



# ASSUMPTION

## of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



## March 21, 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

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



## Mass Intentions for the week

### Sunday, March 21st

- 7:30 a.m. — Frederick C. Lingen (Family)  
 9:30 a.m. — Anna Joseph Alenchery (M/M E. Ahlfeld)  
 Audra Hancock (M/M J. Badagliacca)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

### Monday, March 22nd

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

### Tuesday, March 23rd

- 9:00 a.m. — Militellno Antorino (Josephine Scala)

### Wednesday, March 24th

- 9:00 a.m. — Katherine Aridas (Terry Cheshire)

### Thursday, March 25th

- 9:00 a.m. — Francis X. Greenfield (Sparano Family)

### Friday, March 26th

- 9:00 a.m. — Intentions of the Addiss Family

### Saturday, March 27th

- 5:30 p.m. — Joan Ann Meehan (M/M G. VanSchaick)  
 Odette Neves (Colleen Navara & Sara)

### Sunday, March 28th

- 7:30 a.m. — Joe Nugent (L.I. Birth Right)  
 9:30 a.m. — Ralph Cirone (Family)  
 Pietro Lipari (John & Susan Bodnar)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

<p><i>Rest in Peace</i></p>		<p>Joan DeMarco Rafael Rivera-Rosario</p>
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	<h2>Time, Talent &amp; Treasure</h2> <p>Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life</p> <h3>Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary (Regular Sunday Offering)</h3> <p>Last Week's Collection \$8,346 (includes <i>Faith Direct</i>)</p> <p>Last Year's Collection \$6,230 <i>Thank You!</i></p>
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## 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 and 4 p.m. to 7:30 pm; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; 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 (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****Do you feel troubled?**

In our desire to trust God and follow Jesus wherever he leads us, it's not a sin to feel troubled about it.

Yes, we do have to be willing to lose our lives (i.e., our own agendas, our own desires, our own ideas on what we should do with our time, etc.) so that we can unite ourselves to Christ and his mission. However, we don't have to like the loss.

This Sunday's Gospel reading shows us that Jesus felt troubled by the sacrifices he would have to make. Yes, even Jesus himself felt troubled! And the Father glorified him.

Jesus came to earth to reveal God's ways and God's love and lead us to heaven. Now we, his followers, are called, commissioned, and prepared by the Sacraments to reveal God's ways and God's love to those around us, so that Jesus can lead them to heaven. That is the mission, the purpose of being Church, for all of us -- laity as well as clergy.

The Sacrament of Baptism initiates us into this calling. Confirmation commissions us to do it. Confession enables us to do it better. Marriage and Holy Orders give us a venue for perfecting it. The Anointing of the Sick converts our illnesses into opportunities to

bear witness to Christ's Passion. And the Eucharist unites us so fully to the Passion of Christ that we become what we are called to do.

This is our everyday ministry of evangelization: We love others as Jesus loves them, we do for them what Jesus would like to do for them, and we spread the good news about this as a continuation of the ministry of Jesus.

Often, this involves making difficult sacrifices and doing good to those who reject us and scourge us and crucify us or in any other way cause us to suffer. This is our unity with Christ, our Passion. We're not supposed to like it, but we are supposed to do it.

The Father honors us for this. Just like he glorified Jesus, he honors us with his compassion, his rewards, and his approval.

It's okay to feel troubled

by the challenges we face in our mission. What keeps us going is knowing that God is raising us up. There is always resurrection after crucifixion.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What troubles are you facing? Where is Jesus in this? Is he ahead of you, leading the way? Are you following him? Rest with him for a little while and tell him your complaints. It's okay to get angry at him, if that's how you feel, as long as it's kept private, between you and him, so that it doesn't give the wrong witness to the people around you.

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

How do you feel hearing Jesus admit, "I am troubled now"? Does it make you more aware of his humanness? When you make sacrifices for others, how does this connect you more closely to the human heart of Jesus? How does the Father honor you as you serve in Christ's mission?



# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Holy Thursday, April 1**  
 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer  
 8:00 PM - Mass of the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday, April 2**  
 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer  
 3:00 PM - Lord's Passion and Holy Communion

**Holy Saturday, April 3**  
 9:00 AM - Morning Prayer  
 8:00 PM - Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday, April 4**  
 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM, 11:30 AM and 1:00 PM

## 2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIS APPEAL

I want to thank everyone who helped make 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal a success. As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised is restricted to support the objectives, programs, and mission that serves more than 600,000 people each year, and our parish shares in the money raised to use for our own local needs. Our parish goal this year is 54400.

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. If you haven't got a pledge card please use the form below and drop it off in the Sunday collection or at the office.

Make checks payable to:  
 Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Down payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### 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: Canned Pasta, Canned Chili, Canned Fruit, Rice, Egg Noodles, Paper Towels, Household Cleaner, Mustard, Ketchup, Fruit Juice, Hot Chocolate**



## Parish Communal Penance Service

### Friday, March 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM

# All are invited



Experience God's merciful love through the Sacrament of Reconciliation

### Greetings from the Easter Bunny and the Holy Name Society!



## Holy Name Society

It is the time of year when we renew ourselves in our faith and share our faith with others by lifting spirits and bringing the joy of Easter. The Holy Name Society has been doing this with your help for 50 years. The Easter Bunny visits hundreds of handicap children and seniors in nursing homes each year.

This year there are still restrictions but we will be able to do some "wave by" visits. With these visits we would like to bring snacks to the children and to the

seniors, fruit baskets with some crossword puzzles and other similar items to keep minds occupied in these trying time's of limited social contact.

