



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.*

November 17, 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

Mass Intentions for the Week



Sunday, November 17th

- 8:00 a.m. — Amelia & Inacio DeSousa (Family)
- 9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, November 18th

- 9:00 a.m. — Manuel Rodriguez (Tiri & Family)

Tuesday, November 19th

- 9:00 a.m. — Thanksgiving (Nancy Dentrone)

Wednesday, November 20th

- 9:00 a.m. — Intention Gonzalo T. Villaverde III (Mary Ann V. Morse)

Thursday, November 21st

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

Friday, November 22nd

- 9:00 a.m. — Luciano Scuderi (Michael Girardo)

Saturday, November 23rd

- 5:30 p.m. — Lucille Catanzano (M/M G. Van Schaick)

Sunday, November 24th

- 8:00 a.m. — Molly Drew Connolly (Connolly & Licari Families)
- 9:30 a.m. — Margaret & John Cahill (Mary Ross)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Faith Formation

The ministry of the Word is a fundamental element of evangelization through all its stages, because it involves the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God

Faith Formation Office Hours

Regular Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 3:00—8:00 p.m.); Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m.—7:30; Thursday & Friday - Closed; Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 11; Sunday - 10:30 a.m. to Noon.

Middle School Ministry (MSM)

Middle School Ministry is on Thursday nights from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM. All Middle Schoolers (6th thru 8th) 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.



Capital Campaign Update

To date we have received pledges and/or one-time gifts from 371 families, bringing our total thus far to \$812,934. The BIG bump came from a very generous gift of \$100,000. To date more than 90% of the pledge total has been collected. Many thanks.

Thus far we have spent \$859,066 to complete all the projects. In addition, there was a \$65,000 fee for running the campaign over the four years. As mentioned previously, we “borrowed” \$200,000 from our savings to complete the parking lot. 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!

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 \$8,857 | Last Year’s Collection \$8,816

(includes Faith Direct)

Thank You!

Good News Reflection**The temporary and the divine**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus says that the day will come when not one stone of the temple will be left mortared to another, because it will all be torn down. He's reminding us that everything here on earth is temporary.

Think of what you enjoy here on earth. It's temporary. What causes you to suffer? It too is temporary. What of this world do you depend on? It's temporary. What do you admire, trust, save, hope for, spend working hours to achieve and plan relaxation hours for a reward? It's all temporary -- unless we are using it for the Kingdom of God.



We know that we're supposed to focus on the things of God, things that will last for all of eternity, but we're uncomfortable with the blind faith that this requires. We are like the disciples who looked for God's vindication against injustices and immorality in the temporal world: wars, earthquakes, plagues and famines. We wish that Jesus would hurry up with his Second Coming and stop all the evils and hardships.

In our daily lives, we seek God's help, but we look for something tangible upon which to base our faith. We want to know the future; we don't like the insecurity of not knowing what God has planned. We depend on what we can see more than we depend on God whom we cannot see, so we ask God to give us signs.

However, the best way to walk forward with God is to raise one foot in air, preparing to take the next step, and -- while that foot is still in the air -- ask God: "Where do *You* want me to place my foot next?"

This takes balance; if we don't remain centered in God, we teeter and fall. If God doesn't show us immediately where to put our foot down to move forward, we can either fall away or fall into his hand.

God's hand is never temporary! God's hand provides true security based only on his endless, all-powerful, all-knowing love. It doesn't always feel that way, but his love and protection never fail.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What help from God are you currently waiting for? What wars and insurrections are plaguing your life? Do you believe that your problem is temporary or do you fear that it's permanent? What will you do this week to entrust yourself to the wisdom and guidance of Jesus?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

When waiting for God's guidance, how do you stay centered on God? How do you find and hold your balance while you've got one foot wavering in the air? What if you were to put your foot down in the wrong place and move in the wrong direction? Does God protect you then? How?

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.

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 \$54,864. Please ask the Lord how you might participate. Your pledge is payable over a ten-month period of time.



Catholic Daughters of the Americas
Court St. Gerard - Raffle
November 2019

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Congratulations to the winners!					1 374	2
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Moving inside

In the basement of the Church

Assumption Youth Ministries invite everyone to “Coffee in the Courtyard”, on Sundays after the 9:30 AM Mass. Since the weather has changed into cold and rainy we are moving inside until the Spring. 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!

