



ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



August 29, 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: Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday, 10:00 AM to 1:00 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, August 29th

- 7:30 a.m. — Bridget Glynn Smyth (Glynn Family)
 9:30 a.m. — Dominick A. Schiano (McGuinness Family)
 Theodore Gutmann, Jr. (Eileen & Mike Caiazzo)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, August 30th

- 9:00 a.m. — Dennis Quirk
 J. Z. Lemanski (Anna Chiaramonte)

Tuesday, August 31st

- 9:00 a.m. — William Mannarino (Angus Johnson)
 Intention of Thomas Russell (Renata Russell)

Wednesday, September 1st

- 9:00 a.m. — Frank Giordano (Sal Grosso)
 Gloria Ann Angerhauser (Terry & Rachel)

Thursday, September 2nd

- 9:00 a.m. — Jerome Knipfing (Catholic Daughters of
 the Americas)

Friday, September 3rd

- 9:00 a.m. — David & Kathleen Worrell (Family)

Saturday, September 4th

- 5:30 p.m. — Intention of Evelyn D'Agostino
 Arnold Hoffmann (Wife)

Sunday, September 5th

- 7:30 a.m. — Francisco Martins (Maria Silva & Family)
 9:30 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)
 Theodore Gutmann, Jr. (Jyllian Vecchio)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

LOOK TO THE LORD AND
 HIS STRENGTH; SEEK
 HIS FACE ALWAYS.

1 CHRONICLES 16:11



Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship
 as a Way of Life

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$6,432
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$7,051
 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 wel-
 come.



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 Cen-
 ter 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



Rose Marie MacDowell
 Gladys Marie Loobby
 Thomas P. Keenan

Good News Reflection**Honoring God with our hearts**

In the Gospel reading this Sunday, Jesus chastises the Pharisees for honoring God only with their lips while their hearts were far from him; love was missing from their analysis of whether or not Jesus and his disciples had sinned when they disobeyed a Jewish rule about cleanliness.



The rule was more important to them than the person. They had the self-righteous attitude of: "I know better than you, and I am better than you, proven by the fact that I obey the laws that you're breaking."

Obedience, when motivated by a self-righteous adherence to rules, is hypocrisy. It uses the law as an opportunity to feel superior to others. A modern example might be when someone tells a priest that he is sinning because he isn't adhering exactly to the norms for Mass as prescribed in the General Instruction of the Roman Missal. If he or she doesn't stop to understand why the priest believes the adaptations are allowable and pastoral, who really is the sinner?

When this happens, "in vain do they worship me," Jesus says. The meaning of the Mass has been lost.

There is a hierarchy of rules and laws. Some rules change with the needs of the times. Of greatest importance are the Commandments of God, the Moral Laws, which never change. All of them are supposed to help us on our journey to heaven.

It is right to speak up when we witness disobedience, and we should do it, but only because we care about the sinner's spiritual growth and only when we can handle it without ignoring or overlooking the reasons behind the disobedience. We are most successful in guiding others into greater holiness when we take the time to first understand the roots of their disobedience and then address those concerns with love.

This is how we become, as the second reading says, "doers of the word and not hearers only", because, as James adds, "pure" religion is caring for others. The Pharisees in the Gospel story didn't care about the hunger of the disciples.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How do you know when you're being hypocritical in your faith? How do you handle the discovery that you've done something uncaring?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

Give an example of a Moral Law and an example of a regulation that was instituted by the Church to address a specific need for a specific time. How do they differ in importance? Name one of the 10 Commandments or a teaching of the Church and explain how it became an opportunity for you to become more like Christ.

NEW MESSAGE SERIES


next steps

Our faith is a journey that we will not complete in this life. It is a journey that requires us to keep taking our "next step." We will kick off this message series on the weekend of September 12th talking about the importance of viewing faith as a journey and a series of steps, shown through lifestyle choices. We have come to believe

there are five major steps we need to take to become fully devoted followers of Christ. Without these steps, we will be stunted in our spiritual growth. These are not obligations to check off, but environments and habits that fuel our transformation. Details coming next week.

Our parish subscribes to a revolutionary online platform which provides the best in Catholic audio talks, movies, e-books, and video-based studies. It is, **free of charge**. Simply type in abvmcentereach.formed.org on your browser. Once you have registered you'll have access to all the material on FORMED, again **free of charge**. Our parish code is **P8DGQ8**.

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Women's Retreat: The L.I. Women's Retreat Ministry is hosting this year's retreat 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: li.womensministry@gmail.com or call Yvonne Braccone at (631)-398-4086 or Nina McGee at (516)449-6197.



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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. **Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Baked Beans, Conditioner, Canned Vegetables.**



Coffee *in the* Courtyard

You are invited to “Coffee in the Courtyard”, on every **Sunday after the 9:30 AM Mass**. Hang out with our fellow worshippers, spend a few minutes conversing with others, 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.

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 addition, parishes who make their goal receive a rebate of 20% of the actual goal. I am glad to report that because of your generosity, we reached our goal in pledges. Please ask the Lord how you might participate if you haven't done so yet. Your pledge is payable over a six-month period of time.



