



# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary RC Church

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*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish is a welcoming community,  
sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through faith, prayer and the sacraments.*

## July 14, 2019

### **We celebrate EUCHARIST**

Saturdays: 5:30 PM

Sundays: 8:00, 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.

### **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 Maria Caletini at [flo815@optonline.net](mailto:flo815@optonline.net).

### **Catholic War Veterans**

Second Saturday of the month: Sept - June at 10 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Richard Gallagher at [popparich38@aol.com](mailto:popparich38@aol.com).

### **Communion for the Sick or Shut-ins**

Contact the rectory during regular office hours.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

- First Friday of the month: 1:00 - 2:00 PM. - Nocturnal Adoration
- Third Friday of the month: 7:30-8:30 PM. - ADOREMUS

### **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](mailto:rtbhuntington@yahoo.com) or Anita Wolf at [hwolf96@aol.com](mailto:hwolf96@aol.com).

### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Wednesdays following the 9:00 AM Mass.

### **Music Ministry**

Our parish's Music Ministry seeks to lead and support our parish family in full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy. Practices are on Wednesday, 6 – 7:30 PM, and Thursday, 6:30 – 8:00 PM. For further information call Rob at 516-523-1668.

### **Parish Social Ministry (Outreach)**

Open Tuesday and Friday, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Food pantry available. Will also try to help with referrals and advocacy. Call Outreach Office for appointment, 631-585-8760 x101.

### **RCIA**

Provides for those who have never been baptized an adult process to experience the joy of our Catholic community; also prepares those who have been baptized but have not celebrated Eucharist and/or Confirmation to do so within an adult context. Anyone 18 and over is welcome. Contact the rectory office at 631-585-8760.

### **Religious Formation Office**

Works with parents to share faith with our youngest members, grades 1-8. Contact the office for details at 631-588-6408. Office hours during school sessions: Mon. & Tues., 9 AM - 8 PM; Wed. 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM - Noon. Office is closed Thursday, Friday. Opened Sunday, 10:30 AM - 1:00 PM during class sessions. Check bulletin for summer hours.

### **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](mailto:Chantalmears@yahoo.com) or 631-438-2468 or visit [www.bsa356.com](http://www.bsa356.com) for more details.

### **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 or email [rptak@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rptak@abvmcentereach.com).

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

**Good News Reflection****Enough love to heal the world**

The opposite of love is not hate. It's apathy: ignoring a need, not caring, and doing nothing when there is something we can do to relieve suffering. In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus gives us the Parable of the Good Samaritan to explain that if we love God with our whole heart, our whole being, our whole strength, and our whole mind, we naturally care about other people, even those who are strangers, even those whom we're "not supposed to" like, and even when it costs us something personally.

Many of the problems that exist in our world today are allowed to continue because too many of us Christians -- we who through Christ have the power to change the world -- do not care enough to sacrifice our time and personal agendas to get involved. Much of the suffering that's endured in our families and workplaces and parishes would be stopped or relieved if enough Christians loved God enough to care about others enough to risk the cost of intervening.

How much do you love God? The answer lies in how much you're willing to sacrifice for the sake of loving others, which is the definition of love that Jesus taught us with this parable and with his life.

None of us love God perfectly yet. Purgatory will be a time of painfully regretting our lack of love, while eagerly improving our love for others so we can enter into the fullness of God's love in heaven. Until then, we have daily opportunities, here and now, to purify our lives less painfully. Daily we're given tests to improve how well we love others.

So daily ask the Holy Spirit, your teacher, your empowerer, your source of holiness, to help you become more like Christ. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you love all others as Christ loves them.

By doing this spiritual exercise consistently, you will receive a new joy and an enlivened passion in dealing with others. You will feel greater love for God and you will experience his love for you much more intimately.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Whom do you pass by and ignore when you see suffering? Is there anyone you've recently walked away from because you didn't want to give up something (perhaps your time, pride, prejudice, feeling of inadequacy, resentment or unforgiveness)? Take it to the Sacrament of Confession to receive God's grace and help in loving others more fully.

**Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:**

Name a "Good Samaritan" you know or have read about. What did this person give up to serve others? How do such people find the ability to love so well? Describe a situation you've witnessed where apathy has contributed to someone's suffering. How could love make a difference?

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**NEW Weekday Mass Schedule****starting on Monday, July 1, 2019****Monday to Friday, 9:00 AM****There is no Saturday morning mass.****Miraculous Medal Novena is moving to Wednesdays  
following the 9:00 AM Mass****Weekend Masses Sat. 5:30, Sun. 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM**

## Mass Intentions for the Week



### Sunday, July 14th

- 8:00 a.m. — Witold Kapral (Halina Wiszoaty)  
 9:30 a.m. — Abelardo Angeles (Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

### Monday, July 15th

- 9:00 a.m. — Kathleen Sanacore (Rose Picariello)

### Tuesday, July 16th

- 9:00 a.m. — Tom Cronogue (Rudilosso Family)

### Wednesday, July 17th

- 9:00 a.m. — Lucyna Vetrovec (Family)

