



ASSUMPTION

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



July 4, 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, July 4th

- 7:30 a.m. — Ellen Nadlone (Ray Manco)
 9:30 a.m. — Frank Plantamura (Diane Melfi)
 Intention of Saarah Angrand (Thanksgiving)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, July 5th

- 9:00 a.m. — Annamma & Thomas John (Molly)
 Lou Ciardullo (Lee & Eileen Comier)

Tuesday, July 6th

- 9:00 a.m. — Edwin Santiago (Tina & Marissa)
 Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Society

Wednesday, July 7th

- 9:00 a.m. — Peter & Marjoire Gochan (Family)
 Joan Tait (Rosary Altar Society)

Thursday, July 8th

- 9:00 a.m. — Kaylee Rivers (Family)

Friday, July 9th

- 9:00 a.m. — Anna Schwinn

Saturday, July 10th

- 5:30 p.m. — Joseph Nugent (DeWitt Family)
 Ron DellaCroce (Catholic Daughters of the Americas)

Sunday, July 11th

- 7:30 a.m. — Naithy Mathew (Molly)
 Leonie Seneuf (Marcelle)
 9:30 a.m. — Tony D'Esposito (McGuinness Family)
 Joseph Francis Nugent (Joann & Jerry Mulcahy)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish





Time, Talent & Treasure

**Fostering Stewardship
as a Way of Life**

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary (Regular Sunday Offering)

**Last Week's Collection \$8,487
(includes Faith Direct)**

**Last Year's Collection \$7,893
Thank You!**

Faith Formation

Faith Formation Summer 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.

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

Good News Reflection**Rejected, misunderstood, disbelieved**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, we see the painful truth of what happens when we share our faith with those who knew us before we became alive in our faith.

Like Jesus, we are rejected, misunderstood, and disbelieved by people who don't understand why we changed. They feel threatened by our example; they don't want to consider their own need to change. We sound like fanatics to them, and they use this as an excuse to remain uninfluenced by our testimony.



Jesus changed after he quit living an ordinary life in an ordinary town with an ordinary job to begin a ministry that would instigate persecution, and he invited everyone to follow his example. How crazy does that sound?

Making matters worse, he was now spending all of his time trying to change the status quo of everyone's normal life and their normal ways of relating to others and their normal attitudes about religion -- even affecting the status quo of those who did not want to follow him and become like him.

People don't like to be challenged, especially when it means giving up what's familiar and comfortable. However, this is not a reason for us to keep silent. We have been called by Christ to share the good news about him. We must make it known that conversion is important, or else we are sinning against him and against those who need to learn more about him.

We fulfill this mission by sharing our personal conversion stories and our spiritual insights, and especially by making this an invitation rather than by demanding that others change.

If you're being rejected because of this, remember that Jesus understands how you feel. Let the sting of their rejection be replaced by an awareness that God is very pleased with you.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

In what ways has Jesus changed your life? Who are the people that misunderstand these changes? Now list those who do understand you: What can you do to enjoy their company more often?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

When have you been rejected because of your spiritual growth? What have you learned about how to lovingly respond to their objections? What are your frustrations in doing this? Have you ever walked away like Jesus did when he left his hometown?

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



August 9 - 13, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

For Children entering K to 6th Grades

Grades 7 and up can be junior counselors

For registration and more info please visit www.abvmcentereach.com



Coffee in the Courtyard

We are BACK!

Assumption Youth Ministries invite everyone to “Coffee in the Courtyard”, on every **Sundays after the 9:30 AM Mass**. Hang out with our fellow worshippers, make new friends, and build a stronger community, in which we then become a stronger

parish family. All necessary precautions will be in place to keep everyone safe. **All are welcome!** Join us after Mass for fellowship, wonderful conversations and of course coffee.

Assumption



Faith Formation

Registration 2021-22

Begins on July 1st & ends on September 3rd

All registrations are done online at www.abvmcentereach.com

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. If you or someone you know can use our services, please call us at 631 585-8760 x2 or by email to outreach@abvmcentereach.com. We are happy to assist people of all faiths. The Outreach Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM. **Pantry Needs: Cooking Oil, Canned Carrots and Mixed Vegetables, Dishwashing Liquid, Paper towels, Toilet Paper**



This year our parish goal is \$54,400. Your generosity provides us with an excellent opportunity to reach out to those in need by supporting the many programs run by our diocese. In particular, the CMA enables our Catholic community on LI to support the work of Catholic Charities, our Catholic Regional Schools, programs for ongoing formation and training of lay leaders as well as our deacons; our seminary which trains men for the priesthood as well as various pastoral offices which provide excellent resources throughout the diocese.

In addition, parishes who make their goal receive a rebate from the diocese, amounting to 20% of the actual goal. Please ask the Lord how you might participate. Your pledge is payable over a seven-month period of time.

