



ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



October 3, 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, October 3rd

7:30 a.m. — Dennis Quirk (Hilda Manitta)

9:30 a.m. — Jim Reilly (Respect Life)

Joan Prout (Sheila Wessels)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, October 4th

9:00 a.m. — Kersten Millevoi (Rose Picariello)

Tuesday, October 5th

9:00 a.m. — Sophia Cyganowski (Iovine & Elsasser Family)

Andrew Cerqueira (Family)

Wednesday, October 6th

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

Thursday, October 7th

9:00 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)

Anna Rempe (Family)

Friday, October 8th

9:00 a.m. — Annamma & Thomas John (Molly)

Saturday, October 9th

5:30 p.m. — Salud R. Ella (Harry & Luz Gaviola)

Sue Mahoney (Catholic Daughters of the Americas)

Sunday, October 10th

7:30 a.m. — Anne Keenan (Hilda Manitta)

Christopher & Helena Adamczyk (Daughters)

9:30 a.m. — Anna Trombino (Diane Melfi)

Joseph Nugent (Ed & Diane Pozzi & Family)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

The LORD is near to all who call upon him, to all who call upon him in truth.

Psalm 145:18



Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship
as a Way of Life

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
(Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$9,355
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$7,611
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

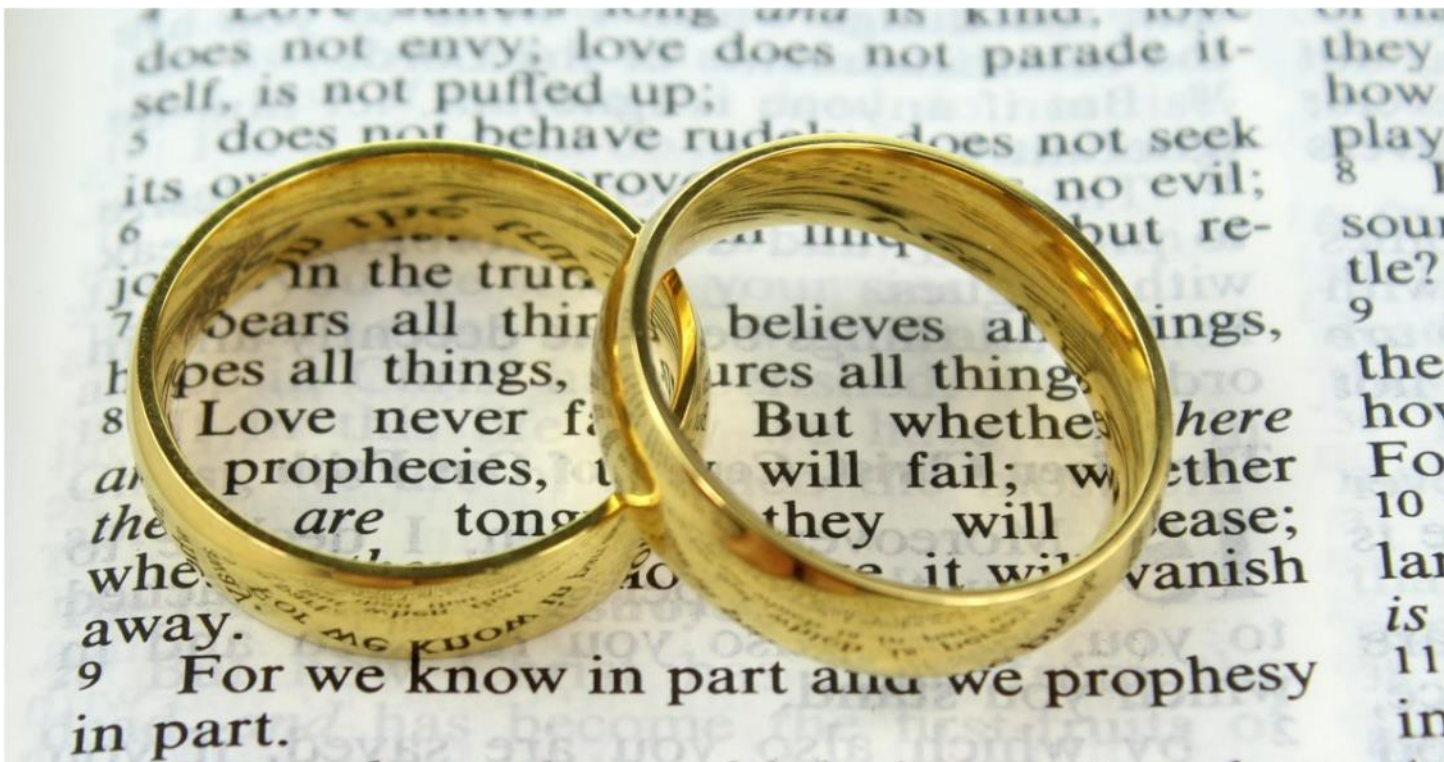
Good News Reflection

Supernatural love in marriage

Do you love someone who isn't loving you back? Have you experienced God's supernatural love helping you love those who are difficult to love?

