



ASSUMPTION

of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



December 6, 2020

We celebrate EUCHARIST

Saturdays: 5:30 PM

Sundays: 7:30, 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)

Office hours, Monday to Friday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.

Food pantry available. Will also try to help with referrals and advocacy. Call 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, December 6th

7:30 a.m. — Ann Cirone (Marando & Cirone Families)
 9:30 a.m. — Ana Quimbaya (Her Children)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, December 7th

9:00 a.m. — Charles Salvietti (Family)

Tuesday, December 8th

7:30 a.m. — Mario & Madeline Gallo
 12:00 p.m. — Abelardo Angeles (Family)
 7:00 p.m. — People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 9th

9:00 a.m. — Anna Joseph Alenchery (Ed Uy & Family)

Thursday, December 10th

9:00 a.m. — Thomas Donnelly, Jr. (Family)

Friday, December 11th

9:00 a.m. — Maria Werner (Rose Picariello)

Saturday, December 12th

5:30 p.m. — Joseph Toth (Marando & Cirone Families)

Sunday, December 13th

7:30 a.m. — Maria Christina Caccavello (Luigi & Rita)
 9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish



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| Rest in Peace |  | William McEvoy Arthur Mikoleski |
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Time, Talent & Treasure
 Fostering Stewardship
 as a Way of Life

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$8,944
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,880
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; Friday - Closed; Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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.



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 McMahan 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 have a fruitful future**

Today's readings tell us to prepare for the Lord - for whatever he wants to give us, do for us, and ask of us. He has a plan for our lives; he has a divine purpose that will bring us to our full potential as children of our loving Father and as partners with Christ the Savior of the world.

We can only fulfill our wonderful potential if we unite ourselves to Christ by joining him on the straight path, the holy path.

How do we know when we are on the right path? By the fruits of the journey. The way of holiness always produces good fruits.

Isaiah says: A voice cries out in the desert! What is barren in your life, and dry, hot, or empty? Sins dry up what would otherwise be fruitful.

Advent is a good preparation for Christmas - and meeting the Lord anew - if we use it to face our sins, reconcile with God, and follow Jesus back onto the holy path. If we neglect this opportunity, Christmas will be only a secular holiday. Our lives will be too barren to give Jesus to others, and we will feel just as empty next year as we do right now.

Prepare the way of the Lord! He has more love to give you, more healing, more joy! Make straight in the wasteland of your sins a highway for our God. Go to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and create a wider road into your heart that's easy for Jesus to travel, a through-way upon which he can arrive in great speed and glory.

All humankind is as frail as grass, and all our glory is like the flower of the field that withers and wilts. Only the glory of God stands forever.

What are your troubles and struggles this Advent? Here is where Jesus wants to minister to you, and here is where you are most vulnerable to sin.

What in your life is going well? What activities are you doing that seem good and productive? Are any of them grassy glories that can wither away in a drought? A hundred years from now, will what you're doing today still have an impact - a beneficial impact?

God has given you talents and a vocation - a calling, a special purpose - that requires those talents. Yes, you! We are all called to have fruitful lives that make an eternal difference. We are all called to be like Mary giving birth to Jesus so that the world becomes a better place. Jesus wants to come straight to us to produce the fruits of his eternal kingdom in our lives and in others.

Are you wasting time? If so, take this to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and prepare yourself for the way of the Lord. He wants to make an eternal difference through you!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What are you going to do this week to straighten a crooked path? What are you spending time on that is only going to wither up and wilt away?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

What good do you see in each other that will make an eternal difference? How does thinking about eternity straighten the path that you're walking on today? What changes because of this perspective?



Outreach Needs for Christmas

Gift Cards for Christmas:

With Christmas just around the corner, we're getting ready to prepare Christmas baskets for our Outreach clients. Gift cards to local stores such as **Walmart and Target** are very helpful in providing those in need with the ability to purchase gifts for their children. In addition, the cards can also be used to provide a great Christmas dinner for our clients by allowing them the dignity to choose their favorite holiday foods. If you choose to donate gift cards, either place them in the collection basket or deliver them to the Parish Office.



