



# 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.*

## September 24, 2017

### **We celebrate EUCHARIST**

Saturdays: 8:30 AM and 5:30 PM

Sundays: 8:00, 9:30, 11:30 AM

Weekdays: 7:30 and 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](mailto:flo815@optonline.net).

### **Catholic War Veterans**

Second Saturday of the month: Sept - June at 10:00 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Thomas Donnelly at [tjdon@optonline.net](mailto:tjdon@optonline.net).

### **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 Bruno Sidor at [bjsidor01@optonline.net](mailto:bjsidor01@optonline.net).

### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Saturdays following the 8:30 AM Mass.

Rev. Chris Aridas, Pastor

Msgr. Joseph K. Curley, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Joseph Alenchery

Deacon Michael Montelione

### **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 Lisette Robustelli for details at 631-588-6408. Office hours during school sessions: Mon., Tues., Wed. 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM; Saturday 9:00 AM - Noon. Office is closed Thursday, Friday & Sunday. 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 Anthony Ptak at 631-219-1503 or [leaders@bsa356.com](mailto:leaders@bsa356.com) or visit [www.bsa356.com](http://www.bsa356.com) for more details.

### **Youth Ministry**

- High School Ministry (AYM), Wednesdays: 7:30 - 9:00 PM in parish center. All teens, grades 9 - 12, are invited.
- Middle School Ministry (MSM), Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:45 PM in parish center. All 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited.

For further information, contact Renata 631-585-8760 or email [rptak@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rptak@abvmcentereach.com).

Rectory: M - F 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Phone: 631-585-8760; Fax: 631-585-3601

Religious Education: 631-588-6408

Youth Ministry (AYM): 631-588-7434

## ***From the Pastor's Desk***

### **Renovation Campaign Update**

This past week all registered parishioners received information regarding our current Parish Renovation Campaign — “Caring for God’s Household.” Our goal of \$800,000 is ambitious but within reach if everyone who takes advantage of our parish facilities makes a pledge. Currently we have received \$610,000 in pledges which will be remitted over a two-to three-year period. Thus far we have collected \$268,000 (about 40%) of the amount pledged. It’s a great start but we still have a ways to go.

As you can see, some of the projects have already been completed: we have installed a giant drop down screen in the church basement to use with our Confirmation program; we have replaced the church roof which was in desperate need of repair; we have stripped, refurbished, and repainted all the outside window frames. In addition, as you can see from the one light fixture already installed, we will be replace the interior lights of the church brightening up the space and making it easier to read the missalettes and songbooks!

There is much that remains to be done: replacing the flooring in the church (this may involve an asbestos abatement process); refurbishing the pews; upgrading our church AV system so the sound is clearer and evenly distributed; replacing the parking lot (it’s beyond temporary fixes and resurfacing), and installing additional lighting for safety.

All of this involves a substantial outlay of funds. For example, replacing the parking lot and installing lighting will cost around \$300,000! This is why a capital campaign was started, giving families the opportunity to pledge a sacrificial gift **over a period of time**, This is the only way we will be able to reach our goal and accomplish these necessary repairs.

My hope is that this second phase of the campaign will bring us beyond our goal. We then will be able to move forward with the interior refurbishment of the church sometime this summer. The final part of the campaign — after we’ve collected all the pledges — will give us the necessary cash on hand to accomplish the parking lot project. Please respond generously so our parish facility can remain safe, beautiful, and inviting to all who come and worship the Lord.

### **Respect Life Sunday Is October 1<sup>st</sup>. Witness to the Sanctity of Life!**

We invite all who sincerely and peaceably want to change minds to join in a silent, prayerful vigil in an effort to spread the Culture of Life ethic. Signs will be provided. Be part of over 1,800 similar events taking place across the country. *If you wish to car-pool, meet at the church parking field and be ready to leave at 1:15 p.m.* For further information contact Florence at 631-588-7242.

## **On Respect Life Sunday – October 1<sup>st</sup> 2:00 to 3:30 PM**

### **Long Island's Premier Pro Life Event**

In only an hour you will help save a life!

Join us at our 20th Anniversary

**– STAND UP FOR LIFE –**

In front of the Walt Whitman Mall

at **Routes 110 & 25 in Huntington,**

in **Manorville, LIE Ex. 70S on County Rd. 111**

Family Friendly event. Rain or Shine

Signs are provided at site (no graphic signs) as we stand in peaceful witness on the public sidewalk.

