



ASSUMPTION

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



July 18, 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 18th

- 7:30 a.m. — Joseph Amato (M/M G. Van Schaick)
 9:30 a.m. — Greg Vallone (Kristen Plantamura)
 Gail Spina (Catholic Daughter of the Americas)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, July 19th

- 9:00 a.m. — Betty Sarna (Bob & Donna Maroney)

Tuesday, July 20th

- 9:00 a.m. — Theresa Marsey
 John T. DiBona, Jr. (Cicchetti & Mirenda Family)

Wednesday, July 21st

- 9:00 a.m. — Sue Mahoney (Sheila & Maureen)

Thursday, July 22nd

- 9:00 a.m. — Sue Mahoney (Mary Ross)

Friday, July 23rd

- 9:00 a.m. — Anne Keenan (Joan Tait)
 Patrick J. Kearney (Family)

Saturday, July 24th

- 5:30 p.m. — Joan Tait (Ginny P. & Barbara T.)
 Joseph Nugent (Joan & Patrick Pastore)

Sunday, July 25th

- 7:30 a.m. — Lorraine Schweers (Joan Tait)
 9:30 a.m. — JoAnn Dinan (Kathie Flood)
 Michael LoCascio (Fomanoff Family)
 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 \$8,640
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$12,707
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 taajs43@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



Patricia Calderone

Good News Reflection**Finding energy to do what we're called to do**

Everyone in ministry feels overwhelmed by their calling from time to time. Whether it's the ministry of raising children, or caring for an elderly spouse or parent, or working a job in a way that reveals Christ, or volunteering at a church or pastoring a parish, it's necessary to take time out for ourselves -- a vacation, a holiday -- for nourishment and rest and recuperation. Jesus says so in this Sunday's Gospel reading.

If we don't obey this commandment, we become cranky. We make selfish or poor decisions. We become like the evil shepherds of the first reading, who misled and scattered those whom they were called to serve. Why? Because we become vulnerable to temptations when we try to give what we do not have.



It takes energy to reveal God's love. It takes energy to remain enthusiastic in serving others. But how can we get recharged with new energy if we don't take time to sit still, rest, and pray? How can we care about others when we don't take good care of ourselves? Jesus lives within us, but before we can give him to others, we must first let him give himself to us.

Daily we encounter people who are like sheep without a shepherd; they are seeking Jesus whether they realize it or not. They want the unconditional love that he has to give. They want the healing and peace that he offers. He wants to help them, but if we who are his hands and feet and voice are too weak and worn out from our hardships, what then?

We need to go to a deserted place with

Jesus and rest awhile in his nourishing love. If we go away on a retreat or vacation and come back to our work and ministries still cranky (i.e., if the people we shepherd wish we'd go take a longer trip), we haven't rested enough. We've cut short the restoration process. Never-mind the pile-up of work. Jesus is inviting us to "Come away by yourself and rest awhile longer with Me until you become more like Me."

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What work of the Lord has become unhappy for you? What stole your joy? How can you get it back? (You might need a spiritual director to help you figure this out.) What needs of yours must be met before you can feel enthusiastic about ministry? What will you do this week to let Jesus meet these needs?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Why do people neglect to give themselves enough time for rest and restoration? What do you do to nourish (develop, strengthen, get more in touch with) the gifts, talents, healing, and insights that God gives you so that you can minister to others? What's been most helpful in restoring your Christian enthusiasm?

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

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 are welcome!** Join us after Mass for fellowship, wonderful conversations and of course coffee.



The L.I. Women's Retreat Ministry is hosting this year's re-

treat at St. Joseph's Villa in Hampton Bays, September 10, 11 & 12, 2021. Our Guest Speaker, Patti Gordon, is an anointed speaker and her passion to bring God's Word to life is captivating and inspirational. Come and spend a weekend by **Looking Through Eyes of Love**

For more info: email: l.i.womensministry@gmail.com or call Yvonne Bracone at (631)-398-4086 or Nina McGee at (516)449-6197.

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)

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: Laundry Detergent, Kleenex, Canned Fruit, Fruit Juice, Jello/Pudding Mix, Box Milk, Syrup**



2021

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE



One Family in Mission

Creating Pathways to Faith

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, to support the work of Catholic Charities, our Catholic Regional Schools, formation and training of lay leaders, our deacons as well as our seminary which trains men for the priesthood. 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.

Free health screenings Mobile Outreach Bus

The Community Outreach team is pleased to offer free health screenings in your community by a Catholic Health registered nurse.



