



# ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*A welcoming community sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through faith, prayer and the sacraments.*



**May 3, 2020**

***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.

***Eucharistic Adoration***

First Friday of the month: 1:00-2:00 PM - Nocturnal  
Third Friday of the month: 7:30-8:30 PM - ADOREMUS

***Miraculous Medal Novena***

Wednesdays following the 9:00 AM Mass.

***Communion for the Sick or Shut-ins***

Contact the rectory during regular office hours.

***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 or those who have been baptized but have not celebrated Eucharist and/or Confirmation to experience the joy of our Catholic community, within an adult context. Anyone 18 and over is welcome. Contact the rectory office at 631-585-8760.

***Faith Formation***

Works with parents to share faith with our youngest members, grades 1-8. Contact the office for details at 631-588-6408.

***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

***Music Ministry***

Our parish's Music Ministry seeks to lead and support our parish family in full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy. For further information call Rob at 516-523-1668.

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Rev. Joseph Alenchery, Pastor  
Rev. Chris Aridas, Retired Pastor  
Deacon Michael Montelione

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Phone: 631-585-8760; Fax: 1-866-214-3365  
Faith Formation: 631-588-6408



**Sunday, May 3rd**

8:00 a.m. — Barbara Mingoia (Acevedo Family)  
 9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**Monday, May 4th**

9:00 a.m. — James Lans

**Tuesday, May 5th**

9:00 a.m. — Dominador T. Samson (Aida & Scott)

**Wednesday, May 6th**

9:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of the Rosary Altar Society

**Thursday, May 7th**

9:00 a.m. — Patrick V. Wasson (Wife)

**Friday, May 8th**

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

**Saturday, May 9th**

5:30 p.m. — Mother's Day

**Sunday, May 10th**

8:00 a.m. — Mother's Day  
 9:30 a.m. — Mother's Day  
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



John Bodkin  
Norma Angeles

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

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

Last Week's Collection \$5,170  
 (includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection \$7,542  
 Thank You!

**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.



**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.

**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.

**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..

**Good News Reflection****Do you need a breakthrough?**

Are you at an impasse in your spiritual growth or emotional healing or a difficult relationship? Do you need a breakthrough? Do you feel stuck behind a fence that's keeping you on the outside of peace, joy, satisfaction, or healing?

This Sunday's Gospel reading tells us that Jesus is the gate in that fence. He helps us reach the heavenly side of the gate, outside the realm of earthly restrictions -- not only when we die and enter eternal life, but also here and now in our earthly life, so that we might always "have life and have it more abundantly."

When our path seems blocked, we can only make progress by letting Jesus shepherd us around and through and over the obstacles. If people shut a door on something that God wants us to do, Jesus is still our open gate and no one can close him out of our lives. He will lead us into a new opportunity for accomplishing the plans of God. If he's given us a frustrated holy desire or a passion for which there seems to be no outlet, instead of complaining or quitting, we must look at Jesus and see him as a gate that opens into a new direction or location.



Remember, however, that until we get all the way through this gate, we must stick close to him like dumb sheep. There's a journey to take before we can reach the other side of the fence.

The thief that comes to steal and slaughter can only reach us when we stray away from Jesus and we take our eyes off of him.

Despair and worry are two common thieves, robbing us of peace, joy, satisfaction, and healing. But they're not as powerful as they pretend to be. We defeat them easily by remembering that they do not speak the full truth. The truth is: Jesus is our Good Shepherd safely guiding us into a life of abundant victory!

**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What breakthrough are you hoping for? What's frustrating you and seems hopeless? What's causing you to think that a problem you're facing might lead to disaster and destruction? What will you do this week to follow Jesus more closely so that you can get through this with more peace?

**Questions for Group Faith Sharing:**

Share the story of a time when you experienced obstacles and Jesus provided a breakthrough that led to victory.

**Sunday, May 03, 2020**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

**Follow the leader**

When we were kids, playing “follow the leader” was easy. One child was designated as the pattern to imitate, and we just did whatever they did. In these days of crisis, it can seem harder to tell who the designated leader is. Is it the president or the pope, the pastor or the medical expert? Do we do what our parents advised, or listen to the recommendations of trusted friends? What do we do when media experts disagree? If we call ourselves Christians, then Christ is the ultimate authority for our values and criteria. Make a verse of scripture your daily companion.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10 (49). *“For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.”*

**Monday, May 04, 2020**

EASTER WEEKDAY

**Stand your ground**

“The shepherd cannot run at the first sign of danger,” said Father Stanley Rother, and he didn’t, which made him a martyr in 1981 in civil war-torn Guatemala. Even though he knew his name was on a death list, this priest from Oklahoma stayed with the people he had been serving since 1968, during which time he built a farmer’s co-op, a school, a hospital, and a radio station. He was beatified in 2017. Learn more about this inspiration for faith in the book [The Shepherd Who Didn’t Run](#).

