



ASSUMPTION

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



March 28, 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



Mass Intentions for the week

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

Monday, March 29

- 9:00 a.m. — Anna Joseph Alenchery (Terry Chesire)

Tuesday, March 30th

- 9:00 a.m. — John Houghton (Patricia Houghton)

Wednesday, March 31st

- 9:00 a.m. — Intention of Fr. Douglas Arcoleo
 (Addiss Family)

Thursday, April 1st—Holy Thursday

- 9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
 8:00 p.m. — Mass of the Lord's Supper

Friday, April 2nd—Good Friday

- 9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
 3:00 p.m. — The Lord's Passion & Holy Communion

Saturday, April 3rd

- 9:00 a.m. — Morning Prayer
 8:00 p.m. — Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 4th (Easter Sunday)

- 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1:00 p.m.

<p><i>Rest in Peace</i></p>		<p>Joan DeMarco Rafael Rivera-Rosario Gerard R. Kern</p>
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	<h2>Time, Talent & 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 \$7,851 (includes <i>Faith Direct</i>)</p> <p>Last Year's Collection \$4,015 <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 (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

Your gift to Jesus

For Palm Sunday, before we get caught up in the Passion of the Cross -- the hardships and sufferings and death of Jesus that he endured because of his tremendous love for us -- let's take a look at the passion of the woman who anointed Jesus with perfume.

In those days, there were no deodorants and indoor plumbing for taking showers to get rid of body odors caused by the hot, sweaty climate. And bath-houses were not readily available for everyone. So people made perfumes. After creating a mixture of oils and herbs, they let it sit in a jar to ferment. The longer they stored it, the more potent -- and valuable -- it became.

For the perfume in this scripture to be a "costly" gift for Jesus, it must have been fermenting for a very long time.

When we want to give someone a gift, we usually head to the store to buy something new. Right? But our most precious possessions are those that have been important to us for many years. Giving them to others feels like a very huge sacrifice.

What do you hold onto because it means so much to you? What has been fermenting in value because you've had it for such a long time?



Can you imagine giving it away? Most of us couldn't do it unless we feel very passionate about the person to whom we give it. The giving has to be more valuable than the keeping. This happens only because of love.

How passionate do you feel about Jesus? What's so precious to you that it's hard to let go of -- something that he'd appreciate receiving from you? Are you willing to sacrifice this because of the love you feel for him? Do you feel that much love for him?

In other words, what's in your alabaster jar? Are you ready to pour it out to Jesus, freely and generously?

Think about what he poured out for you so freely and generously. Think about this all week, at Mass on Holy Thursday, and on Good Friday, and in the tomb-like quiet of Holy Saturday.

And again, ask yourself: "What's so precious that it's hard to let go of -- something that Jesus would appreciate receiving?" And then give it to him before the week ends; he will give you a new victory on Easter.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Prayerfully imagine yourself sitting at the feet of Jesus. Knowing what Holy Week is all about and the sacrifice he made for you on the Cross, how do you feel about him? What gift can you give him as a thank-you? Nothing seems good enough, but what's so precious to you that anointing Jesus with it will be a gift of sacrificial love?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

What's in your alabaster jar? What talents or treasures or wisdom have you stored up, saved, protected, and developed, or what have you put on a shelf and forgotten about? As we prepare for Good Friday, come up with ideas on how to offer these saved-up gifts to Jesus. Why are these gifts like perfume to Jesus?

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Reconciliation

Monday - 11:00 AM - 12:00 NOON
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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
7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

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

All services except the morning prayer will be streamed on our website www.abvmcentereach.com & Facebook: Assumption BVM

2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIS APPEAL



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One Family in Mission
Creating Pathways to Faith

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



Worship with your talent



This is an opportunity to worship with your talent and help the parish community worship better by volunteering to help with live stream cameras and projecting lyrics and scriptures on the screen at Mass on the weekend and on special occasions. Training will be provided. Those who like to work with the camera and/or computer, please contact Fr. Joseph at jalenchery@abvmcentereach.com



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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.

