



# **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 24, 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, 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

## Monday, November 25th

- 9:00 a.m. — Mary & Charles Platia

## Tuesday, November 26th

- 9:00 a.m. — Milagros Torrevillas (Manolt Family)

## Wednesday, November 27th

- 9:00 a.m. — Peter Staab (Barbara)

## Thursday, November 28th

- 9:00 a.m. — People of the Parish

## Friday, November 29th

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

## Saturday, November 30th

- 5:30 p.m. — Fr. Gerard Smith

## Sunday, December 1st

- 8:00 a.m. — Dari Schwartz
- 9:30 a.m. — Vita D'Angelo (Anne, Kate, Barry Dan)
- 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 (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.



## 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 \$9,657 | Last Year's Collection \$9,851  
(includes Faith Direct) Thank You!

**Good News Reflection****What the authority of Jesus looks like**

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, one of the criminals hanging next to Jesus on the cross represents us. Jesus is our king and we want to spend eternity with him in his kingdom. As long as we have this attitude, there is no reason to doubt that when we die we will join Jesus in Paradise.

As the king of heaven, Jesus has the right and the authority to choose who is allowed into his kingdom. And as this Good Friday thief shows us, Jesus says, "Yes, come in, welcome!" to anyone who recognizes his authority.

Let's look at what the authority of Jesus is like. At the Last Supper, when he washed the feet of his disciples, he made it clear that the heavenly king exerts his authority by serving those who belong to his kingdom.

The next day, he took a crown of thorns instead of a crown of gold, because the glory of his kingship is not represented by earthly treasures but by riches that are given to others, the personal sacrifices that are motivated by love, even for those who don't deserve it.



After his resurrection, although he'd been healed from the destruction of death, his five crucifixion wounds were not healed. To this day, he still bears those wounds as a continual reminder to us that he does not use his authority for his own benefit, but for ours. Earthly kings wear expensive rings on their hands; our heavenly king wears the marks of sacrifice.

We belong to God's kingdom when we lovingly serve others with Christ, when we understand the glory of giving generously to others, of making personal sacrifices, and of loving those who don't deserve our love.

If we offer to Jesus our sufferings because we realize that they have value, we wear the five wounds of Jesus in our souls. Of course we will join Jesus in Paradise -- we have already united ourselves to him!

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

Reflect on a time when you submitted yourself to Christ's authority by obeying a difficult teaching of the Church or by doing something Christ-like that you didn't want to do. Did you feel loved by God? Did you feel served? What will you do to become more aware of his service to you? What are you holding onto today that does not belong to his kingdom? What will you do this week to allow Jesus to be your king in every area of your life?

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

Name some of the ways that Jesus serves us. Does he do it directly to you or through other people in his kingdom? When you serve others, how is this a recognition of the kingship and authority of Christ?

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**Thanksgiving Mass at 9:00 AM**

As in the past, our parish will celebrate one mass at 9:00 a.m. on Thanksgiving Day, followed by coffee and cake in the parish center, compliments of the Catholic Daughters of the Americas. Plan on spending some time with your parish family before heading out for family visits and shopping!



**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.



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**

Mustard, Dishwashing liquid, Household cleaner, Cooking oil, Deodorant, Paper towels



Julia Orth

 <b>Catholic Daughters of the Americas</b> <b>Court St. Gerard - Raffle</b> <b>November 2019</b>						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
<b>Congratulations to the winners!</b>					1	2
3	4 339	5 211	6 440	7 119	8 048	9
10	11 488	12 351	13 249	14 251	15 440	16
17	18 068	19 413	20 499	21 351	22 050	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30



PICK OF THE WEEK



**Symbolon: Knowing the Faith**  
 Episode 5 - Who is Jesus?

*Jesus as More Than a Moral Teacher*

No one has ever had a greater impact on the world than Jesus of Nazareth — and the question of who Jesus really is, Son of the Living God, is central to our faith.



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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](http://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](http://app.formed.org). Our parish code is P8DGQ8.



# One Family In Mission

## **Stewardship Reflection: Spending Time**

Stewardship of time is one of the three interlinked dimensions of our call to stewardship. Just as with our financial resources, we talk about spending time, saving time, and wasting time. But how well do we steward our time, or use it in a way that reflects our gratitude to God for every hour of every day?

According to the latest government survey, the average American spends about 5 hours of “spare” time each day in these activities:

- ◆ 2.8 hours watching TV
- ◆ 38 minutes socializing and communicating 20 minutes reading
- ◆ 20 minutes using the computer for fun
- ◆ 17 minutes participating in sports, exercise, active recreation 16 minutes relaxing and thinking
- ◆ 20 minutes on “other activities” (Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics)

How do you use your leisure time? Where do your priorities lie? How much time do you give back to God—in prayer, study, volunteering in the parish?

“Teach us to count our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart.” (Psalm 90:12)

## **Stewardship Appeal Update**

Our Stewardship Appeal continues to be very well received by the people of our Assumption parish family. To date over two hundred households have increased their weekly contribution.

If you have not already done so, please return the Special Response form to indicate your new level of giving, and 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](http://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**

**Friday, Dec. 6 - 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**Saturday, Dec. 7 - 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM & 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

**Sunday, Dec. 8 - 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM**

**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](mailto: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](mailto:alyse@cmpac.com) or call 631-218-2810