



ASSUMPTION

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



January 17, 2021

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, January 17th

7:30 a.m. — Richard Wagenhofer (Mary Pellegrino)
 9:30 a.m. — Katherine Aridas (M/M A. Johnson)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, January 18th

9:00 a.m. — Anna Joseph Alenchery (Anita Hoehne)

Tuesday, January 19th

9:00 a.m. — Intention of Herman Vaca (M. Morse)

Wednesday, January 20th

9:00 a.m. — Frank Anthony Knopf (Palma Family)

Thursday, January 21st

9:00 a.m. — Tiri Paeper (Nancy Dentrone)

Friday, January 22nd

9:00 a.m. — Mary MacDonough (Linda Natale)

Saturday, January 23rd

5:30 p.m. — Joanne Ruf (Rivers Boys & Family)

Sunday, January 24

7:30 a.m. — Joe Wagenhofer (Family)
 9:30 a.m. — Nicole Prout (M/M J. Reilly)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

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 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..

Rest
in
Peace

Deceased Brothers and Sisters of our Parish Family

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

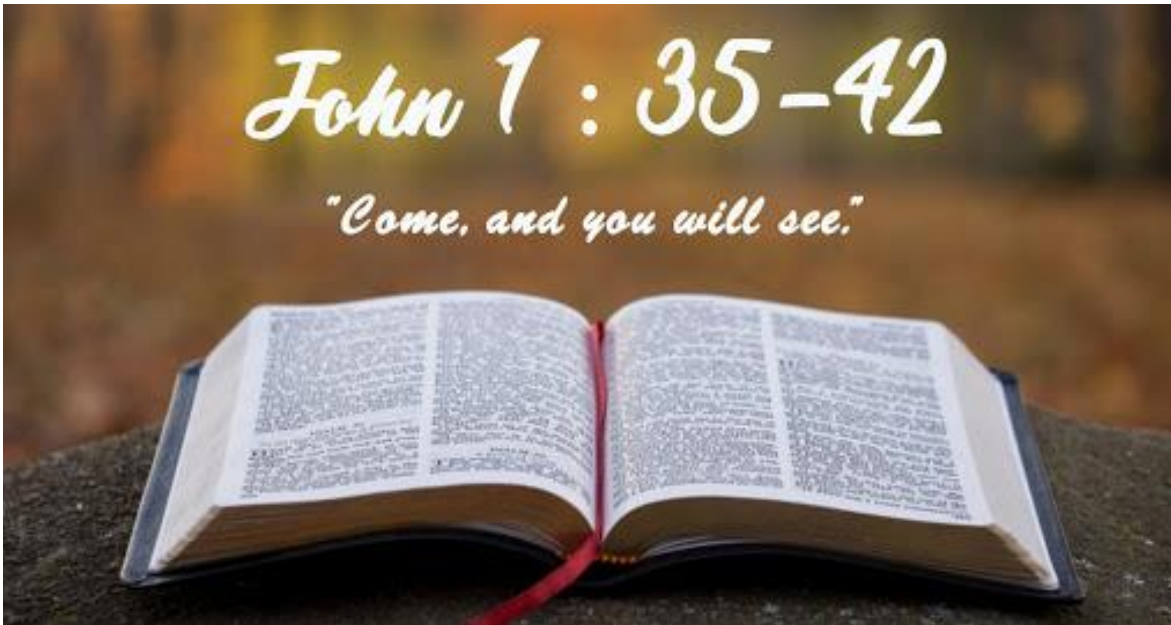
Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$8,179
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$9,970
Thank You!

Good News Reflection**What are you looking for?**

Like Jesus did to Andrew, who became one of his first disciples, in this Sunday's Gospel passage, he says to you and to each of us: "What are you looking for?" When you pray, and when you look at a crucifix, or when you see a picture of Jesus, what exactly are you looking for?



Jesus says: "Come and see!" Come and see what? His love? His healing power? His supernatural ability to answer our prayers? Whatever we're looking for, the reason we're seeking it is because we don't yet have it.

Jesus is the fulfillment of every promise by God the Father. Jesus is the fullness of love, the provider

of mercy, the divine healer, the perfect mediator of all our prayers and concerns and everything else we truly need. So, why does it feel like something is still missing? Why do our lives feel incomplete? Why do our prayers seem unanswered?