Sunday, Mar 28, 2021

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Remember kindly

None of us needs a reminder that life is full of suffering and loss. We'll all have a generous share of sorrow before we're through. What bears constant reminding is that seeds of kindness are sown each hour as well. In the final days before his Passion, an unnamed woman anointed Jesus with costly perfumed oil. It was a symbolic act, signaling his role as God's anointed and one prepared for death. It was also a gentle act in a week that would hold much cruelty. Seed the world with small kindnesses to testify against the darkness.

TODAY'S READINGS: Procession: Mark 11:1-10 or John 12:12-16 (37); Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1—15:47 (38).
"Wherever the gospel is proclaimed to the whole world, what she has done will be told in memory of her."

Monday, Mar 29, 2021

MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK

A most worthy work of mercy

Among the corporal works of mercy, there's one you might take for granted: bury the dead. We bury our own friends and family, but what about those in your community who die with no one to bury them? There are pallbearer ministries—sometimes named after Saint Joseph of Arimathea, who provided a tomb for Jesus' burial—for the homeless, often veterans, and others left alone in the world who need someone to see them home one final time. See what your parish and local funeral home does for those who die alone. Can you offer them the dignity of your presence or, at the very least, during this time of COVID, your specific prayers?

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11 (257). *"Let her keep this for the day of my burial."*

Tuesday, Mar 30, 2021

TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Can I get an amen?

We know the word *amen* typically ends a prayer. It's there to signal a shared agreement to what's been said, as in: "Yes, it's so." But what about an *amen* at the beginning of a statement? And what if it's used twice, as is common in the Gospel of John? "Amen, amen, I say to you," Jesus says repeatedly. According to scripture scholar Raymond Brown, Jesus uses the phrase to show he speaks with the authority of God. Jesus speaks God's truth—which is why some translations say "Truly, truly" instead. Listen closely for God's truth this Holy Week.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38 (258).
"Amen, amen, I say to you, one of you will betray me."

Wednesday, Mar 31, 2021

WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

Patience, people

Tomorrow being Holy Thursday, today is the last full day of Lent. And how was our Lent? Do you feel relief that your Lenten resolutions can be set aside? Saddened to lose the extra time set aside for prayer? Perhaps regret that your anticipated Lenten practices got lost in the daily commotion of the past six weeks? Here is the important question: Is your heart open to God and God's love? Lent is a gift of time, to be sure, but the opportunity to

fast, pray, and give alms, to grow in the love of God is ours every day. The words of Saint Francis de Sales come to mind: "Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself."

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25 (259).
"Morning after morning he opens my ear that I may hear."

Thursday, Apr 01, 2021

HOLY THURSDAY; EVENING MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Get down and dirty

Some parishes have trouble finding parishioners willing to have the priest wash their feet at the Mass of the Lord's Supper. The idea of washing hands instead has been proposed. But the church has been firm: The stooping down to wash lowly, possibly dusty feet sends the message of humble, loving service that Christ intended when he performed this act himself. The next time you are called on to wash dishes, take out the garbage, or do a bit of dirty work, see it as a chance to live the spirit of Christ's act of washing his disciples' feet.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15 (39). *"If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another's feet."*

Friday, Apr 02, 2021

FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION (GOOD FRIDAY); DAY OF ABSTINENCE

Mercy me

Mercy is not always something we think about—until we are in need of it. Mercy refers to God's compassion and kindness toward us, especially when we have not been our best selves. On Good Friday, we see clearly, though painfully, the extent of God's mercy in a love so great that Jesus, God's beloved, is willing to go to the cross. We keep ourselves ever mindful of mercy as a way to understand a God whose fundamental "disposition" is one of loving kindness—no matter what. As you pray through this holy day, remember your own experiences of God's mercy.

TODAY'S READINGS: Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42 (40). *"And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit."*

Saturday, Apr 03, 2021

HOLY SATURDAY; EASTER VIGIL

This holy in-between time

Scripture commentator John T. Squires calls Holy Saturday a "liminal space" marked by waiting and not knowing. This is the quiet, uncertain day between Crucifixion and Resurrection. In some sense, this entire past year has been a liminal year, as we are caught between the emergence of a history-changing virus and its hoped-for suppression. What can we learn from the disciples who waited and prayed? They prayed that life would emerge victorious over death. Let that be our prayer as well.

TODAY'S READINGS: Vigil: Genesis 1:1—2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Mark 16:1-7 (41). *"Then God said, 'Let there be light,' and there was light."*

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



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