For those of us who are married, we expect to be loved by our spouses as much as we need to be loved. And we assume that it's always going to be mutual: We will always be loved by our spouse with the same passion as we love them.

However, most marriages enter difficulties that require supernatural love as well as supernatural persistence. That's why we need the Sacrament of Matrimony instead of just a civil ceremony at the courthouse or beach. Marriages need divine grace to endure with the permanence that God provides.



In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus explains that the law of Moses permitted divorce (Deut. 24:1) because of the hardness of people's hearts. This is not an approval of divorce. He wants us to have hearts like his own, which never stops loving anyone.

In the days of Moses, when a marriage became difficult or unsatisfying, many men abandoned their wives. Although marriage was, from the beginning (Genesis Chapter 1) supposed to be a permanent covenant that united one man with one woman, a bill of divorce would allow an abandoned or rejected woman to remarry for her protection. It was never intended to be an approval of divorce.

Marriage is a reflection of God's faithful union with us. Permanence in marriage is a divine gift from God so that we can reflect him well. If we don't believe in the permanence of love within marriage, how can we believe that God is always in love with us -- including when we don't deserve it? And how can the children and others who watch us believe?

Remember, sometimes the lover goes to the Cross for the beloved. The vocation of marriage ordains the spouses to be a reflection of Christ's passion for all.

God never forces us to stay "married" to him. He loves us even when we turn away from him. Likewise, an unloved spouse is called by God to continue loving the one who abandons the marriage, even if only from afar. This is also true in any God-ordained friendships, and between priests and the laity they serve, and parents with their children.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Have you ever quit a relationship because it was too hard? Did you really stop loving that person? How is the way you handled it like or unlike the heart of Christ?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

How has God helped you love someone who quit loving you? How did you open yourself to receive his divine help? Describe how this reveals to others what God's love is really like.



This week, we look at the importance of engaging in faith-based relationships in order to grow in our faith. In the reading from Genesis, God looks at his creation (for the first time) and says, *“it is not good”* as in *“it is not good for the man to be alone.”* God does not want us alone in our faith, but to have friends in faith who will help us to grow closer to him. In this message we will drive home the importance of friends in faith, and will share our strategy of small groups as the environment that fosters faith-based friendships.

You need friends in faith to grow spiritually. Small groups are our strategy for developing friends in faith.

Look back into last week’s step and we develop small community by serving in ministries.

It was great to see the enthusiasm and joy that we experienced welcoming people into church. You can still take the step of serving in our hospitality ministries. Service is an attitude of the heart that should certainly be put into practice every day of our lives when the opportunity presents itself. It is also something we must intentionally put on our schedules, and choose to do too. It needs to become a part of our life-style. Let us get out of our comfort zone to rebuild our church. Service is critical in our own spiritual growth. Serving will make your life better.



Assumption Hospitality Ministries

- I want to be part of the **WELCOME TEAM**
- I want to be part of the **Coffee in the Courtyard**
- I want to be part of the **Music Ministry**

My Name _____

My Cellphone _____

My Email _____



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!

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. **Dishwashing Liquid, Conditioner, Coffee, Cooking Oil, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Snacks, Rice A Roni, Juice, Tissues**



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.



Sunday, October 3,

2-3:30 PM

Routes 110 & 25

Huntington

Be a witness for life.

For more information 631-588-7242



ROSARY FOR LIFE

Friday, October 15

1:00-2:00 PM in the church

Join the Rosarians to pray for the sanctity of life from conception to natural death.

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Sunday, Oct 03, 2021

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

To live the gospel of life

At the gospel's heart is the summons to live life abundantly. In Jesus, God takes on flesh and shares our growing and loving, as well as our suffering and dying. No aspect of the human journey remains foreign to Jesus. He's befriended and betrayed, experiences fasting and feasting, knows the simplicity of childhood and the complex politicized life of an adult. On Respect Life Sunday, we're asked to consider how every moment of life is intimately known and ultimately precious to God. Pray the Rosary's Joyful Mysteries today in gratitude for how God chooses to dwell with us.

