



# ASSUMPTION

## of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



## September 5, 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, September 5th

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

### Monday, September 6th

- 9:00 a.m. — Dennis Quirk (Rosary Altar Society)  
James Schultz (Schultz Family)

### Tuesday, September 7th

- 9:00 a.m. — Annamma & Thomas John  
Jimmy Ftaffa (Angelo & Franciney Recca)

### Wednesday, September 8th

- 9:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society

### Thursday, September 9th

- 9:00 a.m. — Tillie Plansker (Rosary Altar Society)  
Ralph Silvestre (Ed & Tita Uy)

### Friday, September 10th

- 9:00 a.m. — Peter Avalos (Family)  
Joseph Nugent (Family)

### Saturday, September 11th

- 5:30 p.m. — Manuel Echalar (Rose Masone)  
Jim Reilly (Pat Rivers)

### Sunday, September 12th

- 7:30 a.m. — Pietro Lipari (Valarie Carter)  
Mary O'Brien  
9:30 a.m. — Christie Aridas  
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

## 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 (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..



## Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship  
as a Way of Life

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary  
(Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$10,423  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,459  
*Thank You!*

Rest  
in  
Peace



Tom Russell  
William Hauner



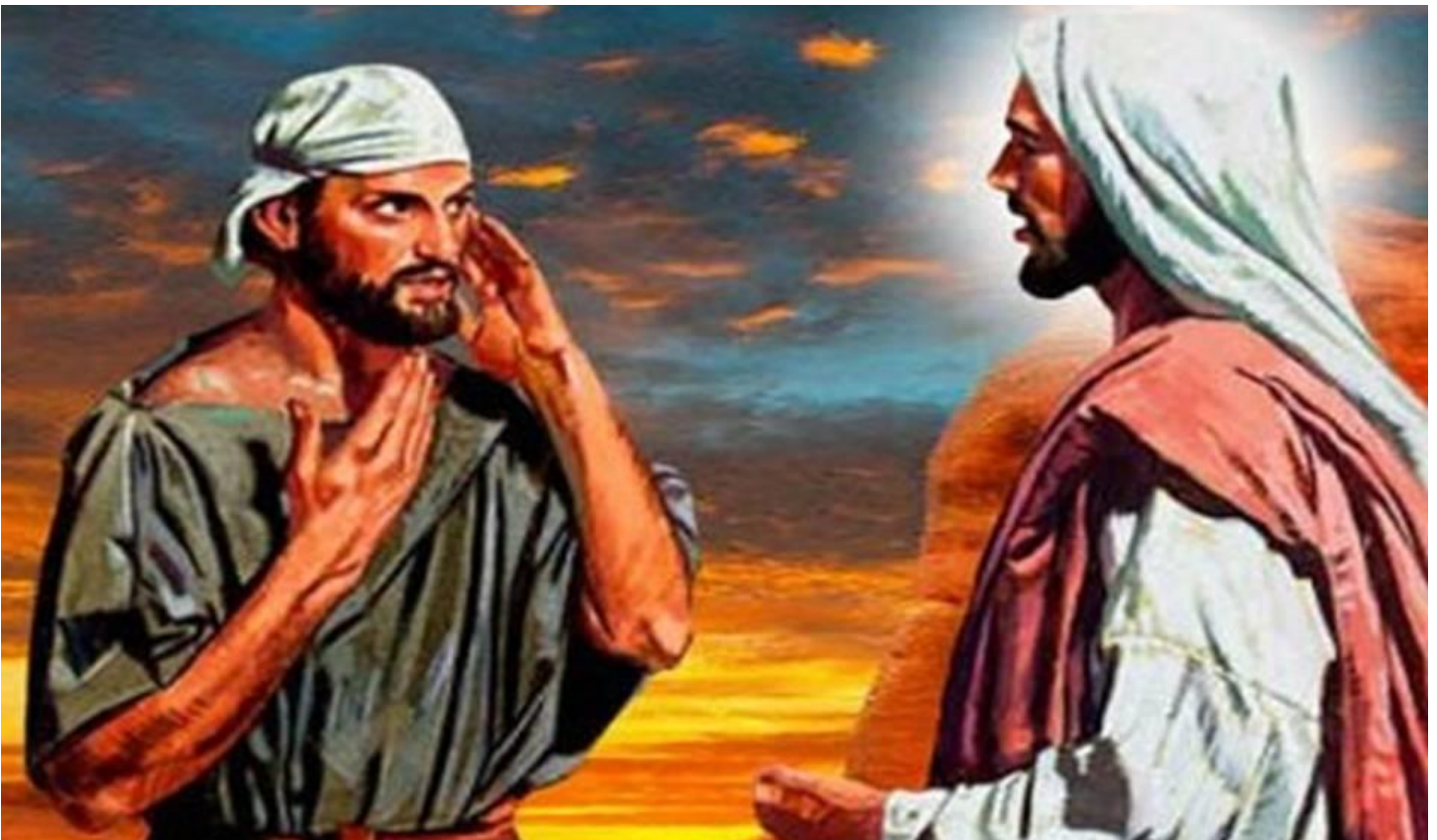
**Good News Reflection****How to have eyes that see and ears that hear**

The readings for this Sunday show us God's concern for the disabled. How closely do we share in his concern for them?