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. 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

Egg noodles, Mayonnaise, Tea, Coffee, Rice a Roni, Baked beans, Canned Chili



Thomas Spillane

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PICK OF THE WEEK

St. Giuseppe Moscati

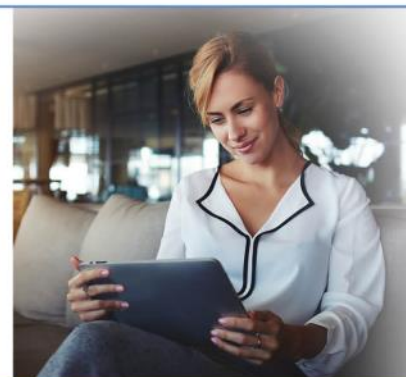


Doctor to the Poor

Giuseppe Moscati, “the holy physician of Naples,” was a medical doctor and layman who devoted his medical career to serving the poor.

“You’ll fall in love with St. Giuseppe Moscati. Very beautiful and touching.”
—Blessy T., Fort Pierce, FL

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Our parish subscribes to a revolutionary online platform which provides the best in Catholic audio talks, movies, e-books, and video-based studies. It is, **free of charge**. Check it out by signing up for the website. Simply type in abvmcentereach.formed.org on your browser. Once you have registered you’ll have access to all the material on FORMED, again **free of charge**.

You also can install FORMED through an app. Learn more at app.formed.org. Our parish code is P8DGQ8.

One Family In Mission

Stewardship Reflection: It Takes a Lifetime

Generations of faith-filled Catholic people have passed on to us the most precious gift that we possess - the gift of faith. As this generation's "good stewards," we are obligated to pass on the gift of faith to our children.

Children primarily learn through the examples of their parents. Today, many parents are volunteering their time and talents to their churches and community groups and bringing their children along with them.

More and more churches are encouraging children to return a portion of their "treasure" - their allowance or other earnings - with special children's offering envelopes. As we know from our own experience, it takes a lifetime to develop the habits of good stewardship.

God has blessed us in so many marvelous ways. Stewardship is a way of life built around gratitude to God, lived out by returning a portion of the time, talent, and treasure allotted to us. There is no more precious inheritance we can pass on to our children than this lifestyle of gratitude.

"If you will give these instructions . . . , you will be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of the faith and of the sound teaching you have followed." (1 Timothy 4:6)

Stewardship Appeal Update

Our Stewardship Appeal is being very well received by Assumption Parish family. To date, over two hundred households have increased their weekly contribution in response to our stewardship of treasure program.

If any of the families haven't responded yet, please use the Special Response form to indicate your new level of giving, and then return to your regular envelope packet for succeeding weeks. If you are interested in receiving information on our Electronic Giving Program, please see below or contact the parish office.



Outreach Needs for Holidays

Pantry Needs: Boxed milk, canned sweet potatoes, coffee, spaghetti sauce, stuffing mix, bar soap, shampoo, paper towels, pie crust mix, pumpkin pie filling

Gift Cards for Thanksgiving:

With Thanksgiving just around the corner, we're getting ready to prepare our baskets. Gift cards to neighborhood markets will be very helpful in providing those in need with a great Thanksgiving dinner, allowing them the dignity to choose their favorite holiday foods. Please drop off gift cards at the office or in the collection basket.



Please prayerfully consider supporting Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. You are helping our church be more efficient, and have a steady, predictable cash flow to support the works that are important to you, throughout the year. Signing up is easy! Visit faith.direct/NY563 or download the **Faith Direct app from ios or Android app store and search for the parish with the parish code (NY563)**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

Interactive Multisensory Advent Prayer Experience



December 6 - 8 in the Parish Center

Encounter the Story, the Scripture and, the real Spirit of the Advent Season as we wait for the Lord in peace, hope, joy & love.

Volunteers are needed to assist the guests and guide them to the Prayer Room.

Please contact the Rectory office at 631-585-8760 or rectory@abvmcentereach.com



CM Performing Arts Center is beginning to prepare for **JOURNEY, CROSS AND CRUCIFIXION** for 2020. Looking for New Members to participate in this beautiful, prayerful, living re-enactment of the Stations of the Cross.

There is something for everyone. We are in need of singers, dancers, soldiers, followers and musicians. Consider join as a family.

There will be a meeting for new members on Saturday, **December 7, 2019 from 2:00-4:00 PM** at CM Performing Arts Center in Oakdale. For further questions please email:alyse@cmpac.com or call 631-218-2810

Contemplative Color Advent

Step away from the busyness of the holiday season and move into a time of stillness and grace. 'Contemplative Color' is a meditative practice using a watercolor ink process known as 'dropping color'. Artistic ability is not necessary, only a desire to enter into a time of quiet discovery.

VILLA IMMACULATA HOUSE OF PRAYER

3560 Sound Avenue, Riverhead, NY 11901

Presenter: Barbara Van Wagner

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2019

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

OR

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2019

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Fee: \$45 each day includes all materials

Bring a Bag Lunch

To register call Sr. Ronald 631-727-5122