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16 (140). *"Let the children come to me . . . for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these."*

Monday, Oct 04, 2021

MEMORIAL OF FRANCIS OF ASSISI

For all creatures great and small

On the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, many parishes have a special ceremony called the Blessing of Pets in honor of Francis' special love for animals. Bless a beloved pet today or any day with these words: "Blessed are you, Lord God, maker of all living creatures. You called forth fish in the sea, birds in the air, and animals on the land. You inspired Saint Francis to call all of them his brothers and sisters. We ask you to bless this pet. By the power of your love, enable it to live according to your plan. May we always praise you for all your beauty in creation. Blessed are you, Lord our God, in all your creatures! Amen."

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 1:1—2:1-2, 11; Luke 10:25-37 (461). *"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself."*

Tuesday, Oct 05, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BLESSED FRANCIS XAVIER SEELOS, PRIEST

Open your heart to those left behind

The motto of the Redemptorist religious order made a big impression on young Francis Xavier Seelos: "Preach the gospel to the most abandoned." Because of it, he left his native Germany to serve immigrants in the United States—and soon became a Redemptorist priest. His compassion eventually cost Francis his life; he died of the yellow fever he caught from visiting the sick. "Come without fear or trembling! I promise to receive you with all gentleness," he preached. Who are the abandoned or fearful in your own part of the world? Ask Francis to help you comfort them.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 3:1-10; Luke 10:38-42 (462). *"You are anxious and worried about many things."*

Wednesday, Oct 06, 2021

MEMORIAL OF BLESSED MARIE-ROSE DUROCHER

Stand with those who hold the fire line

With the increase in wildfires and chronic drought drying out our forests, we need the help of today's saint, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher (1811-49), a Canadian religious foundress. Several of her miracles were reportedly related to wildfires. One such fire, approaching a convent in Spokane, Washington, was said to have changed direction when a picture of Blessed Marie was fastened to a tree. Another facility in Washington was reportedly saved from

a wildfire when the owner tossed a picture of Blessed Marie into the flames, turning it back. Ask her intercession in support of everyday miracle workers, the brave and hardworking men and women fighting the wildfires that seem stronger and more widespread by the year.

TODAY'S READINGS: Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4 (463). *"[Jesus] said to them, 'When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come.'"*

Thursday, Oct 07, 2021

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY

Count on the Rosary

Today's Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary has its roots in a story that, while not historically confirmed, is nonetheless instructive. It is said that Saint Dominic was making little headway in persuading a large group of breakaway Christians to return to orthodoxy when Mary appeared to him, encouraging the Rosary as a new form of prayer-building on the already existing "Marian Psalter." To this day, Dominican sisters, brothers, and priests stress the Rosary, and millions find meditation, consolation, and community through it. Why not say a decade of the Rosary right now and tap into its centuries-old strength?

TODAY'S READINGS: Malachi 3:13-20b; Luke 11:5-13 (464). *"How much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"*

Friday, Oct 08, 2021**God points toward hope**

On October 8, 1871, winds swept across the dry Midwestern prairie and helped fan the flames of the Great Chicago Fire and dozens of lesser-known fires, including the Pestigo, Wisconsin Firestorm that ranks as the deadliest wildfire in U.S. history. Local parish priest Father John-Peter Pernin wrote an eyewitness account titled *The Finger of God is There!* His interpretation of events captures the theological struggle believers face amid tragedy: On the one hand, he sees a judging God striking down a people for their sinfulness; on the other, he sees a merciful God filling people with hope and the promise of new life. May the finger of God point you in a positive direction during your times of troubles.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 1:13-15; 2:1-2; Luke 11:15-26 (465). *"But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you."*

Saturday, Oct 09, 2021

MEMORIAL OF DENIS, BISHOP, MARTYR

Keep your head about you!

Saint Denis, a third-century bishop of Paris, is invoked for the relief of migraine headaches, possibly because he is a *cephalophore*, a Greek term that means "head-carrier." He was martyred by decapitation and was said to have picked up the severed head and trotted off with it under his arm while preaching on repentance. Wild though that sounds, artists depicting the saint over the centuries struggled with the question, "Where do you put the halo? Over his head, or where his head used to be?" Though we smile, a nugget of truth comes through the legend. When we give all we have to God, our life is memorable and our story ends well.

TODAY'S READINGS: Joel 4:12-21; Luke 11:27-28 (466). *"[Jesus] replied, 'Rather, blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it.'"*

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



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