



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 28, 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.

Catholic War Veterans

Second Saturday of the month: Sept - June at 10 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Richard Gallagher at 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 or Anita Wolf at 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 or 631-438-2468 or visit 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.

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

How to pray with faith

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus teaches us how to pray with faith. Notice that his parable does not say that we can get everything we ask for. Not everything is good for us; the "bread" that runs as a theme through this scripture is the life of holiness. The "Bread of Life" is Jesus. The gift of the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, is a holy life.

Notice also that the visitor in the parable is a friend of God, not a stranger, who wants to share the bread with another friend. This represents a baptized Christian who wants to share the friendship of God ("three loaves" -- the Trinity) with others, but he or she is inadequate for the task.

When we knock on the door to God's heart seeking help for our inadequacies, the Father gives us his fully adequate Holy Spirit. And that's not all we get! Whenever we pray, this Holy Spirit connects us to the Father and to Jesus. Therefore, every prayer increases our holiness, brings us closer to God and empowers us to be more like Jesus. But holiness does not come quickly nor easily. We must be persistent in our prayer lives. We must continually rely on God's Spirit in order to resist temptations and grow in faith.

No matter what we ask God to share with us, including the material things that we need or desire, God wants to use it to nourish our souls. This is what we ask for when we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread." Be persistent. Receiving God's bread usually doesn't happen overnight (we're slow learners).

It's the devil who says we can have everything we ask for as fast as we want it. New Age and occult practices are fast-food spiritualities that are riddled with the dangerously unhealthy fat of false beliefs. They lack the growth in holiness that we can only receive from the Holy Spirit. Many people turn to the occult because they don't have the desire to do the hard work of holiness.

The supernatural adequacies of the Holy Spirit are ours for the asking, because we already received the Holy Spirit during baptism. However, to live in God's supernatural power, we have to pray persistently, identify our sins and repent, purge our lives of selfish motives, and humbly open ourselves to the holiness of the Holy Spirit.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How much do you rely on the Holy Spirit's help in your daily life? How often do you humble yourself before the Lord in prayer and ask for an increase of holiness?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

Describe your prayer life. How does it help you become holier in your daily activities? How has the Holy Spirit purified you?

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 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

Monday, July 29th

- 9:00 a.m. — Lillian Lang

Tuesday, July 30th

- 9:00 a.m. — Edward J. Watson (Edward Watson)

Wednesday, July 31st

- 9:00 a.m. — Dominic Sperduti (Family)

Thursday, August 1st

- 9:00 a.m. — Joseph Donoghue & Otto Wolz

Friday, August 2nd

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

Saturday, August 3rd

- 5:30 p.m. — Mary Platia (Pat Rivers)

Sunday, August 4th

- 8:00 a.m. — Kathleen Attison (Filomena Sperduti)
 9:30 a.m. — John Sorrentino (Music Ministry)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

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/>.

Rest in Peace

John J. Whitbec, Nino I. Covelli

Youth Ministry Summer Schedule

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

Assumption Youth Ministry (AYM) — Summer Fun
 July 3rd at 7:30 p.m.; July 13th Canoe Trip (registration needed); July 17th at 7:30 p.m. August 8th at 5:00 p.m. at Hobbs Farm; August 22nd 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 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.

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.

Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life



Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$7,509
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,511

Thank You!

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.

Thank You for Your Support

A very special thank you to our parishioners for supporting 23 teens and 6 leaders who were able to attend Steubenville Catholic Youth Conference that took place on July 19-21, 2019 at St. John's University, Queens, NY. Because of your generous financial support, and most importantly your eagerness and desire to pray for us, we were able to take part in this most amazing, Christ-filled retreat. With minds and hearts focused on God's love, and the desire to share that love with our teens, we were able to watch them open up, as they freely welcomed the Holy Spirit into their hearts. Thank you so much for opening your hearts to the Holy Spirit and taking part in leading teens to Christ.



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.



Outreach Needs

Rice, Mustard, Cooking oil, Syrup, Oatmeal, Tea, Cereal, Dishwashing liquid



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 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. Our parish code is P8DGQ8.

Gennesaret Retreat

Gennesaret Retreat, held at Montfort Spiritual Center, Bay Shore, New York (**September 20 –22, 2019**) offers the unique opportunity for persons who face serious illness to come away for a weekend retreat of spiritual renewal and refreshment. Come and celebrate life and the love of the Lord Jesus in a beautiful and comfortable place among caring and generous people.

The retreat weekend schedule is designed to celebrate the love of the Lord Jesus Christ through prayer times, talks by our priest directors, through quiet time and ample periods of rest. The retreat focuses on God's love, His forgiveness, and His faithfulness. It begins on Friday afternoon at 1:30 P.M and ends early Sunday afternoon.

There is time for sharing, celebrating, prayer together and alone.

There is no cost to you for this retreat. Expenses are paid through the generosity of individuals, parishes and church communities who value retreat experiences.

We will be happy to talk to you about your needs and help plan for your retreat. To register or receive more information about this weekend, please call: **Colette Fanelli (631) 665-7052**