### Thursday, July 18th

- 9:00 a.m. — Lucyna Vetrovec (Family)

### Friday, July 19th

- 9:00 a.m. — William Rachunas (Daisy Ricciardi)

### Saturday, July 20th

- 5:30 p.m. — Mary Platia

### Sunday, July 21st

- 8:00 a.m. — James Salanitro (Maria Carey & Vincent Carey, Jr.)  
 9:30 a.m. — Amelia & Inacio DeSousa (Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

### Rest in Peace

David W. Kirk

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"The kingdom of God is at hand for you." Welcome God into your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Nov 8-10, 2019 in Huntington, NY and Jan 31-Feb 2, 2020 in Huntington, NY. For more information, call John & Toni Torio at 877-697-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmenyli.org/>.

### Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life



#### Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$8,568  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,731

*Thank You!*

### Youth Ministry Summer Schedule

**Middle School Ministry (MSM) — Summer Fun**  
 Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. July 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. August 8<sup>th</sup> @ 5pm, Hobbs Farm; August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 p.m Family Movie Night in parking lot.

**Assumption Youth Ministry (AYM) — Summer Fun**  
 July 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:30 p.m.; July 13<sup>th</sup> Canoe Trip (registration needed); July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. August 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. at Hobbs Farm; August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 p.m., Family Movie Night in parking lot.

Come and discover all that God wants to offer through our MSM and AYM community's faith-building, fun-filled summer programs.

### Faith Formation

#### Summer Office Hours

The office is opened Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

### Faith Direct

Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer that call. Our ministries require not only gifts of time and talent, but also of financial help. Please prayerfully consider supporting Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit [faith.direct/NY563](http://faith.direct/NY563) or **text the word ENROLL** to (Text-to-Give Phone Number). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

### Registration for Religious Ed

Registration for our upcoming Religious Program has begun. It's important that you register as soon as possible so we can arrange the classrooms in a timely fashion. Registration forms have been mailed to all current participants. The form is also located on our webpage — [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com).

Please consider helping out with our program as a catechist, office worker, security person. The sharing of faith is the responsibility of all the adults in the parish; you're help is essential.

New parishioner? Moving out of the parish? Kindly fill out the form below and drop it in the collection basket or mail it to the rectory.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

New Parishioner \_\_\_\_\_ Moving \_\_\_\_\_

## **Parking Lot Repair**

We are now near the final part of the project where portions of the parking lot will be closed as we churn up the asphalt and repave the surface. This will alter the traffic pattern for a brief period of time. Your patience is appreciated.

## **Call to Prayer**

For several weeks we asked for your assistance by sponsoring our teens and leaders that are going to the Steubenville NYC Youth Conference held at St. John's University, Queens, on July 19-21, 2019. The support we got was truly amazing, and we Thank You! Because of the generosity of the parishioners and sponsors, twenty-four teens and six adults are able to participate.



As we continue to prepare for this amazing experience, we ask you to support us, teens and leaders, by responding to "Call to prayer". This is an amazing way for all of us to be involved and connected to the conference and to help our teens and the leaders to experience the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives through our prayers.

This weekend, teens will be distributing prayer cards with a prayer on one side and the name of a teen on the other. Please keep that particular teen or teens in your prayers this week so that the Lord may touch their hearts and their lives. You can take as many prayer cards as you like and pray for them all.

## **Parish Outreach Program**

Our Outreach Program consists of trained volunteers who meet with anyone living within parish boundaries who is struggling financially or emotionally and needs support and direction. We take a brief history and refer those needing assistance to any program appropriate to their needs. Working closely with Catholic Charities, Long Island Cares, and other community organizations, our food pantry is available for individuals and families who are struggling to stretch their food budget. The Outreach office is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Appointments can be made by calling 585-8760, x101.



Our parish now subscribes to a revolutionary online platform which provides the best in Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks, and video-based studies from trusted providers like the Augustine Institute, Scott Hahn, Edward Sri, Fr. Michael Gaitley, etc. This allows you, **free of charge**, to access online resources in bible study, apologetics, Christian entertainment, family catechesis, etc. at your convenience. It's available 24/7 thus allowing you to put time aside when it's best for you.

Check it out by signing up for the website. Simply type in [abvmcentereach.formed.org](http://abvmcentereach.formed.org) on your browser. You will be asked to fill out a registration form and create a password for your email address. **There is no charge.** Once you have registered you'll have access to all the material on FORMED.

You also can install FORMED through an app. Learn more at [app.formed.org](http://app.formed.org). Our parish code is P8DGQ8.

## **Outreach Needs**

Mayonnaise, Oatmeal, Coffee, Tea, Hot chocolate, Toothpaste, Laundry detergent, Paper towels

# ADOREMUS

## Eucharistic Adoration

with Contemporary and  
Traditional Music

July 19<sup>th</sup>

7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

(Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday of the Month)

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

SILENT ADORATION

BENEDICTION

*Enter, let us bow down in worship;  
let us kneel before the LORD who made us.*

Psalm 95:6