The answer is revealed in what happened after Andrew began to follow Jesus. We read about it in Samuel's response to God's invitation. We proclaim it in the Responsorial Psalm: "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

Andrew, his brother Simon Peter, and the other disciples were privileged to witness first-hand the wondrous miracles of Jesus. They personally experienced God's love through the gentle eyes of Jesus, the tone of kindness in his voice, and the forgiveness that was visible in his smile.

Yet with all of this, they did not really find all that they were looking for (remember how easily Peter felt afraid or confused or uncertain) until they were on the giving end of it. □ They didn't discover the fullness of Jesus until Jesus was no longer present in the flesh and they accepted their calling to continue Christ's earthly ministry.

The same is true for us who have never seen Jesus' actual eyes or heard his actual voice. We find what we're seeking when we give it to others. Why? Because then we discover that we really had it all along! This is the miracle of "Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will."

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What do you need from Jesus that he doesn't seem to be providing yet? At the core of your prayer requests, what is it you're really seeking? How can you find it by doing the will of God? Contemplate this question until you figure out something to do. Then do it and see what happens.

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Describe a time when you gave away what you thought you didn't have. Perhaps it was money or time. Perhaps it was patience or hope or love itself. How were you doing the will of God? What happened to your own needs afterward?

Outreach Program Annual Report 2020

This is a summary of the assistance we were able to provide our clients in 2020. We were able to do this thanks to the continued generosity of our parishioners who donated money, gift cards, food and their time.

Households Assisted: Number of households receiving food, toiletries, paper goods and cleaning products from the food pantry. I have included the information from our Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets along with regular assistance given throughout the year.

Individuals Assisted: This shows how many people our program has assisted, also including information from our Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets.



Individuals Assisted	Regular	Thanksgiving	Christmas	Total
Households Assisted	312	54	48	414
Children Assisted	294	67	68	429
Adults Assisted	648	129	111	888
Seniors Assisted	79	12	12	103
Total Individuals Assisted	1021	208	191	1420

Financial Assistance: In addition to providing assistance from our food pantry, the Outreach Program also provides financial assistance to our clients. This includes assistance with rent, utilities and other expenses, as well as gift cards to various stores in the area.

Financial Assistance	Regular	Thanksgiving	Christmas	Total
Rental Assistance	900	-----	-----	900
Other Assistance	650	-----	-----	650
Gift Cards	1330	1520	3220	6070
Total Financial Assistance	2880	1520	3220	7620

Thank you very much for opening your generous hearts in love of neighbor.



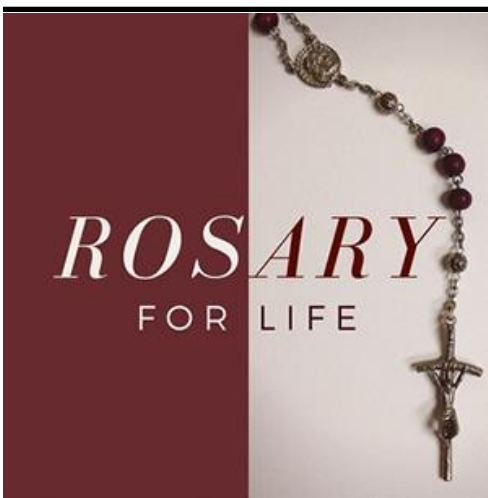
Parish Social Ministry (Outreach) Program

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: Pancake Mix, Syrup, Mayonnaise, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Razors, Household Cleaner, Dishwashing Liquid, Laundry Detergent.



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 faithdirect.net/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!



PRO LIFE PRAYER VIGIL ROSARY

Friday-January 22nd

11:45 AM

Planned Parenthood,

70 Maple Ave, Smithtown

Prayerful, peaceful witness to life on the anniversary of Roe v Wade

(Masks, please)

For more information-631 724 8721

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

January 17, 2021

WATCH

JOHN PAUL II: I KEPT LOOKING FOR YOU

This incredible documentary traces Pope St. John Paul II's impact on the Church and the world. This film is a wonderful tribute to a man who inspired millions of people to deeper faith in Jesus Christ.



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You also can install FORMED through an app. Learn more at app.formed.org. Our parish code is P8DGQ8.

Sunday, Jan 17, 2021

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lifestyles of the brave and mobile

Media coverage is thick concerning the lifestyles of the rich and famous. The lives of the truly heroic, on the other hand—faithful spouses, conscientious parents, the working poor, folks who turn their lives around after addiction or costly misdirection—are mostly hidden from view. Faithful discipleship requires effort, quiet persistence, and most of all, movement in the spirit. Followers don't stand still, unchangeable in opinions or behaviors. Growth is required. The terms of the deal are as follows: "Come—and see."

