



# ASSUMPTION

## of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



## November 1 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, 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

**Monday, November 2nd**

9:00 a.m. — All Souls

**Tuesday, November 3rd**

9:00 a.m. — All Souls

**Wednesday, November 4th**

9:00 a.m. — All Souls

**Thursday, November 5th**

9:00 a.m. — All Souls

**Friday, November 6th**

9:00 a.m. — All Souls

**Saturday, November 7th**

5:30 p.m. — All Souls

**Sunday, November 8th**

7:30 a.m. — All Souls  
 9:30 a.m. — All Souls  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Deceased Brothers and Sisters of our Parish Family



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

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

**Last Week's Collection \$9,298**  
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$9,131**  
*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.



**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 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***

### ***Your own sainthood***

YOU are a saint. Don't argue with me, I know you're a saint, because a saint is anyone who's either in heaven or on their way to heaven by following Christ. In the Apostle's Creed we say, "I believe in the communion of saints...." That includes you! It's the whole community of Christ-followers.

As followers of Christ, we have been redeemed from the power of sin. We have been reborn as "saints" and are no longer "sinners." Yes, we do sin every day; we have not yet perfected our sainthood. So we grow in holiness by becoming more and more who we truly are. This is life as an earthly saint.

Look at today's first reading. We could see this as a huge prayer meeting in heaven, but it's not just about the after-life. You, right now, are part of that "great multitude" when you worship God enthusiastically. Every time we praise God, we're joining ourselves to the whole communion of saints, including our loved ones who left earth in the Lord's arms.



We're also united to them after our sins are absolved in the mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, for then we, too, have "washed our robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Until the next time we sin, we're on the Lord's mountain, standing in a holy place, because our hands are sinless, our hearts are clean, and we are not desiring what is vain (as the responsorial Psalm says).

The same unity occurs when we receive the Eucharist after making a heartfelt journey through the prayers of repentance and requests for forgiveness that the Church provides during each Mass. (Oops, until we get mad at the guy in the parking lot who

briefly blocks our escape from church into the world.)

As the second reading points out, we are saints because we are God's children. The saints in heaven have the advantage of being free from evil, while we live in a sin-filled world. But notice how we become pure: The hope (i.e., belief in God's promise) that eventually we'll behave like Christ all the time should energize us to purge our lives of unholiness now. This hope is based on knowing that Christ redeems us from sin, the Father forgives us, and after death, whatever clean-up still remains to be done, it will be accomplished thanks to purgatory.

The Gospel reading reminds us that we are saints because we are blessed. Isn't anything that God blesses made holy? Therefore, any person whom God blesses is made holy by his love: the poor in spirit, those who mourn and receive the Holy Spirit's comfort, the meek who submit to God's will, and so on down the list of beatitudes. Meditate on each blessing and notice your sainthood and the challenge to become more saintly by improving how you live the truth of each beatitude.

The Church canonizes saints so we can have role models and so we know they're available for prayer support to assist us on our journey to heaven. We should not compare our lives to theirs, however, for we all have different circumstances in which to grow in holiness. We can only compare ourselves to what we used to be like. Meanwhile, we can pray with the saints and accept their spiritual guidance.

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

How have you grown in holiness over the years? Choose one way to grow in holiness this week.

### **Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

Who is your favorite Saint in heaven? Why? Name someone you know who is a good model of saintliness. What is holy about that person?

GIVING THANKS GIVING BACK

Thanksgiving DRIVE

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.



CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS OF THE USA

The Catholic War Veterans of the USA, Post 1897 will be holding a Membership Drive at the Assumption 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:** Jelly, Oatmeal, Water, Mayonnaise, Icing, Rice-a-Roni, Cooking oil, Paper towels, Liquid hand soap, Razors, Tooth brushes, Bar soap

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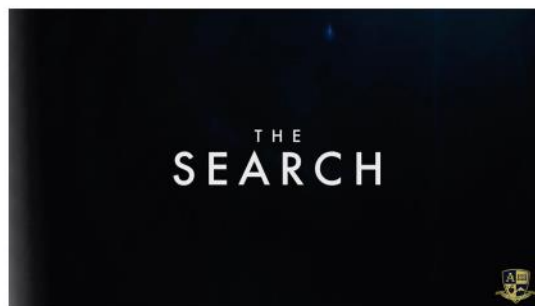
PICK OF THE WEEK

November 1, 2020

WATCH

THE SEARCH

This stunning series addresses life's most fundamental questions: "Why am I here?" "Does my life have meaning?" "What happens when I die?" The questions are all there. And, the answers are too.



Our parish subscribes to a revolutionary online platform which provides the best in Catholic audio talks, movies, e-books, and video-based studies. It is, **free of charge**. Simply type in [abvmcentereach.formed.org](http://abvmcentereach.formed.org) on your browser. Once you have registered you'll have access to all the material on FORMED, again **free of charge**.

You also can install FORMED through an app. Learn more at [app.formed.org](http://app.formed.org). Our parish code is P8DGQ8.



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 RESTRICTED 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. parish-ees 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!



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit [faithdirect.net/NY563](http://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**



*Rest  
in  
Peace*



November 2<sup>nd</sup> is All Souls Day. Listed below are those loved ones our parish family has given back to God during the past year.

*Eternal rest grant to them, O Lord;  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen.*

Norma C. Angeles  
Diane Baker  
Barry D. Baratta  
Rosemary D. Bliss  
John Bodkin  
Michael Boehm  
Albert G. Boehm  
Joseph Bradley  
Joseph Buonocore  
Marie Buonocore  
Robert Byrnes  
Carol G. Cacciatore  
Angelo L. Calamuso  
Steven Calestini  
Jerome Callan  
Nicholas J. Campanelli  
Angelina Cappetta  
Vincenza Chaimowitz  
Ralph Cirone  
Timothy F. Connolly  
Maria DeBonis  
Patricia E. DiDonato  
Alfonso Didonato  
Robert Dimarco  
Peggy Donohue  
Robert Ellerkamp  
Cuno R. Engel  
Jeanne Frantz  
Ana C. Galvin

Edward Garavuso  
Daniel J. Haggerty  
Patrick Kearney  
Dorothy Lettiere  
Frank Licciardello  
Elizabeth M. Littlejohn  
Mary Miller  
Leonie Moliere  
Joe Nugent  
Julia Orth  
Wilson Ortiz  
Helen Ortiz  
Tiri Paeper  
Linda Pateres  
Tillie Plansker  
Wiona Potts  
Salvatore Rosato  
William J. Schroder  
Elizabeth Secari  
Thomas Spillane  
Marie Spina  
Frances M. Swinson  
Joseph Toth  
Benigna Triarsi  
Yvonne M. Urgo  
John Verry  
Joe J. Wagenhofer  
Barbara A. Weigand  
Edward Whalen

### **Drug Crisis Assistance**

Are you or someone to drinking ALCOHOL / Talbot House, mia provides with- males and females draw from alcohol call: 631-589-4144.



you know having family or interpersonal problems due HOL and/or using DRUGS? CATHOLIC CHARITIES a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemian provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or with- and/or other drug use. For more information, please Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confi-

dential. Sliding scale fees, Medicaid, Medicare, and other third-party insurance accepted