



# 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.*

## October 6, 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

# Mass Intentions for the Week



## Sunday, October 6th

- 8:00 a.m. — Andrew Cerqueira (Mom)
- 9:30 a.m. — Frank Corso (Family)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

## Monday, October 7th

- 9:00 a.m. — Anna T. Rempe

## Tuesday, October 8th

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

## Wednesday, October 9th

- 9:00 a.m. — Vito Nicola Ardilla (Wife)

## Thursday, October 10th

- 9:00 a.m. — Ken Hartmann (John & Joy Sparano)

## Friday, October 11th

- 9:00 a.m. — Intention of Fr. Douglas Arcoleo (Addiss Family)

## Saturday, October 12th

- 5:30 p.m. — Matthew Borowski (Family)

## Sunday, October 13th

- 8:00 a.m. — Salvatore Tricario
- 9:30 a.m. — Angela Piarino Reed (E. Wickard)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

## Faith Formation

Registration for Faith Formation Program ended on September 25<sup>th</sup>. Classes will begin on the week of October 20<sup>th</sup>. Please keep all the children as well as the catechists in your prayers, so that may God open their hearts and minds with His wisdom and grace.

## Faith Formation Office Hours

The office is opened Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. until the week of October 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>.

## Middle School Ministry (MSM)

Middle School Ministry opening Night: Thursday, October 17, 2019 7:00 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.



Our parish's many ministries are examples of how many of you answer God's 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!

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 \_\_\_\_\_



## Time, Talent & Treasure Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life

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

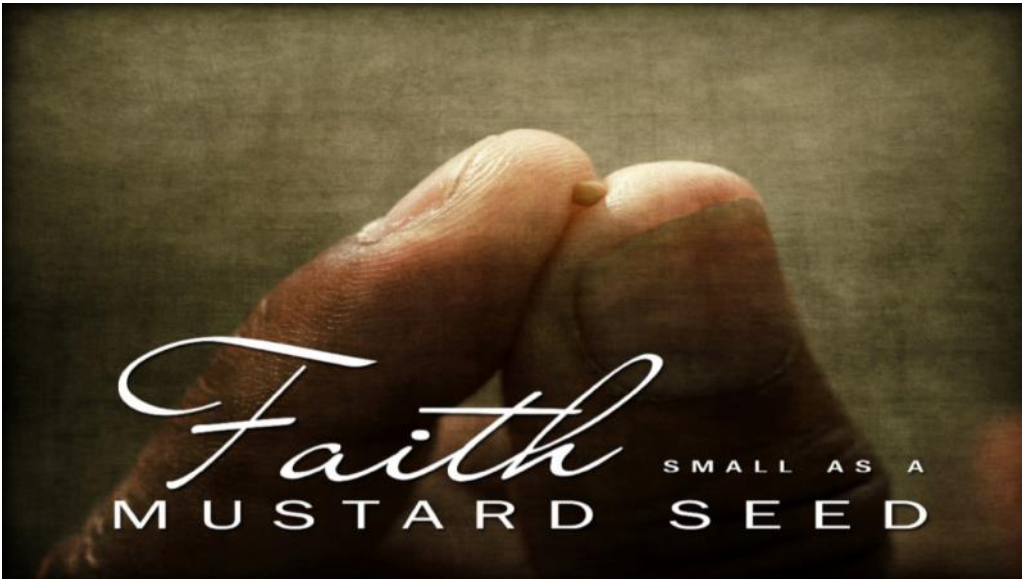
Last Week's Collection \$8,268 | Last Year's Collection \$8,629  
(includes *Faith Direct*) **Thank You!**

## Good News Reflection

### Supernatural faith

This Sunday's Gospel reading is disturbing. After doing a lot of hard work and offering it for the glory of God, the last thing we want to hear from him is: "You're an unprofitable servant."

Think of how hard you work. Whether it's at home or for a business or in ministry, we're never rewarded enough, right? Instead, we're given *more* work! At home, we try to relax after a busy day but one of the kids or an elderly relative needs help. On the job, we're given more work because our colleagues are either too lazy or they've been laid off. In the parish, most of the work gets done by only 10 to 20% of the people.



Jesus says that our reaction to all this should be: "Lord, I'm an unworthy servant of your kingdom, because I've only done what's expected of me." Is he implying that it's right to be burdened with more to do when we're tired? Not at all! What he is telling us is that there's a difference between doing what's required out of mere obedience and volunteering to go the extra mile because we love and we care.

Resting is important. Jesus took time out to pray and to recover his energy. Delegat-

ing work to others is right, too, so that we don't burn out. Jesus is the supreme example of a delegator who is also a servant. Balance is healthy and necessary.

When we stop short of going the extra mile, it's usually because we have an unbalanced view of faith. Unaware that we're serving Christ in our everyday tasks, and unaware that we're serving others *with* Christ, we settle for a mediocre, half-hearted attitude. We limit our potential. And then we're astonished that Jesus would suggest that we can command trees to cast themselves into the sea! When was the last time you saw *that* happen?

Here's the connection between doing more than the minimum and having a supernatural faith: For both to occur, we have to know that God's love is complete and unconditional and available all the time and that from this comes his desire to serve us. Knowing this, we're confident that he can accomplish anything he wants in us and through us. If we care like he cares, we *want* to go the extra mile with him. And then when we get hurt or tired, he restores us. Do you believe that yet?

#### Questions for Personal Reflection:

What's the mulberry tree in your life? What problem is so deeply rooted that it seems immovable? Who in your life is so stuck in sin that you've lost hope for change? Can you be a worthy servant of God and surprise that person with gestures of love that are unexpected and unrequested?

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

Describe examples of service that show the difference between doing our duty and doing more. How does volunteering to serve above and beyond what's expected reveal God's love?