Catholic Health

Services for adults (18 and older):

- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance

No appointments needed

Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary Church

33 Crown Acres Rd. Centereach, NY

Friday, July 30, 2021 - 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

If you are attending or have any questions please contact the office 631-585-8760 ext 2

Sunday, Jul 18, 2021

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Help others find their way

What makes you sad? For Jesus, the ignorance that governs so many lives is the saddest sight there is. Even when he was personally exhausted, shepherd-less masses awakened in Jesus the desire to offer guidance. Today, our Jewish friends memorialize their saddest day, Tisha B'av, the day when the Jerusalem Temple was destroyed not just once, but twice in history. The despair of being without moorings is acute for any displaced people. Consider offering aid to today's refugees to help them find their way.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jeremiah 23:1-6; Ephesians 2:13-18; Mark 6:30-34 (107). *"When [Jesus] disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them."*

Monday, Jul 19, 2021**Read deeply**

Sacred scripture is the living word of God, and the ancient monastic practice of *lectio divina* (Latin for "divine reading") is a contemplative way of "conversing" with it. It involves four basic steps: *lectio* ("reading"), *meditatio* ("meditation"), *oratio* ("prayer"), and *contemplatio* ("contemplation"). By narrowing in on certain passages, reading them slowly and repeatedly, noticing what stirs you, and reflecting prayerfully on it, you can grow closer in personal relationship with God. To learn more about *lectio divina*, read *Open Heart, Open Mind* by Trappist monk Father Thomas Keating, O.C.S.O.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 14:5-18; Matthew 12:38-42 (395). *"Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."*

Tuesday, Jul 20, 2021**Special needs evoke special support**

On this day in 1968, the first Special Olympics took place in Chicago. The brainchild of Eunice Kennedy Shriver—devout Catholic, sister of President John F. Kennedy, and tireless advocate for people with intellectual disabilities. Shriver's husband, Sargent Shriver—as a Knight of Columbus—encouraged the Knights to support the cause, not only of Special Olympics but of what's become the Knights' annual Tootsie Roll Drive to raise funds for people with intellectual disabilities. Visit the [National Catholic Partnership on Disability](#) to become a better advocate for people with disabilities and their families.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 14:21—15:1; Matthew 12:46-50 (396). *"Whoever does the will of my heavenly Father is my brother, and sister, and mother."*

Wednesday, Jul 21, 2021**Choose wisely and well**

Good preachers know that if they tell a story as part of a sermon, their people are more likely to remember the message. Such preachers take their lead from the master storyteller. Jesus used stories, often parables with a lesson, to help listeners then and now understand what really matters in his Father's kingdom. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "the simple images of the parables . . . confront the hearer with a radical choice (about) entering the kingdom of God." Do not get lost in the

details, but rather see the choice the stories provide. Will you be the seed that grows in good earth? Or will you die among the thorns? Choose love and bear much fruit.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15; Matthew 13:1-9 (397). *"But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit."*

Thursday, Jul 22, 2021

FEAST OF MARY MAGDALENE

Grace under pressure

Mary Magdalene is often referred to as "Apostle to the Apostles." The gospels attest to the fact that she did not abandon Christ on the cross, and in several gospel accounts she is the first witness to the Resurrection, bringing the news to the other apostles. Despite her loyalty and stature, ironically she is not mentioned in the Holy Week liturgies. However, the church in 2016 set a feast day in her honor. On that feast today, reflect on your own loyalty to Christ: Can you be unwavering even under pressure, as was Mary Magdalene?

TODAY'S READINGS: Song of Songs 3:1-4b or 2 Corinthians 5:14-17; John 20:1-2, 11-18 (603). *"Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord.'"*

Friday, Jul 23, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BRIDGET, RELIGIOUS

Love, embodied

It's great to have a deep connection with another person no matter what kind of relationship it may be. Birgitta Petersson (later known as Saint Bridget of Sweden) found this in Ulf Gudmarsson, whom she married while both were very young. Early on in their relationship they were focused on raising a family of eight with each maintaining a job outside the home. Their relationship and love grew over time with each other and with God. A major bonding experience came when together they made a pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela, a popular religious destination in northwestern Spain. Years later when Ulf died, Birgitta reportedly said that she had "loved him like my own body." Take time to strengthen the bonds of your own loving relationships.

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 13:18-23 (399). *"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit."*

Saturday, Jul 24, 2021

MEMORIAL OF SHARBEL MAKHLUF, PRIEST

A quiet mystic speaks to our age

Saint Sharbel Makhluf (1828-98) was a Maronite monk and priest in Lebanon, renowned for his quiet holiness. On the occasion of his beatification in 1965, the Eastern Catholic hermit was described by Saint Pope Paul VI as "a new, eminent member of monastic sanctity," who "through his example and his intercession is enriching the entire Christian people." In the midst of busy, noisy [life, make some time to hear the still, quiet voice. Recite the Jesus Prayer revered by the Eastern Church for centuries, now gaining adherents in the West, including Saint Pope John Paul II, who compared the meditative quality of the Jesus Prayer to the Rosary: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner."](#)

TODAY'S READINGS: Exodus 24:3-8; Matthew 13:24-30 (400). *"If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest."*

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



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