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20; John 1:35-42 (65). "‘Rabbi . . . where are you staying?’ He said to them, ‘Come and you will see.’"

Monday, Jan 18, 2021**Abide your time this week**

For more than 100 years, Christians around the world have been observing annually the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (Jan. 18-25). For Catholics, this week is an opportunity to also ponder the Decree on Ecumenism from Vatican II. Is your diocese or parish participating in this healing effort? For resources, visit the [World Council of Churches at Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. As you pray, call to mind this year's theme: "Abide in my love and you shall bear much fruit."](#)

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 5:1-10; Mark 2:18-22 (311). "‘Can the wedding guests fast while the bridegroom is with them?’"

Tuesday, Jan 19, 2021**Pray the pope's prayer for peace**

Exactly 60 years ago tomorrow, John F. Kennedy gave an inaugural address that quoted Romans 12:12, reminding citizens to be "rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation." One year later, Pope John XXIII became a secret intermediary between Kennedy and Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev, speaking a message of peace to the entire world during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Haunted by the experience, he penned his final encyclical, [Pacem in Terris](#), stressing the church's Christian duty to address international issues of peace and human rights—speaking to all persons "of good will," not only Catholics. Pray for peace and the perseverance of hope.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 6:10-20; Mark 2:23-28 (312). "‘Hold fast to the hope that lies before us.’"

Wednesday, Jan 20, 2021

MEMORIAL OF FABIAN, POPE, MARTYR

Be open to the Spirit of surprise

In the year 236, Fabian left his farm and headed to Rome. He wanted to be in town for the election of a new pope. The furthest thing from his mind, or anyone's mind, was that he would be elected. Legend holds that as clergy discussed worthy candidates, a dove landed on the head of bystander Fabian. Thinking it was a sign from the Holy Spirit, the crowd elected Fabian by acclamation. A kind and capable administrator, he had the respect of both the faith community and three different emperors

in a period of rare peace. Although that peace eventually ended and persecution cost him his life, Fabian's legacy endures. Be open to unexpected visitations of the Holy Spirit!

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 7:1-3, 15-17; Mark 3:1-6 (313). "‘Come up here before us.’"

Thursday, Jan 21, 2021

MEMORIAL OF AGNES, VIRGIN, MARTYR

Draw inspiration from women of faith

Today we honor both Saint Agnes, virgin and martyr, and, in some places, Our Lady of Altagracia, protectress of the Dominican Republic. The devotion to both grew from grassroots popularity; that is, ordinary Christians were moved by their stories and lifted them up for veneration. Saint Agnes was executed for her faith in the fourth century. Our Lady of Altagracia is an image of Mary in the Dominican Republic that, according to legend, kept mysteriously moving to an orange grove until a church was built there. Centuries later memories of both women continue to inspire the faithful. Take a moment to reflect on women of faith who inspire you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 7:25—8:6; Mark 3:7-12 (314). "‘Jesus is always able to save those who approach God through him.’"

Friday, Jan 22, 2021**Embracing your inner apostle**

How many apostles did Jesus call? If you said 12, well, you are sort of correct. Indeed, Jesus appointed 12 followers to be his close companions, to learn from him, and to preach the Good News. But it doesn't stop at 12. Jesus continues to call forth apostles in the church. We have bishops who continue the mission via the tradition of apostolic succession. We also have every single person in the church, including you! "The whole church is apostolic, in that she remains . . . in communion of faith and life with her origin: and in that she is 'sent out' into the whole world," says the Catechism of the Catholic Church. How will you respond to your call to apostleship?

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 8:6-13; Mark 3:13-19 (315). "‘Jesus went up the mountain and summoned those whom he wanted and they came to him.’"

Saturday, Jan 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MARIANNE COPE, RELIGIOUS

Remarkable, two times over

Imagine leaving all that is familiar to minister in a far-off land. Now imagine doing it twice! German-born Marianne Cope came to the United States as a young woman and, as a member of the Sisters of St. Francis of Syracuse, New York, became a founding leader of St. Joseph's Hospital in the city, one of the first general hospitals in the country. Then in 1883 she relocated with six other sisters to Hawai'i to care for persons suffering leprosy and to help develop the medical infrastructure of the island chain. Pray today for an ounce of the courage and sacrifice she modeled for us all.

TODAY'S READINGS: Hebrews 9:2-3, 11-14; Mark 3:20-21 (316). "‘Jesus came with his disciples into the house.’"

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



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