



ASSUMPTION

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



November 29, 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 29th

7:30 a.m. — Molly Drew Connolly (Connolly & Licari Families)
 9:30 a.m. — Kristina Mense (M/M J Kuschman)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, November 30th

9:00 a.m. — Fr. Gerard Smith

Tuesday, December 1st

9:00 a.m. — Dorothy Moller (Betty Limov)

Wednesday, December 2nd

9:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society

Thursday, December 3rd

9:00 a.m. — Anna Joseph Alenchery (Sparano Family)

Friday, December 4th

9:00 a.m. — David & Kathleen Worrell

Saturday, December 5th

5:30 p.m. — Joanne Ruf (Angela & Joe Nugent)

Sunday, December 6th

7:30 a.m. — Ann Cirone (Marando & Cirone Families)
 9:30 a.m. — Ana Quimbaya (Her Children)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Maria Giovanniello
 John Francis Helmich



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

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$8,232
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$9,100
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 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

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 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

A gift for Jesus

Today we begin the Season of Advent. This year, as we prepare for Christmas, think about how you like to show your fondness for the special people in your life by choosing gifts that will be meaningful to them. And yet, assuming that you can actually find something (or make something) that will be appreciated, does it always make a difference in the long run?

How many gifts have you given in the past that became mere dust-collectors? Which ones turned out to be truly valuable with a long-lasting impact?



Since Christmas is the celebration of the birthday of Jesus, let's remember to give him a gift, too. God deserves more gifts than anyone else, but what do you give to someone who already has everything? Or does he?

What gift can you give to Jesus that will have an eternal impact, a gift that no one else can give him, a gift he doesn't already have? What have you been withholding from him? What talent or activity or ministry or commitment or change in lifestyle?

This Sunday's first reading reminds us that God is our Father. The responsorial Psalm asks the Father to help

us turn to him. The second reading gives thanks to God for all that he has done for us. So - what gift can you give to God to express your appreciation for what he has given to you?

In the Gospel reading, we're reminded of the need to prepare - to actually do something that makes a difference - for the coming of Christ. This not only refers to his Second Coming. It's also about the day when he comes for us as we breathe our last earthly breath. It's about the way he wants to come to you during this year's Season of Christmas. And it's about the way he is coming to you right now, today.

There's something new that he wants to give you. When he offers it, will he find you doing what's right (as in the first reading)? Will he find you using your spiritual gifts (as in the second reading)? Will he find you alert and ready to do his bidding (as in the Gospel reading)?

Advent is an opportunity to take notice of the gifts he gives us and for becoming aware of the gifts we can give to him that he doesn't already have. It should make an eternal difference - for him and for us.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

List the gifts that God has given to you. Write them on a sheet of paper. Then think about how much appreciation you have given to God for the gifts on that list. Do you know how much he appreciates your appreciation?

Questions for Family or Community Faith Sharing:

Name some of the obvious ways that Jesus comes to us today. What are some unexpected ways that Jesus has revealed himself to you? What will you do this Advent to become more aware of Jesus coming to you? How will this make you more ready for Christmas?

Outreach Needs for Christmas

Thanksgiving Donations:

Thank you to all who gave to our Thanksgiving Drive. Because of your donations, we were able to give Thanksgiving baskets to 56 families in need that are living in our Parish. The generosity of our Parishioners is inspiring!

Gift Cards for Christmas:

With Christmas just around the corner, we're getting ready to prepare Christmas baskets for our Outreach clients. Gift cards to local

stores such as **Walmart and Target** are very helpful in providing those in need with the ability to purchase gifts for their children. In addition, the cards can also be used to provide a great Christmas dinner for our clients by allowing them the dignity to choose their favorite holiday foods. If you choose to donate gift cards, either place them in the collection basket or deliver them to the Parish Office.



Christmas Masses



Christmas is coming soon, and the celebration is going to be different than any other year. Still, we are preparing ourselves to do it safely and healthily, taking into account the state and county mandates. We will have all the masses usually have on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Christmas Eve at 3:30 PM, 5:30 PM, and Midnight. Christmas day 9:30 and 11:30 AM. For this year, we are adding a 3:30 Mass in the Parish Center on Christmas Eve and an 11:30 AM mass on Christmas Day. Because we are allowed only about 50% of our capacity, all the Masses in the Church building will have a Reservation System online and by telephone. Please look for details in the bulletin in the coming weeks. I like to ask everyone's cooperation in this matter for a safe and healthy celebration of the birth of Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as a parish family. Two masses, 3:30 PM and 9:30 AM masses will be live-streamed, and all the other times, we will re-broadcast the mass.

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 tax-exempt 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!



This week we will lay out some initial thoughts on the virtue of hope and making hope a habit. We will look at hope as a way of acknowledging we are pilgrims on a journey who have not yet arrived. Hope points us towards the fact that we are not there yet, that life isn't all it is supposed to be.

We need to awaken our desires and tap into them if we are to have hope.

Identify what we are hoping for this Christmas. Identify someone who needs to hear the message of hope Christmas Eve.



Important information via E-Mail

We are in the process of updating our contact list with updated email addresses. During this time of uncertainty, email is the best way to keep in touch with everyone as a parish family. So I like to ask everyone to update their email address so important information could be sent out. You will get one email a week unless we have something essential to convey. Since Christmas is coming, we want to update you with the schedule and other things.

Please use rectory@abvmcentereach.com to update or go to our parish website www.abvmcentereach.com and fill the form called "Get in touch with us" located right under the main banner to update your email addresses.

Drug Crisis Assistance

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



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: Ketchup, Mustard Mayonnaise, Dishwashing Detergent, Laundry Detergent, Household Cleaner, Deodorant, Liquid Hand Soap, Kleenex and Paper Towels.



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 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!



Through the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we can provide pastoral care to those in need on Long Island. 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!

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

THE STORY OF THE NATIVITY: THE TRUTH OF CHRISTMAS

Enjoy this fast-paced, thought-provoking look at the true story of the Nativity as we enter into the joyful season of Advent.



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 on your browser. Once you have registered you'll have access to all the material on FORMED, again **free of charge**.

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