



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.*

July 23, 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.

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.

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 or Bruno Sidor at bjsidor01@optonline.net.

Miraculous Medal Novena

Saturdays following the 8:30 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 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 or visit 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 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are invited.

For further information, contact Renata 631-585-8760 or email rptak@abvmcentereach.com.

Rev. Chris Aridas, Pastor

Msgr. Joseph K. Curley, Pastor Emeritus

Rev. Joseph Alenchery

Deacon Michael Montelione

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 — Alpha Is Coming!

One of the most popular “learning experiences” that has emerged during this time of **New Evangelization** is the Alpha Course. Designed for anyone considering returning to the church, those who are trying to understand the Christian faith better, and any Christians who would like to brush up on the basics, the Alpha Course offers answers to many of the key questions we often ask ourselves when it comes to living the full life God intended. If you fall into any of the above, then Alpha is for you!

What is the New Evangelization?

Beginning in 1983, Pope John Paul II called the Church to a “new evangelization: new in its ardor, methods, and expression.” In his 1990 encyclical “The Mission of the Redeemer” he explained that the New Evangelization is a renewed proclamation of the Gospel, especially in those countries “where entire groups of the baptized have lost a living sense of the faith, or even no longer consider themselves members of the Church, and live a life far removed from Christ and his Gospel.” He emphasized that all Catholics are called to share in this mission: “No believer in Christ, no institution of the Church can avoid this supreme duty: to proclaim Christ to all peoples.” This emphasis on evangelization builds on the teachings of the Second Vatican Council and Pope Paul VI’s apostolic exhortation *Evangelization in the Modern World* (1975). Since then, Popes Benedict XVI and Francis have strongly reaffirmed the call to the New Evangelization. This call has also been a highlight of our new bishop, John Barres, who repeatedly speaks of the missionary aspects of our faith.

What is Alpha?

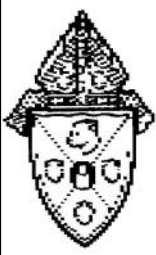
Alpha is series of ten interactive sessions designed to present the Gospel and the essentials of Christian faith in a dynamic way that reaches the hearts of men and women today. Each session includes a meal, a video talk, and small group discussion. There is also a retreat experience in the middle of the course. Alpha, the first letter of the Greek alphabet, is meant to *introduce* first-order questions of life, such as “What is the meaning of life?” Alpha is an opportunity for people to ask any question about the Christian faith or the meaning of life in a non-threatening environment. As a result, Alpha leads many participants to become Christians or to deepen their Christian faith. Over 23 million people around the world have experienced Alpha and interest continues to expand across all denominations. In our own parish, almost 200 people have experienced the Alpha Course! [To be continued.]

Catholic Ministries Appeal Goal

Because our parish is in the midst of its own campaign for major repairs on our parish facility, our diocese has reduced our parish’s Catholic Ministry Appeal goal by half, thus making our parish goal of \$28,150 within our reach. Please be as generous as you are able. You can send your pledge directly to the diocese or to the parish office.

Don't
Forget
Those
in Need

Catholic Ministries Appeal



Your gift enables the Diocese of Rockville Centre to embody the biblical tradition of our faith—loving service to those in need.

Amount	10 Payments
\$5,000	\$500
2,500	250
1,500	150
1,000	100
500	50
300	30
200	20
Other	_____

Please clip out and mail to rectory or place with Sunday offering.

Name _____ Address _____

Town _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Amount I Wish to Pledge _____

Mass Intentions for the Week



Sunday, July 23rd

- 8:00 a.m. — Paul & Anne Lunetta (Andrew Lunetta)
- 9:30 a.m. — John Mikochik (Bill & Susan Polchinski)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, July 24th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Rita Greene (Linda Natale)

Tuesday, July 25th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. —

Wednesday, July 26th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Arlene Nobel (Donna Maroney)

Thursday, July 27th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Edith Gallope (Sheila & Maureen)

Friday, July 28th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. —

Saturday, July 29th

- 8:30 a.m. — John Cardno (Marilyn & Julian Ross)
- 5:30 p.m. — Lillian Lang

Sunday, July 30th

- 8:00 a.m. — Alan Aguiar
- 9:30 a.m. — William Berchoff (McGuinness Family)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Rest in Peace

Josephine Dubowski, Marissa Drab, Jerry McGrath

Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life



Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
(Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$8,834
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$9,023

Thank You!

Middle School Ministry (MSM)

MSM has various activities planned throughout the summer, e.g., Hobbs Farm, Outdoor Movie Night, etc. Please check the parish calendar for specific dates and times.



Assumption Youth Ministry (AYM)

AYM has various activities planned throughout the summer, e.g., canoe trip, Hobbs Farm, Outdoor Movie Night, etc. Please check the parish calendar for specific dates and times.



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.

Outreach Needs

Jello, jelly, mayo, coffee, rice, canned carrots/mixed vegetables, canned spaghetti, toilet paper, paper towels

Important Workshop for Parents!

We must be aware of all that affects our children — and listen to what “is said” and what “isn’t said” to know the signs of suicide. To help keep our children safe the parish is sponsoring a SafeTALK on Monday, August 7th, from 6 to 9 pm in the church hall. This workshop prepares participants to identify persons with thoughts of suicide and connect them to suicide first aid resources. There is no fee; however, you must register no later than August 2nd by contacting the rectory or emailing Renata at Rptak@abvmcentereach.com. The workshop is limited to 30 participants and is offered by NYS Department of Health.

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 _____

Our Parish App Is Available

Daily Masses Moved to Parish Library

This week we will begin redoing the window frames on the church's exterior. As everyone can see, they are in terrible condition and need repair.

During this process all the windows will be sealed and secured to keep the church interior free from paint particles settling on the rug and pews or hanging in the air. **To facilitate this project daily masses will be held in the parish library for several weeks. We will have our regular weekend masses in the church.**

When it is all done, I know you'll be pleased at the difference the repairs will make to the outside of our church building.

Save the Date!

The Catholic War Veterans will be hosting their 2nd Annual Catholic War Veterans 5K Fun Run on Saturday, August 26th. Please support us by joining or donating at Runsignup.com/race/y/centereach/catholicwarvets5K or call Tom Donnelly at 631-588-4590.



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. Check it out and tell us what you think.

**Alpha Is Coming
September 11th
at 6:30 P.M.**



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 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