ourselves? How much of our time and needs and wants should be sacrificed for the sake of others?

Interestingly, we find the right balance only after we put God first and make our relationship with him our highest priority. This divine friendship is what heals us in our unmet needs. It's what empowers us to love others even when they are difficult to love. And we don't have to be alone with God all day to have intimacy with him.

We love him first and foremost simply by relying on him for success in loving others and ourselves. As long as we keep turning to him for guidance, healing and strength, we are loving him with all our heart, mind and soul all the time, every day, every moment, no matter what's going on.

### **Questions for Personal Reflection:**

How good are you at setting priorities and keeping God at the top? What puts your priorities out of order? What can you do to increase God's role in your everyday life?

# **Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

Describe some of the techniques you've used to increase God's priority in your everyday life. How has focusing on your relationship with God helped you to be more loving to yourself and kinder toward others?

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# **Outreach Needs for Thanksgiving**

**Pantry Needs:** Boxed Milk, Cranberry Sauce, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Stuffing Mix, Bar Soap, Shampoo, Paper Towels

**Gift Cards:** With Thanksgiving just around the corner, we're getting ready to prepare our baskets. Gift cards to neighborhood markets will be very helpful in providing those

in need with a great Thanksgiving dinner, allowing them the dignity to choose their favorite holiday foods. Please drop off gift cards at the office or in the collection basket.

### Drug Crisis Assistance

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS? CATHOLIC CHARI-



TIES / Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. For more information, please call: 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Sliding scale fees, Medicaid, Medicare, and other third-party insurance accepted

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sumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Center, Crown Acres Road, on November 14, 2020 from 10AM to 12PM. CWV's purpose is to support and advocate for veterans of all Faiths, and their dependents, in obtaining earned benefits, in addition to Catholic Action and Americanism programs. Membership is open to any Catholic veteran who has Served 90 days or more in the US Armed Forces, with an honorable discharge.

For more information call Vincent Zecca at 631 588 3423 or visit http://cwv.org.

# Parish Social Ministry (Outreach) Program

The Outreach Food Pantry is available for individuals

and families that are struggling to stretch their food budget. We can also refer those needing assistance to any program appropriate to their needs. Appointments can be made by calling 631 585-8760 x2. The Outreach Office is open Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 12 PM.



Pantry Needs: Kleenex, Paper towels, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Conditioner, Household cleaner, Fruit juice, Oatmeal, Baked beans

# *Did you know a 401k can help our Parish do God's work?*

You worked hard for your 401k, IRA or other retirement plan. If you leave it to anyone besides a spouse, a good portion of that savings may go to taxes. But if

you leave it to our Parish, the entire value will be put to good use because we are a taxexempt organization. Simply fill out a *change of beneficiary* 



*form* and name our parish as a full or partial beneficiary. To learn more contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516 -678-5800 ext. 257 or bkilarjian@drvc.org.

Thank you for considering this meaningful parish gift!



Dear parish family

The **Catholic Ministries Appeal** is an Island-wide effort by our Church to support the critically important services and programs that serve more than 600,000 people every year. 100% of every dollar raised is RE-STRICTED to the ministries of the Appeal.

To each of you who have already made a gift, please know that I am very grateful. I also want you to know that I believe so deeply in this program that I also contribute every year. I hope that those of you who have not yet had an opportunity to do so will seriously consider using the envelope that is included in your monthly packets next week, and include with the regular collection.

Through the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we can provide pastoral care to those in need. During these difficult times of the pandemic, Catholic Charities was able to expand its homecare services to those who were cared for in congregate day care, Meals on Wheels program and assist the underserved to get much needed internet service so that children can continue their education and parents can work from home. Additionally, the CMA funds evangelization programs that support the formation studies of our Seminarians and Deacons, help provide religious education to hundreds of thousands of our youngsters in public schools, while forming future generation of Catholics through Campus, Young Adult and Youth Ministry programs.

This year our parish goal is \$56,200 and \$50,807.00 is pledged. We are short of \$5,393.00 of our goal. parishes who make their goal receive a rebate from the diocese, amounting to 20% of the actual goal. 90.6% of our goal is pledged so far.

If you have not already contributed, please prayerfully consider joining with me as One Faith, Family and Community, and make a gift to the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please remember no gift is too small, and all gifts make a difference in someone's life!

fr Joe

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Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit **faithdirect.net/NY563**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

# New Mass Schedule Sat: 5:30 PM, Sun: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM

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### FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

# October 25, 2020

#### FORMED NOW! POPE JOHN PAUL II'S LETTER ON THE ROSARY To close out October, the month

dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary, enjoy this discussion between Dr. Tim Gray and Lucas Pollice on St. John Paul II's letter on the Rosary. This wonderful discussion will help draw you deeper into the mysteries of Christ meditated on in the Rosary.



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Court St Gerard, Catholic Daughters invites you and your family and friends to take part in their THANK YOU PROJECT.

Write a note or letter to ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBERS thanking them, encouraging or praying for their service to our Country.

Return date by October 25<sup>th</sup>. Basket in Church Vestibule. Nothing other than note or letter. No envelopes, please. Questions? Information? 631 588 7242

New parishioner? Moving out of the parish? Kindly fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory.

Name \_\_\_\_\_\_

Address

Town/Zip \_\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone

New Parishioner Moving