



# **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 21, 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 Calestini 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****Don't worry, be fearless**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus speaks to us about our anxieties and worries. They distract us. They're harmful to us if we let them control our lives, because they take our eyes off of our Lord and focus us on what's going wrong and how it might get worse.

Mary chose the "better part"; she didn't let anything distract her from being a disciple learning avidly from Jesus. When we make the time to put aside the busyness of life to sit quietly and learn from Jesus, we discover reasons why our worries aren't really so worrisome.

Only as we sit quietly at the feet of Jesus do we find hope that overcomes despair, peace that conquers anxiety, and wisdom that gets us through trials. Even the littlest worry, such as Martha's concern that her kitchen chores wouldn't get done, is a sin when it takes our eyes off of Jesus. Nothing that distracts us from Jesus is ever good for us.

We cannot grow in holiness when we're not watching Jesus and learning from him how to be holy. We cannot love as he loves nor receive all the love he gives us unless we have a prayer life that includes quiet time alone with him, drinking up his lessons and his loving embrace. Prayers said while driving and while listening to homilies isn't enough.

Anxieties and worries are varying degrees of fear: We're afraid that something bad is going to happen. Even when there's a legitimate reason to worry, fear blocks our view of Jesus, because it turns us away from him. We need to recognize fear as a warning flag telling us to slow down, quiet down, and sit down with Jesus for a good discussion on whatever it is that's bothering us. He's got the answers, the encouragement, and the affirmation that will bring us peace.

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What has been worrying you lately? What are you anxious about? What are you fearing might happen? Write them on a list and take them to Jesus in a quiet prayer time. What lessons is Jesus trying to teach you in those situations? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn from Jesus. Search the Bible for additional inspiration.

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

What are some of the ways we can slow down our lives and improve our prayer times? Tell the story of an experience you had when quiet prayer relieved an anxiety or solved a problem

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**is coming  
in  
September**

## Mass Intentions for the Week



### 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

### Monday, July 22nd

9:00 a.m. — Intention for Angland Family

### Tuesday, July 23rd

9:00 a.m. — June Gilliam (Outreach Friends)

### Wednesday, July 24th

9:00 a.m. — Jennie Quirk (Family)

### Thursday, July 25th

9:00 a.m. — Jerry McGrath (Geraldine)

### Friday, July 26th

9:00 a.m. — Patricia Nidds (Rosary Altar Society)

### Saturday, July 27th

5:30 p.m. — Mary Platia (Rose Picariello)

### Sunday, July 28th

8:00 a.m. — Antoinette Davi (M/M E. Pozzi)

9:30 a.m. — Intention of Monsignor Joseph Curley (Annette Wolz)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

### Rest in Peace

Eileen Connolly, John Skelly

### 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 \$8,186  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,576

*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 participate in this amazing experience this weekend, 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.

Please keep the prayers flowing!

Dear Lord, give the teens and leaders the grace to experience Your presence

at Steubenville NYC Youth Conference, and the strength to continue to choose You when they return home. I pray that let them allow the Holy Spirit to open their heart to God's healing power in their life. May Jesus, the Lord, free them from sin, fill their hearts with joy, bless them, guide them, and give them His abundant life. Amen



## **Statue of Our Lady of Fatima**

The Sisters of St. Joseph are delighted to invite you to spend time with the Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima.

The visitation of this Statue is a spiritually 10:30 am an event as she touches the heart in ways that cannot be measured. Come and experience the graces and blessings of Fatima! All are welcome.

Friday, July 19: 10:30 am – Brief talk, time for prayer and silence, Noon – Mass

Maria Regina Chapel, 1725 Brentwood Road, Bldg #1 Brentwood



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.

## **Faith Direct**

Faith Direct today is a great way to offer your gifts of treasure to our parish family in a timely and convenient fashion. To participate, go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code (NY563) or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office and mail the form to Faith Direct. to all.

## **Outreach Needs**

Paper towels, Rice-a-roni, Hot Chocolate, Coffee, Tea, Rice, Cereal, Oatmeal

## **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.

