



# ASSUMPTION of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



## August 30, 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

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



**Sunday, August 30th**

9:30 a.m. — Andrea Scalisi (McGuinness Family)  
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**Monday, August 31st**

9:00 a.m. — Anna Lubrano (Catholic Daughters of the Americas)

**Tuesday, September 1st**

9:00 a.m. — Katherine Aridas (Debbie Amore)

**Wednesday, September 2nd**

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

**Thursday, September 3rd**

9:00 a.m. — Katherine Aridas (Mary Ross)

**Friday, September 4th**

9:00 a.m. — David & Kathleen Worrell (Family)

**Saturday, September 5th**

5:30 p.m. — Barry Baratta (Petroccione Family)  
Steven Calestini (Annette Wolz)

**Sunday, September 6th**

9:30 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)  
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



Patricia E. DiDonato

Timothy F. Connolly



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

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

**Last Week's Collection \$7,071**  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$7,878**  
*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 to Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Thursday & Friday - Closed; Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 11. Saturday schedule begins when the classes begin.

You are invited to

**Assumption Youth Ministry**

We have missed you greatly while going through these unprecedented times of pandemic. However, we are planning to have at least one ministry gathering before the new school year begins.

**When: Thursday, September 3, 2020**  
**Time: 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm**  
**Where: on the North Lawn**

Social distancing and masks are required at all times during the gathering! Parents are welcome to stay for the duration of ministry.

Love  
Renata and the Youth Ministry Team

**For more info: contact Renata at 631-487-0084**

**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 Alexandria McMahon at tacjs43@aol.com.

**Catholic War Veterans**

Second Saturday of the month: Sept - June at 10 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Vincent Zecca, papazecca@aol.com, or phone 631 588 3423.

**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**

### **You duped me, Lord!**

This Sunday's first reading is one of my personal favorites. I have often felt the way Jeremiah does here. I have yelled at God, "You duped me, O Lord, and I let myself be duped!" And I allow it again and again. "You knew this would happen, Lord! Why did you lead me into this trial?" Have you ever felt that way?

Why do we let him do this to us? Why do we trust God even though he leads us into difficult situations? Why do we follow Jesus into giving our help and love to others even though it's going to feel very uncomfortable if not downright painful?



Walking with God and serving his kingdom is an adventure. We can expect the unexpected, and unfortunately in this world that includes suffering -- denying ourselves the opportunity to pursue self-centered agendas, taking up crosses, and following Jesus all the way to Calvary (but then of course, all the way to resurrection, too, as explained in the Gospel reading).

Because we love God, we are willing to offer ourselves as a living sacrifice, like the second reading asks us to do. This is the highest form of worship; it's a spiritual communion that we experience outside of the Eucharistic liturgy of Mass. In union with Jesus, we are the Eucharist.

As Jeremiah's complaint shows us, we can safely complain to God. We can tell him, without getting punished, that we do not like working for him. Complaining to others, however, is a sin because it causes gossip and prejudices and makes God look bad.

Asking for prayer support during our trials is important, and we must keep doing this, but complaining to others shows how little we trust God. Eventually, we will see the good that comes from our sacrifices, and this is what we should communicate to others.

### **Questions for Personal Reflection:**

How do you feel when you do a good

deed and it later works against you? Have you said "no" to allowing it to happen again? What brings the healing love of Jesus to you to help you recover?

### **Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

What unexpected sufferings have you encountered while giving someone a gift of unconditional love or while doing some other service for the kingdom of God? How did you feel about God at that time? Was the cross you carried worth all the hardships? Explain.



Dear parish family,

We have reopened our church building and resumed our **Sunday masses on the weekend of June 20-21**. Because we need to sanitize the pews after each Mass, we are having **only Saturday 5:30 pm, Sunday 9:30 am, and 11:30 am** Masses for the time being.

Since we are in this together, we need to take care of each other. For the safety of everyone, including the priests and our fellow parishioners, please follow the directives.

- The Dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation Masses remains in effect for the Diocese of Rockville Centre until further notice.
- Those at higher risk from COVID-19 (i.e., the elderly or who have underlying health conditions) or not feeling well of any sort should stay home and watch the live stream.
- **All present must wear masks** (or facial cloth coverings). Any homemade mask or scarf is sufficient, provided that it covers the nose and mouth. **Please note that you will not be admitted without one.**
- Attendance to Liturgies is limited to 33% of the normal seating capacity of our church; that is **120 people**
- Families and those who traveled to the church together may sit together. All others must maintain social distancing (6 feet apart).
- Offertory baskets will not be passed around. There are collection stations at the exits and can drop your offertory into a basket before or after Mass.
- **Live streaming of all masses will continue until further notice.**
- Further directives will be given at the Mass about the distribution of communion.