### **Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)**

This year our parish goal is \$57,400. 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 particular, the CMA enables our Catholic community on LI to support the work of Catholic Charities, our Catholic Regional Schools, programs for ongoing formation and training of lay leaders as well as our deacons; our seminary which trains men for the priesthood as well as various pastoral offices which provide excellent resources throughout the diocese. This is but a short list of a large number of worthwhile programs which your contributions support.

In addition, parishes who make their goal receive a rebate from the diocese, amounting to 20% of the actual goal. Thus far we have collected \$50,609. Please ask the Lord how you might participate. Your pledge is payable over a ten-month period of time. Remember, one does not have to donate a large amount; joining everyone’s sacrificial gift adds up to a great resource for those in need.

### **The Men’s Forum**

The Men’s Forum at Saints Philip & James Church, St. James, NY. Discussion of "Letter to a Suffering Church", by Bishop Robert Barron. **Monday, October 7, 2019. Time: 7:30pm** followed by cake and coffee, The Men’s Forum is a brotherhood of Catholic men who are dedicated to growing in our faith and discipleship. Please Join Us! For more info please call: 1-631-584-5454

### **Coffee in the Courtyard**

Assumption Youth Ministries invite everyone to “Coffee in the Courtyard”, on Sundays after the 9:30 AM Mass. It is a great opportunity to meet people who we worship with, make new friends, and build a stronger community, in which we then become a stronger parish family. All are welcome!



### **Capital Campaign Update**

To date we have received pledges and/or one-time gifts from 370 families, bringing our total thus far to \$708,000. More than 80% have completely redeemed their pledge with the other 20% faithfully sending in their payments. To date we have collected 87% of the total amount pledged. Many thanks. Your faithfulness is important for us to accomplish the final part of the project, namely, paying for the parking lot.

As mentioned previously, we “borrowed” \$200,000 from our savings to complete the parking lot which had become dangerous due to potholes, etc. Everyone’s continued participation, support and generosity are needed since everyone benefits from the upkeep of our church facilities. Please prayerfully consider how you can join in reaching our goal!

### **Outreach Needs**

Kleenex, Dishwashing liquid, Shampoo, Deodorant, Cooking Oil, Cake mix/Frosting, Jello/Pudding



PICK OF THE WEEK

### **Divine Mercy**

Episode 6: Fatima



#### **Grasp the Historical Importance of Fatima**

Against the backdrop of a world engulfed in war, the prophetic drama of Our Lady’s appearance in Portugal captures the hearts of believers and unbelievers.

“The story of Fatima here is quite powerful!”

—Mariann G., Trenton, NJ

[WATCH ON FORMED.ORG](http://WATCH ON FORMED.ORG)



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**Opening Night**

**ASSUMPTION MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY**



**Belong ★ Serve ★ Believe**  
JEREMIAH 29:11



**WELCOME**

**All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> graders**

**Food, Faith, Fun**

**Thursday, October 17, 2019**

**7:00PM - 9:00PM in the Parish Center**

**Come and see what Middle School Ministry is all about!**

For more information please contact Renata Ptak at 631-585-8760 ext. 121

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**STAND up for LIFE**

**Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2:00-3:30 PM**

Route 110 & Jericho Turnpike, Huntington

(Rain or Shine)

Join with other Assumption parishioners to witness to the sanctity of life, peacefully and prayerfully

**Rosary for Life**

Friday, October 11<sup>th</sup>,  
11:00 AM in the Church.

Sponsored by the Rosary Altar Society, we will pray the entire rosary, led by the parishioners to protect the sanctity of life, from conception to natural death. Please join us.



**Benefits & Breakfast Lecture Series**

**Medicare Basics**

Presented by Maryflore Brennan

HIICAP: Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance Program

**It's Time for Open Enrollment.**

Making decisions for your coverage is confusing.

Join us to ask your questions and to learn about:

Medicare (Parts A, B and C)

Medicare prescription drug benefit (Medicare Part D).

Supplemental Insurance, Medigap Plan Coverage ... & More!

**Free Program -- Saturday, Oct. 19, 2019**

**9 am to 10:30 am**

**Continental Breakfast will be served**

Long Island State Veterans Home

AT STONY BROOK UNIVERSITY

at the Long Island State Veterans Home  
100 Patriots Road, Stony Brook, NY 11790  
on the campus of Stony Brook University Hospital (follow the signs)

Questions? Please call 631-444-8606 or visit [www.lisvh.org](http://www.lisvh.org)

Assumption  
Women's  
Ministry



Spaghetti  
Dinner

**PLACE:** ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH CENTER  
**COST:** \$7.00 per person \$20.00 per family (parents and children)  
**DATE:** SATURDAY OCTOBER 19, 2019  
**TIME:** 6:30-8:30 pm

*Please join the ABVM Women's Ministry at our 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner. Come enjoy a few hours of fellowship, food and fun as you enjoy a dish of spaghetti with your choice of meat, clam or marinara sauce, dessert and some soft music.*

***Looking forward to seeing you there!***

**Menu:**

Choice of pasta - Spaghetti or Gluten free Penne pasta  
Choice of Sauce - Meat, White Clam or Marinara  
Steamed Veggies, Salad and of course bread  
Coffee, Tea and Dessert

Tickets must be purchased ahead of time. Tickets can be obtained from the Parish office or purchased during Masses on the weekend of *October 5<sup>h</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>*. The last date for you to purchase tickets will be October 16<sup>th</sup>.

***To ensure we have enough food for everyone, there will be NO tickets sold at the door. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.***

For questions contact:

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**Registration details:**

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number** \_\_\_\_\_ **E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Adults** \_\_\_\_\_ **Children** \_\_\_\_\_ **Total cost** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_**Check here for Gluten free pasta**