



# 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 13, 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



# Mass Intentions for the Week



## 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

## Monday, October 14th

- 9:00 a.m. — Ralph Fiore (Family)

## Tuesday, October 15th

- 9:00 a.m. — Deceased Members of Romeo & Wolz Families

## Wednesday, October 16th

- 9:00 a.m. — Elvira Consiglio (Rose Picariello)

## Thursday, October 17th

- 9:00 a.m. — Intentions of Robert Craig (Mother)

## Friday, October 18th

- 9:00 a.m. — James Michael Green (Family)

## Saturday, October 19th

- 5:30 p.m. — Josephine Rachunas (Daisy Ricciardi)

## Sunday, October 20th

- 8:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased members of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas
- 9:30 a.m. — Amelia & Inacio DeSousa (Family)
- 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)

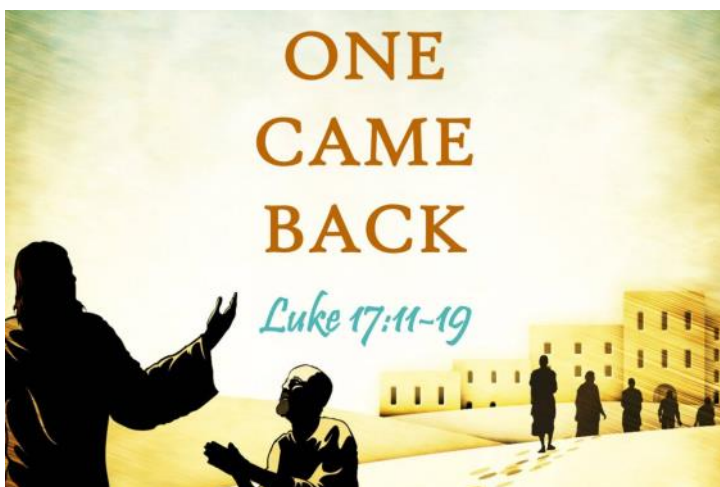
Last Week's Collection \$8,130 | Last Year's Collection \$8,578  
(includes *Faith Direct*) **Thank You!**

**Good News Reflection****Give to God what he cannot give to himself**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, why do nine out of ten healed lepers not return to Jesus to thank him? Maybe they had run off to tell their families and friends about the miracle. Perhaps they were busy trying to convince their families and friends that they really had been healed and were now safe to be around. Or maybe they were preoccupied getting jobs to support themselves, now that they could no longer live in the charity-funded leper colony.

All good and valid reasons.

What was different about the Samaritan leper, the one who did return? The difference was in his spirit. His faith in Jesus saved not only his body but also his spirit. He appreciated the healer, not just the healing. He didn't seek help from the Lord only for his own sake; he went to him for God's sake. He had something he could give to Jesus -- his appreciation, his praise, his worship -- and he wanted to give it.



Are we like that?

When we go to Mass, do we go only for our own sake? Or do we also go for God's sake? The best experiences in church happen when it's both. Do you give Jesus your appreciation when he comes to you in the Eucharist? Do you delight him with the way you worship? Does it look like you're glad to be there?

When we pray for our needs, do we make our requests only for our own sake? Or do we want our prayers answered for God's sake, too? Think about what you're seeking from him: How helpful could that be to God's kingdom?

When we accomplish a goal, does God benefit from it? When he helps us through a trial, what is his reward?

We all have something that God cannot give to himself: our praise and our worship. Please don't ever underestimate the value of these important gifts!

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What was the most recent prayer that God answered for you? Have you been too busy to kneel at the feet of Jesus and thank him? When was the last time you praised him while still waiting for his help?

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

Describe your favorite method of thanking Jesus. What are other ways that people show their gratitude for the Lord's help? What's the evidence that God truly appreciates this type of worship? © 2019 Terry Modica, Catholic Digital Resources, Printed by permission.

### 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 \$51,279. 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.

### 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. 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.



### 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

Box potatoes, Cooking oil, Kleenex, Laundry detergent, Household cleaner, Canned peas, Grape jelly



PICK OF THE WEEK

### True Reformers

Episode 5: Saint Teresa of Ávila: A Study in Perseverance



#### Living Completely for God

Wealthy and headstrong, Teresa was an unlikely choice for a great reformer. But after years as a complacent Carmelite, she learned to live totally for God.

*“We often, or at least I do, think of saints as ‘them’, not really like ‘us’... so it is SO refreshing to hear what they were really like.”*

—Matt S., Smartsville, CA

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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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**St. Agnes Award**

The parish has received word that Bishop Barres is awarding the St. Agnes Service Award to Gilbert Cruz for outstanding service to the Church. Well known to our parish family, Gill has served our community in a variety of ways: first and foremost as an Usher, working with the Knights of Columbus to inspire and encourage children through Soccer and Basketball challenges and helping everyone at work; to name just a few. This well-deserved honor brings with it a blessing for our entire parish. Gill will receive this award at St. Agnes Cathedral on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.



**November Raffle Tickets**

Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be selling chances on October 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> after all the masses. The money collected is used to help our many charities, Hope House, Wounded Warriors, Assumptions Parish Ministries, and many more. You will have 21 chances to win during the weekdays of November; winning is \$50 a day and \$100 winners on Election day, Veterans Day, and Thanksgiving. Tickets are \$10 a chance.



**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

Allow Jesus to transform your marriage and show you how to truly love your spouse 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*



Cornelia Cavell,  
Joanne McCann,  
Mary Ann Lohan,  
Nicole L. Walsh,  
Rosemarie Cancelino

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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Diane Miller [dimiller@optonline.net](mailto:dimiller@optonline.net) 516-443-7856

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**Registration details:**

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

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

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

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