WELCOME BACK

Assumption Youth Ministry

We are excited to welcome back Assumption Youth Ministries (Middle School & High School). We have missed you and we are looking forward to seeing you and your families on:

Thursday, July 15th - 5:00 PM - Hobbs Farm

(wear old clothes and shoes, no flip flops, bring work gloves)

Thursday, August 5th - 5:00 PM - Hobbs Farm (same as above)



For more info: contact Renata at 631-585-8760 ext 105, rptak@abvmcentereach.com



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. 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!

Sunday, Jul 04, 2021

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Get Jesus right and get right with Jesus

With so many Christian "brands" out there—Catholic and Protestant, evangelical and contemplative, high church or pop church—it's easy to wonder who's got Jesus right. Interpreting his significance is key to the church's mission. Still, Jesus' identity has been debated since his own generation. Mark's gospel, the earliest written, betrays a perceived shadow on Jesus' paternity: He's identified as Mary's son rather than the son of Joseph, as would have been customary. Later gospels replace what was seen at the time as a less-than-honorable reference by calling Jesus the "carpenter's son." The question remains: Is Jesus more than a human sage? Is he Lord of your life?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ezekiel 2:2-5; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; Mark 6:1-6a (101). "Is he not the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon?"

Monday, Jul 05, 2021

MEMORIAL OF ELIZABETH OF PORTUGAL

Seek the common ground of reconciliation

The world is rife with conflict. Many friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors are at odds over politics, racial strife, and pandemic behavior and vaccines. After all this, it can be hard to ever feel the same way about certain people in our lives. But we're called to be peacemakers nonetheless—and that starts with our personal relationships. Saint Elizabeth of Portugal brokered peace in her family to stop civil war. We've never needed her brand of reconciliation more.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 28:10-22a; Matthew 9:18-26 (383). "Courage, daughter! Your faith has saved you."

Tuesday, Jul 06, 2021

MEMORIAL OF MARIA GORETTI, VIRGIN, MARTYR

A mission of mercy

Pope Francis proclaimed an extraordinary Year of Mercy in 2015, but it was one of the Catholic Church's youngest saints—11-year-old Maria Goretti—who took the message abroad. The Pilgrimage of Mercy, featuring Maria's major relics, traveled across the United States that year, attracting multitudes to veneration, prayer, and the sacrament of Reconciliation. Canonized a modern-day "virgin martyr," dying at the hands of a would-be rapist in 1902, this humble Italian girl became "The Little Saint of Great Mercy" for forgiving her murderer upon her deathbed. Who do you need to forgive? Let Maria's example be a reminder of what is possible.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 32:23-33; Matthew 9:32-38 (384). "His heart was moved with pity for them."

Wednesday, Jul 07, 2021**Harden not your heart**

In 2018, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) issued a pastoral letter against racism: *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*. In that letter, the bishops remind us that as a nation "we have never sufficiently contended with the impact of racism." In a week when the United States honors the founding principles of this country and that all are created equal, people of faith are called to examine their own

perceptions and practices and do their part to ensure equality for all people. Embrace the bishops' invitation to fight the evil of racism and take time this week to read and reflect on their letter:

Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a; Matthew 10:1-7 (385). "As you go, make this proclamation: 'The Kingdom of heaven is at hand.'"

Thursday, Jul 08, 2021**Sometimes the miracle is endurance**

The gospel for today refers to the amazing powers Jesus conferred upon his followers to cure and revive. But we know many people in Jesus' day and today do not experience a miracle cure but instead must bear a cross. Our faith gives us the wisdom to know how and when to bear suffering when a solution is absent and when to struggle against injustice; both can be paths to God. Indeed, miracles themselves, the church teaches, are not merely wondrous events; they are meant to transform us and bring us closer to God. Which way are you being called right now? To struggle against suffering and injustice? Or to bow to a cross in your life? Over a lifetime, we may be called to both paths.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5; Matthew 10:7-15 (386). "Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons."

Friday, Jul 09, 2021**Hang in there**

Each of us will be put to the test when it comes to our faith. How we react to tragedy, scorn, injustice, boredom, betrayal, illness, and loss will present moments of truth for us. Will our faith endure? Saint Paul tells the Romans that "tribulation brings about perseverance; and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope." Paul knew a thing or two about perseverance. His lengthy missionizing sea journeys covered something on the magnitude of 10,000 miles and many months on often rough seas. When you feel tested, turn to Paul for inspiration. Stay the course!

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-30; Matthew 10:16-23 (387). "Whoever endures to the end will be saved."

Saturday, Jul 10, 2021

OPTIONAL MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Ever Virgin, ever esteemed

It is ironic but true that the Blessed Virgin Mary is mentioned more times in Islam's Qur'an than in the Christian New Testament. Parts of two chapters of the Qur'an are devoted to Mary. Much like in the gospel of Luke, one chapter tells the story of the events leading up to the birth of Jesus. The other speculates about Mary's family, her parents and siblings, making linguistic parallels to the family of Moses. As in Catholic tradition, Islam considers the Mother of Jesus the greatest of all women of faith. The spiritual influence of the Virgin Mary transcends even religious differences.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 49:29-32; 50:15-26a; Matthew 10:24-33 (388). "Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known."

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



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