Christmas is coming soon, and the celebration is going to be different than any other year. Still, we are preparing ourselves to do it safely and healthily, taking into account the state and county mandates. We will have all the masses usually have on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Christmas Eve at 3:30 PM, 5:30 PM, and Midnight. Christmas day 9:30 and 11:30 AM. For this year, we are adding a 3:30 Mass in the Parish Center on Christmas Eve and an 11:30 AM mass on Christmas Day. Because we are allowed only about 50% of our capacity, all the Masses in the Church building will have a Reservation System online and by telephone. Please look for details in the bulletin in the coming weeks. I like to ask everyone's cooperation in this matter for a safe and healthy celebration of the birth of Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as a parish family. Two masses, 3:30 PM and 9:30 AM masses will be live-streamed, and all the other times, we will re-broadcast the mass.



Faith Formation Giving Tree

is up in the Lobby and is ready for you to pick an ornament to help a child living at the Lake House Shelter this Christmas. Gifts should be returned to the **Office by 12/18.**

Please attach the description tag to the gift.





To live with hope takes courage and endurance. The Scriptures have been written to encourage us so that we live with hope. In this week we will look at why it takes courage to be filled of hope and how to find that encouragement in Scripture. The Scriptures are filled with people who hoped in the Lord and saw that hope fulfilled

Hope requires courage.

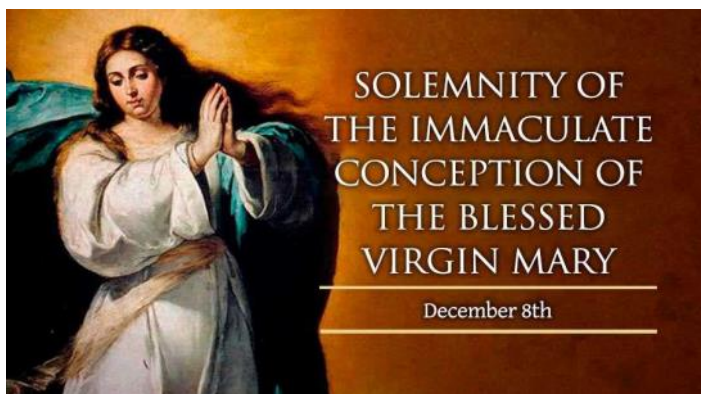
Find encouragement in God’s word.



Important information via E-Mail

We are in the process of updating our contact list with updated email addresses. During this time of uncertainty, email is the best way to keep in touch with everyone as a parish family. So I like to ask everyone to update their email address so important information could be sent out. You will get one email a week unless we have something essential to convey. Since Christmas is coming, we want to update you with the schedule and other things.

Please use rectory@abvmcentereach.com to update or go to our parish website www.abvmcentereach.com and fill the form called “Get in touch with us” located right under the main banner to update your email addresses.



Masses: **7:30 AM**
12:00 Noon
7:00 PM

Drug Crisis Assistance

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS? CATHOLIC CHARITIES / Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. For more information, please call: 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Sliding scale fees, Medicaid, Medicare, and other third-party insurance accepted.



Parish Social Ministry (Outreach) Program

The Outreach Food Pantry is available for individuals and families that are struggling to stretch their food budget. We can also refer those needing assistance to any program appropriate to their needs. Appointments can be made by calling 631 585-8760 x2. The Outreach Office is open Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 12 PM.



Pantry Needs: Ketchup, Mustard Mayonnaise, Dishwashing Detergent, Laundry Detergent, Household Cleaner, Deodorant, Liquid Hand Soap, Kleenex and Paper Towels.



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 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!



Through the Catholic Ministries Appeal, we can provide pastoral care to those in need on Long Island. This year our parish goal is \$56,200 and \$50,807.00 is pledged. We are short of \$5,393.00 of our goal. 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.

If you have not already contributed, please prayerfully consider joining with me as One Faith, Family and Community, and make a gift to the 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please remember no gift is too small, and all gifts make a difference in someone's life!

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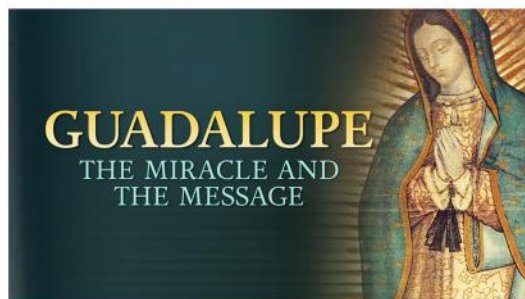
PICK OF THE WEEK

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WATCH

GUADALUPE: THE MIRACLE AND THE MESSAGE

As we celebrate the patroness of the Americas this week, enjoy this film narrated by Jim Caviezal that walks us through our Mother's miraculous appearance to Juan Diego—an encounter that has converted millions.



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**. 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**.

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