Sint John the Baptist DHS is offering a Prep Course to prepare students for THE TEST FOR ADMISSION INTO CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS (TACHS EXAM). St John the Baptist will run five 2 1/2 hour sessions beginning in September. They are

also offering a Test Taking Strategies Class Friday evening before the exam. For additional information please visit www.stjohnthebaptistdhs.net or call 631-587-8000 ext 117

Did you know a 401k can help our Parish do God's work?

You worked hard for your 401k, IRA or other retirement plan. If you leave it to anyone besides a spouse, a good portion of that savings may go to taxes. But if you leave it to our Parish, the entire value will be put to good use because we are a tax-exempt organization. Simply fill out a *change of beneficiary form* and name our parish as a full or partial beneficiary. To learn more contact Barbara Kilarjian at 516-678-5800 ext. 257 or bkilarjian@drvc.org.

Sunday, Aug 29, 2021

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Purity is not an abstinence test

Many of us who grew up in a moralizing culture were taught to imagine purity as having mainly to do with chastity. In which case, our aim was higher than the almost-but-not-quite perfection you might get from Ivory Soap, which years ago advertised itself as 99 and 44/100 percent pure. We may therefore be astonished that, according to the apostle James, purity in religion has something to do with how we respond to the abandoned in this world. Think charity, not chastity, to bump up your purity percentile.

TODAY'S READINGS: Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8; James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23 (125). *"Religion that is pure . . . is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction."*

Monday, Aug 30, 2021**Remember your name**

After being baptized with water, Catholics are anointed with oil and these words are said over them, "As Christ was anointed Priest, Prophet, and King, so may you live always as a member of his body . . ." That means we share in those offices of Christ. Those are big roles—how to live up to them? Priests worship and make offerings to God, prophets speak the truth and live the gospel, royalty leads and takes care of others. If you remind yourself regularly of the sacred titles you were given at Baptism, how might that help you fulfill your promise?

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Luke 4:16-30 (431). *"Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing."*

Tuesday, Aug 31, 2021**Hope works**

Today, in Poland, it's the Day of Solidarity and Freedom—a modern Independence Day celebration after years of oppressive Soviet rule. In the 1980s, labor activist Lech Walesa helped stoke the flames of democratic social change. But it was Poland's favorite son, Pope John Paul II, who provided the spark. In his 1979 papal visit, John Paul II gave the people an electric hope that change was possible. "Let the Spirit descend and renew the face of the Earth. This Earth," he said. With Labor Day nearly here, remember how solidarity and workers' rights are cornerstones of [Catholic Social Teaching](#).

TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6, 9-11; Luke 4:31-37 (432). *"They were all amazed and said to one another, 'What is there about his word?'"*

Wednesday, Sep 01, 2021**Living waters run deep**

The annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation celebrated today "offers to individual believers and to the community a precious opportunity to renew our personal participation in this vocation as custodians of creation," says Pope Francis, who elevated this day in 2015 with the publication of his encyclical on the care of creation, *Laudato Si'*. As we move past August, Water Quality Month, be particularly mindful of your stewardship over the precious resource of clean drinking water. May all of us "come to the water" together as we care for our common home.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:1-8; Luke 4:38-44 (433). *"I must proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God, because for this purpose I have been sent."*

Thursday, Sep 02, 2021**Get unstuck**

In today's gospel Simon Peter is so overcome by his own sinfulness, he tells Jesus to go away from him. What exactly is "sinfulness"? Lots of actions and inactions fall into that category, but the essence of Catholic teaching on sin is that it separates us from God. Selfishness, violence, and other sins drive a wedge between us and God. Peter knew that instinctively. Remove that wedge by asking God for forgiveness, and ponder what you can do to free yourself to reconcile a relationship that has become estranged.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:9-14; Luke 5:1-11 (434). *"Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men.'"*

Friday, Sep 03, 2021

MEMORIAL OF GREGORY THE GREAT, POPE, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Keep it all in balance

It's never easy to find the right balance between sitting quietly and attentively on the sidelines and joining in the scrum of life's adventures. Our life of prayer helps us to discern how best to hold these together and to respond with love for ourselves and the common good. Gregory was a Benedictine monk of the late sixth century and loved his life as a contemplative. Yet, when called upon to take the helm of a church suffering from the fall of Rome and the plague, he stepped up and found his calling expressed in new ways through prayer, caring for those in need, and leading compassionately. Find the right balance between action and contemplation.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:15-20; Luke 5:33-39 (435). *"In him all the fullness was pleased to dwell."*

Saturday, Sep 04, 2021**The fruits of creation for all of creation**

It's interesting to note that in the story of Jesus' hungry disciples eating the grain from a farmer's field, the objection raised by the Pharisees is not that they took the grain, but that they did so on the Sabbath. In fact, eating grain or produce from a neighbor's farm while passing through was permitted by Jewish law (Deuteronomy 23:25-26), provided one did not carry off any surplus. It was considered a common courtesy and obligation of charity to share the abundance of creation with one's neighbor. Perhaps we can embrace that same ethic in our own stewardship of the abundance God has entrusted to us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Colossians 1:21-23; Luke 6:1-5 (436). *"While Jesus was going through a field of grain on a sabbath, his disciples were picking the heads of grain, rubbing them in their hands, and eating them."*

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



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