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:11-18 (279). *“A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.”*

**Tuesday, May 05, 2020**

EASTER WEEKDAY

**Keep things in context**

Catholics celebrate 50 days of Easter with a special emphasis on the Gospel of John. But with the Gospel of John comes a particular concern. At Mass, we hear—amid the evangelist’s poetic prose—some jarring references to “the Jews.” Historically, such language sadly led to a legacy of hate and harm. With anti-Semitism making headlines again, look to the short Vatican II document called [Nostra aetate](#). It honors the Jewish people as our faithful forebears, tapping a truth right out of John 10: Jesus was an observant. Honor our religious ancestors by learning more about them.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 (280). *“Jesus walked about in the temple area.”*

**Wednesday, May 06, 2020**

EASTER WEEKDAY

**Follow the Light**

“This Little Light of Mine” has been young Christians’ joyful favorite for nearly a century. It has also been an anthem for civil and human rights movements. For people of faith, we who believe that Jesus has come into the world as light, the song serves as a directive to allow God’s light to shine through the example of our lives. Reflect today on the example you have set during difficult times. Have you given into darkness and despair or served as a beacon of hope and support for those around you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50 (281). *“I have come into the world as light, to keep anyone who believes in me from remaining in the dark.”*

**Thursday, May 07, 2020**

EASTER WEEKDAY

**A masquerade to take seriously**

In today’s gospel Jesus says, “Whoever receives the one I send, receives me.” It is in keeping with our tradition to see the poor, the migrant, the refugee as sent by God to stretch our hearts and open us to the Good News. Mother Teresa often referred to seeing Jesus “in the distressing disguise of the poor.” Indeed, how distressing it is to see the suffering being endured by those with the least. Take a step today to “receive” Jesus in the disguise of the poor.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 (282). *“Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me.”*

**Friday, May 08, 2020**

EASTER WEEKDAY

**Youthful mystic**

Imagine growing up with a saint in your hometown! New Jersey-native Teresa Demjanovich, honored today, was like many young people with responsibility for caring for aging parents while also getting an education and a job. She then became a religious sister but died just two years later at age 26. Known as a prayerful, holy woman, Teresa was deeply spiritual and considered a mystic. “Our heart is the compass that magnetically follows the north star of desire,” Teresa wrote. “To locate my treasure I have but to unearth the lodging of my desires.” As you pray this day, consider how God is leading you through your heart and desires.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 (283). *“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me.”*

**Saturday, May 09, 2020**

EASTER WEEKDAY

**Light a fuse!**

Peter Maurin, who founded the Catholic Worker movement with Dorothy Day, was born on this day in 1877. He longed for a world where it would be easier for people to be good to each other. While he was the visionary, Day translated his ideals of justice into practical actions: a newspaper, houses of hospitality, and farms. He found “dynamite” in the gospels, which could solve the problems of society if someone would “blow the lid off.” Day lit the fuse, and their flame continues today in Catholic Worker houses.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14 (284). *“The one who believes in me . . . will do greater works than these.”*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*



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### Catholic Ministries Appeal

I want to thank everyone who helped make last year’s 2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal a success. This year our parish goal is \$56,200. Your generosity provides us with an excellent opportunity to reach out to those in need. In particular, the CMA enables our Catholic community on Long Island 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 are also funded by the Appeal. This is but a short listing of a large number of worthwhile programs which your generous contributions support. In addition, parishes who make their goal receive a rebate from the diocese, amounting to 20% of the actual goal. 75% of our goal is pledged so far.

Please ask the Lord how you might participate. Your pledge is payable over a ten-month period of time. Remember also, one does not have to donate a large amount; joining everyone’s sacrificial gift adds up to a great resource for those in need.

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### 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.



**Pantry Needs:** Mayonnaise, Shampoo, Conditioner, Liquid hand soap, Paper towels, Pet food, Box milk, Toothbrushes



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish 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** and search for the parish with the parish code (NY563). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

# FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK



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