Once again, I want to thank you very much for your generous support of our parish family financially. Because of your generosity, we can maintain our staff and other needs of our parish like maintenance of our buildings, landscaping, utilities, etc.

Blessings and prayers Fr. Joe



### ***Prayer for the Unborn***

A National Day of Remembrance of the Unborn will be observed at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us and bring a friend (rain or shine). Rte 112 Entrance, Coram





## **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. 90.6% 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.

## **Parish Outreach Program**

Our Outreach Program Food Pantry is open during this health crisis. We have expanded the program in an effort to better serve those in need while protecting the safety of our clients and volunteers. We are asking for your assistance in making donations of food and other supplies listed below. Please call **631-585-8760** before you drop off the supplies. You can make a monetary donations too. In that case, please drop off or mail your gift to the Parish Office and be sure to mention that the donation is for the Outreach Ministry. If you are in need of assistance, please contact our office: Phone: 631 585-8760 Ext. 101 E-Mail: [outreach@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:outreach@abvmcentereach.com)



**Pantry Needs: Paper towels, Dishwashing liquid, Household cleaner, Jelly, Pancake mix, Syrup, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Cooking oil, Rice-a-Roni, Cake mix, Icing**



### ***Thank you very much.***

I don't have enough words to express my heartfelt thanks to all those who have sent me condolences in the passing of my mother **Anna Joseph Alenchery** through phone calls, texts, cards, and in person. Our God is a loving and living God, and I am sure my mother is with the One who she loves to be with; our God. I appreciate all of your love, prayers, and concern for my family and me. May God bless you all and keep you in His living presence.

Fr. Joe



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!



# Faith Formation

## Registration 2020-21

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#### Registration for Levels 2-8

Our goal as always at Assumption Faith Formation Program is to help children grow in their relationship with God and to live as disciples of Jesus at home, in school, and their community while developing an understanding of Scripture and our Catholic faith.

We have been preparing a program that meets the standards of faith formation and diocesan guidelines, while at the same time following all CDC guidelines for health and safety. We are planning to start our formation year in person; however, **we follow the actions of the Middle Country School District** and may need to transfer classes to an online forum should the district decide to do so.

- **Classes are scheduled to begin the week of October 5<sup>th</sup>**
- Classes will meet in 2 sessions (A and B sessions) and will be bi-weekly. This allows us to keep classes small, with the maximum allowed being **seven students**.
- Everyone attending **Must** wear a mask
- Desks or chairs will be spaced 6 feet or more apart
- There will be no sharing of materials
- Catechists and children **MUST** stay home when sick
- All rooms and common area surfaces will be cleaned and sanitized before and after classes
- Classes will be dismissed one at a time to ensure social distancing is being followed.

To make this possible for our children, we will need **volunteers** for the following:

- substitute catechists
- cleaning and sanitizing between classes (even if you can offer 20 minutes per week)
- security

To facilitate the registration process, we will now be using an online form. Online Registration will begin on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com). We are limiting class size for each session, so please register as soon as possible if you would like a specific day and time.

Monday A Session	4:30 -- 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 -- 7:30 p.m. for <b>Levels 2-8</b>
Monday B Session	4:30 -- 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 -- 7:30 p.m. for <b>Levels 6-8</b>
Tuesday A Session	4:30 -- 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 -- 7:30 p.m. for <b>Levels 2-8</b>
Tuesday B Session	4:30 -- 5:30 p.m. or 6:30 -- 7:30 p.m. for <b>Levels 6-8</b>
Saturday	9:30 -- 10:30 a.m. for Special Needs* <i>The Special Needs has a limited amount of space; please contact the office for more information</i>

For mor information and **Level 1** registration please consult [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com) or contact Mary Beth Van Bourgondien at (631) 487-2650 or [mscott@abvcentereach.com](mailto:mscott@abvcentereach.com) or Julie Mercado at (631) 588-6408 or [jmercado@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:jmercado@abvmcentereach.com)