For more info: Huntington call Jack O'Brien 516-724-6821

Manorville call Peter Bertran 631-289-2095

Sponsored by L.I. Coalition for Life



# Mass Intentions for the Week



## Sunday, September 24th

- 8:00 a.m. — Peter Puccio ( Puccio & Johnson Families)
- 9:30 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

## Monday, September 25th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. —

## Tuesday, September 26th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. —

## Wednesday, September 27th

- 7:30 a.m. — Delores Cammilleri
- 9:00 a.m. — Souls in Purgatory (Legion of Mary)

## Thursday, September 28th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. —

## Friday, September 29th

- 7:30 a.m. — Elliot Hayle (Mom, Dad & Brother)
- 9:00 a.m. —

## Saturday, September 30th

- 8:30 a.m. — Teofilo Hernandez (Josephine Uiloa)
- 5:30 p.m. — Delores Cammilleri

## Sunday, October 1st

- 8:00 a.m. — Alonzo Werner (Family)
- 9:30 a.m. — Helena Krzysztof Adamczyk (Family)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

## Middle School Ministry (MSM)

**Opening Night  
October 19<sup>th</sup>.  
More info to  
follow!**



## Assumption Youth Ministry (AYM)

**Opening Night —  
September 27<sup>th</sup>.  
More info to follow!**



## Faith Formation Office Hours

The office is opened Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. and on the third Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

## Golden Wedding Liturgy

This fall, couples married 50 years or more will be honored at liturgies on Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at St. Rose of Lima RCC in Massapequa and on Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, at Christ the King RCC in Com-mack. Couples may register for ONE liturgy. Registration forms and instructions are available in the rectory. Registration must be received no later than October 9<sup>th</sup> for the first liturgy and October 22<sup>nd</sup> for the second. There will be additional dates in 2019.

## Outreach Needs

Spaghetti sauce, pancake mix, syrup, boxed milk, canned soup, canned carrots

## Rest in Peace

John J. Petchonka, David Finnerty

## Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life



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

Last Week's Collection \$8,754  
(includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection \$9,821

**Thank You!**

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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Faith Formation Registration

Registration for our upcoming Faith Formation sessions has begun. You can download the form from our parish website, [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com). Mail the form to the office with your registration fee. Please note that we are asking for a \$50 minimum payment at the time of registration.

If you are registering a child for the first time, it's important that you come to the office personally to register your child. We're open Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. and on the third Saturday of the month from 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. **Registration will continue until September 30<sup>th</sup>.** Those registering for Level 1 (as well as any new registrants) must have their baptism certificate. In addition, all parents of Level 1 registrants must have attended the preliminary information meeting before registration is accepted. Call the Faith Formation Office for details—631-588-6408.

## REGISTRATION

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman



Catholic Church, Centereach  
Faith Formation Program



Register your child now

Registration ends Saturday, September 30, 2017

Registration forms can be found online at

[www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com)

or they can be picked up at the Parish Office during regular office hours

☆ **All New Registrations must be done in person** ☆

Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday

9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

3rd Saturday of the month

9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



For more information contact the Faith Formation

Office at (631) 588-6408 or email

[Lrobustelli@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:Lrobustelli@abvmcentereach.com)



## Bringing Home the Word

A lectionary-based, electronically delivered resource for individuals,

families and parish groups. Readings for Sunday and the week following are listed, as well as helpful articles, faith-filled family reflection activities, and various prayers. Offered as a resource to help our parish family grow in faith, BHTW is on our parish website [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com). Check it out and tell us what you think.

### **VIRTUS Course Scheduled**

This Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, from 7—9 p.m., our parish will host the diocesan VIRTUS course in the parish library. This course, which helps us become more vigilant in maintaining a safe environment for those who are vulnerable (especially children and the elderly), is required of all parish volunteers. It is important that you sign up beforehand which can be done online by going to the diocesan webpage — [drvc.org](http://drvc.org) — and scrolling down to the VIRTUS registration section on the right.

In addition to the VIRTUS course, the diocese also requires a background check for all volunteers. This can be done by filling out the volunteer information material provided by the rectory.

### **Eucharistic Adoration:**

#### **Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 to 2 P.M.**

Spend an hour of prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. In addition to the Office of the Blessed Sacrament and quiet time, the hour ends with Benediction—an excellent way to pray for your family, community, the world, and yourself.

### **Spaghetti Social Planned**

On Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., our parish will have a “Spaghetti Social” sponsored by our parish’s Women’s Ministry. The cost will be \$5/person; \$20/family. The meal will include a spaghetti entrée (meat, marinara, or clam sauce), steamed veggies, bread, salad, dessert, coffee/tea. This will be a great opportunity to get a home cooked spaghetti dinner while spending time with fellow parishioners. Tickets will be on sale at the rectory and after masses the weekend of October 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. Please note that tickets will not be available after October 9<sup>th</sup> or at the door thus insuring the quality of the sauce!