We're all disabled, one way or another. We can have eyes that see and still be blind. In fact, the scripture from James shows us just how blind we can be!

If we see only how a person dresses, for example, without seeing into their hearts to recognize their gifts and talents and unique reflection of God, we are being judgmental. If we are more impressed by a person's wealth or title or college degrees than we are by his/her spiritual energy or insights or willingness to serve, we are being judgmental.

Only God can see all the good that's in a person's heart, and yet we make assumptions about others as if we're equal to God. Only God can hear the motives and longings behind a person's words, and yet we quickly judge what is being said as if we know exactly what is meant.



Judgmentalism shows us nothing more than how truly blind we are.

Jesus wants to say to each of us: "Ephphatha! May your eyes and ears and mind be opened to the truth!" However, so that we can receive this healing, we have to slow down and stop reacting to what's visible and audible. We cannot trust what we see and hear. We need to take time to prayerfully pause for wisdom and discernment and new discoveries.

This is one of the reasons why Jesus gave us his Holy Spirit. When we let God's Spirit interpret everything for us, instead of reacting, we will act the way the Lord wants us to. Instead of reacting to partial information, we will act with faith and compassion.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

In what ways do you show partiality toward some people? What types of people do you tend to automatically prefer, based on outward appearances? And whom do you tend to dislike until you get to know them better? How will you begin to change this automatic reaction by relying on the Holy Spirit?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

In what ways have you been judged unfairly? How does it feel? Are you judging those who judged you, neglecting to look deeper inside of them? Next, take turns in your group naming a false accusation that caused suffering, followed by other members describing the goodness that the accusers were too blind to see. (This last part is very important -- it is Jesus providing healing!)

# BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS



Join us to worship together at Mass as we celebrate the beginning of a new school year. Students of all ages are invited with their families to bring their backpacks for a special prayer of blessing at the 9:30 and 10:30 am Masses.

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PICK OF THE WEEK

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**NETWORK OF FREEDOM**

Set in France at the beginning of World War II, this inspiring film narrates the heroic work of Sister Helene Studler, the Daughter of Charity who saved the lives of thousands of French refugees by preventing them from becoming prisoners of the Nazi forces, or freeing those who were captured. Among those she saved were many illustrious characters including the future Prime Minister of France, François de Mitterrand.



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## Parish Social Ministry

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. **Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Laundry Detergent, Toothbrushes, Razors, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Tea, Mustard.**



# 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.

## MEMORIAL OF THE UNBORN



Prayer service Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m., Holy Sepulchre Cemetery Route 112 Entrance Coram. Question and information contact Tom (631) 588-4590



## 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.



We begin a new series of homilies for the next six weeks, and we call it message series. This format helps us reflect on our faith profoundly and better connect our lives to the week's scriptures. You will hear the same message at all the masses regardless of who the celebrant is. Thus there is one church, one message.

We will kick off this message series on the weekend of **September 11-12**, talking about the importance of viewing faith as a journey and a series of steps shown through lifestyle choices. There are five significant steps we need to take to become fully devoted followers of Christ. Faith requires work and effort to grow, or it will die. In this series, we can take five major **STEPS** toward deeper discipleship (**S**haring through Evangelization, **T**ithing & Giving, **E**ngaging in a Small Group, **P**racticing Prayer & The Sacraments, and **S**erving in Ministry & Missions. 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. While we do not earn our way to heaven or into a relationship with God, it does not mean we do not have to put in the effort. God wants to lead us to complete faith and trust in him. Our faith is a journey that we will not complete in this life. It is a journey that requires us to keeping taking our "next step."

My hope and prayer are that all of us together will take these **NEXT S.T.E.P.S.** in complete faith and trust in the Lord that enriches our lives and His Church, especially here at Assumption parish and the surrounding community. Whether participating in person or online, make sure you listen and take this series into your heart every week. When we grow spiritually our temporal things will reflect our faith and trust in the Lord.

Fr. Joe

### ***Drug Crisis Assistance***

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking **ALCOHOL** and/or using **DRUGS**? **CATHOLIC CHARITIES / Talbot House**, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. For more information, please call: 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Sliding scale fees, Medicaid, Medicare, and other third-party insurance accepted.