Any donations are welcome. We will have a collection box in the church or you can leave it at the parish office or call Sal Stingo @ 631-981-6905 and leave a message he will call back and make arrangements to pick it up or mail it.

## FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

March 21, 2021

WATCH

### THE SANCTUARY COURSE FOR CATHOLICS

Today, misconceptions surrounding mental illness can prevent us from responding well to those suffering. This eight-session course explores the realities of mental illness, as well as the need for faith-based conversations about this topic. The sessions feature the stories of Catholics living with mental health challenges, along with the insights of archbishops, theologians, and psychologists.



**Sunday, Mar 21, 2021**

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

**See inside for more information**

Sometimes your reputation precedes you. The prophet Jeremiah is famous for lamentations, but he is less known for the centerpiece of his message: that everything we need to know about how to live is already planted in our hearts. On this International Forest Day, let's not miss the forest for the trees on another great truth rooted deeply in our midst. Trees are friends: bearing fruit, shade, and beauty wherever they're planted. They are also necessary allies in achieving planetary sustainability, food security, and poverty eradication. Play your part in protecting God's greenery.

TODAY'S READINGS: Year B: Jeremiah 31:31-34; Hebrews 5:7-9; John 12:20-33 (35). *"I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts."*

**Monday, Mar 22, 2021**

LENTEN WEEKDAY

**Tap into the virtues of water**

As part of its observance of the 2020 World Water Day, the Vatican published *Aqua fons vitae. Orientations on water: symbol of the cry of the poor and the cry of the Earth*. The document, meant to support the human right to clean water, reminds us that "by means of the water made holy by the Spirit," God gives us life and renews us. The way we respect water is an indicator of how we are "taking care of the early garden" entrusted to us. In observance of World Water Day, educate yourself and others about the challenges the world faces in ensuring access to clean water: the holy source of all life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; John 8:1-11 (251). *"Go, and from now on do not sin any more."*

**Tuesday, Mar 23, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF TURIBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP

**To reveal Christ, go the distance**

In 2018, Pope Francis met with the bishops of Peru, invoking the patron saint of Latin American bishops—Turibius of Mogrovejo. "This holy bishop is frequently portrayed as a 'new Moses,'" said the pope. "The Vatican has a picture in which Saint Turibius appears crossing a great river whose waters open before him like the Red Sea, so that he could get to the other shore, where numerous native peoples awaited him." Turibius cast aside life in Spain to live among native Peruvians. What can you cast aside so others might see Christ in you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Numbers 21:4-9; John 8:21-30 (252). *"Their patience worn out by the journey, the people complained against God and Moses."*

**Wednesday, Mar 24, 2021**

LENTEN WEEKDAY

**Be transformed by justice**

This is an anniversary of martyrdom. The archbishop of San Salvador, Oscar Romero, was murdered on this day in 1980 as he presided at Mass in the chapel of a church-run hospital for cancer patients and the terminally ill. Romero, an unassuming man who in earlier years had ministered to the country's elite, experienced a late-in-life transformation that took him from quiet acceptance of the status quo to courageous critic of his government's repression of the poor. His weekly sermons championed justice, challenged

the government, and eventually cost him his life: "It is not the will of God for some to have everything and for others to have nothing," he said. "It is not enough to attend Mass on Sunday . . . God wants the garment of justice. God wants his Christians dressed in love." Begin to dress the part by questioning the "way we always do things."

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; John 8:31-42 (253). *"If you remain in my word, you will truly be my disciples, and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."*

**Thursday, Mar 25, 2021**

SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

**Prepare to say yes**

Today we celebrate the Annunciation, that famous conversation between the angel Gabriel and Mary, in which Mary embraced what must have been the frightening prospect of bearing the Son of God. Mary's yes is seen as the model for all Christians in response to our individual callings, and in response to everyday choices to do what is most loving, moral, and just. Perhaps today you will be called to make a choice for faithfulness; prepare yourself now to say yes to God, as did Mary.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 7:10-14; 8:10; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38 (545). *"Mary said, 'Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word.'"*

**Friday, Mar 26, 2021**

LENTEN WEEKDAY; DAY OF ABSTINENCE

**Meet violence with hope**

Violence has made an all-too-comfortable home in our lives. It's in our TV shows and movies, our politics, our streets, and even our own hearts. In a pastoral message on violence in 1994, the U.S. Catholic Bishops wrote, "Hostility, hatred, despair, and indifference are at the heart of a growing culture of violence." How do we meet these experiences with compassion and offer a safe place for peace? "The path to a more peaceful future is found in a rediscovery of personal responsibility, respect for human life and human dignity, and a recommitment to social justice. The best antidote to violence is hope."

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 20:10-13; John 10:31-42 (255). *"[They] picked up rocks to stone Jesus."*

**Saturday, Mar 27, 2021**

LENTEN WEEKDAY

**The long history of judicial corruption**

We learn more each day about inequities in our judicial system. Justice, it seems, is more often praised than practiced, especially when it comes to treatment of minorities and those who challenge authority. We could include Jesus in the long list of victims of injustice. At this moment in Lent, as we prepare to enter Holy Week, the wheels of injustice are set in motion by Caiaphas, the Jewish high priest who will play a key role in the coming execution of the prophet of Peace. Pray today for forgiveness for the injustices committed in our names, and in our hearts.

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 37:21-28; John 11:45-56 (256). *"So from that day on they planned to kill him."*

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



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