



# 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 15, 2018

### **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 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Richard Gallagher at [popparich38@aol.com](mailto:popparich38@aol.com).

### **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 Anita Wolf at [hwolf96@aol.com](mailto:hwolf96@aol.com).

### **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](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).

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 — So You Signed Up for FORMED!***

Now what? Simply put, the purpose of offering FORMED to the parish is to help us grow in knowledge of our faith. St. Peter in his first letter tells us, “Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope” (3:15). As Catholics, we have a responsibility to know about our faith, we don’t just live by blind faith. Very often learning about what the Church teaches can be overwhelming. FORMED provides a user friendly and accessible way to learn about the beautiful teachings of the Church. Learning about the faith means learning about topics such as prayer, sacraments, morality, and much more. We want to know what we believe and why we believe what we say we believe. Although this is important it does not end there. Knowing our faith is not just an academic exercise but one that leads us to prayer as well.

Imagine reading a book about prayer but never actually praying. It is counterintuitive. For example, FORMED has a short video series called “Forgiven” about confession, touching on frequently asked questions, how to prepare your children for their first confession, the biblical roots of the sacrament, in addition to other topics. Although it is important to know what the Church teaches about this sacrament of mercy, the hope is that knowledge moves to action and we use the videos to make a good confession. The faith is to be lived not just to have knowledge about. There is an ongoing temptation to treat our faith like other academic exercises or courses. We don’t *live* a life of history, or science, or math; but we do *live* the Catholic faith.

Each one of us is called to the vocation of holiness. We are a pilgrim people on a journey towards heaven. FORMED alone will not get us to heaven, but when applied in concrete ways, it can help us grow in virtue and holiness. Christ calls us to be His disciples. Without knowing what Christ asks of us we cannot be his disciples. When we think about the disciples, after they encountered the Lord, they dropped what they were doing and followed him. We are looking for an opportunity to facilitate such an encounter. We meet Christ in prayer, in Sacred Scripture, in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. FORMED is a tool that can help deepen our knowledge about all of these important avenues of encounter. Knowing about Jesus and His Church helps us to know Jesus and His Church, to deepen our relationship. What better time to begin this journey than now?

Maybe moving forward we can start study/prayer groups that use FORMED. Maybe it would be good to start small groups that use the content available where we can study and learn together. May I suggest inviting a group of friends over, watching one of the videos and then having a discussion after? This fosters relationships and community, things that are necessary for discipleship. What about coming together as a family and going over some of the content directed towards children? When it comes to using FORMED, the possibilities are only limited by our imagination.

I urge you to check it out by signing up for the website. Simply type in [abvmcentereach.formed.org](http://abvmcentereach.formed.org) on your browser. You will be asked to fill out a registration form and create a password for your email address. There is no charge. Once you have registered you’ll have access to all the material on FORMED. Check it out!

You also can install FORMED through an app. Learn more at [app.formed.org](http://app.formed.org). Our parish code is P8DGQ8.

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# Mass Intentions for the Week



## Sunday, July 15th

- 8:00 a.m. — Donald Yalonski (Ed & Diane Pozzi)
- 9:30 a.m. — Joe Favaloro
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

## Monday, July 16th

- 7:30 a.m. — Intention of Fr. Douglas Arcoleo (The Addiss Family)
- 9:00 a.m. — Deceased Members of Romeo & Wolz Families

## Tuesday, July 17th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Intention of Patrick Rosa (Grannie & Grand Dad)

## Wednesday, July 18th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Jerry McGrath

## Thursday, July 19th

- 7:30 a.m. —
- 9:00 a.m. — Charles McEntee (Joseph & Rita Leocata)

## Friday, July 20th

- 7:30 a.m. — Angelina & Frank Lisi (Family)
- 9:00 a.m. — Harold M. Russell (Family)

## Saturday, July 21st

- 8:30 a.m. — Kathleen Worrell
- 5:30 p.m. — Madeline & Otto Buchta

## Sunday, July 22nd

- 8:00 a.m. — Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)
- 9:30 a.m. — Carmine Napolitano (M/M Frank Forlenza & Jeanine Lane & Family)
- 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

## Summer Youth Ministry

During the summer we have several activities planned for our youth. These will take place on Wednesday and Thursdays. Check it out!

### For High School Teens

- Wednesdays: July 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hobbs Farm at 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, August 4<sup>th</sup>, canoe trip



### For Middle School—Grades 6—8

- Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.
- Thursday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>, Hobbs Farm at 5:00 p.m.



**For Everyone** — Family Movie Night, Thursday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in the parking lot. Bring a chair!

## Faith Formation Office Hours

Summer Office Hours (mid-May through mid-October): The office is opened Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. and on the third Saturday of the month, 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

## Mark Your Calendars

- Women's Day of Prayer, Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m.
- Spaghetti Night, Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 — 9:00 p.m.

## Outreach Needs

Pancake syrup and mix, paper towels, coffee, ketchup, mayo. No pasta, please.

## Rest in Peace

Lucyna Vetrovec, Bridget Turiano, Anthony LaGuardia

## Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship as a Way of Life



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

Last Week's Collection \$8,731 (includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection \$9,161

*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 \_\_\_\_\_

## **Register Now for Faith Formation**

**General Registration:** Registration for all families has begun and will continue through September 26<sup>th</sup>. A downloadable form is available on the parish website, [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com).

For more details about our Faith Formation program, please see our parish website or call (631) 588-6408 during regular office hours.

## **Faith Formation Needs**

For our parish to provide a faith formation program for our children, everyone's help is needed. Whether you take on the task of praying daily for the catechists and children, help out in the office, or work directly with the children, a faith formation program is the responsibility of all.

Looking toward the upcoming Fall session, we need help in the following areas:

- ◆ **Office Help** — This person stays in the office and takes care of odds and ends, e.g., getting supplies if someone needs something, working with mailings, etc. **Help is needed on Monday and Tuesday for the 4:30 p.m. and the 6:30 p.m. sessions, and on Saturday for the 9:30 a.m. session.**
- ◆ **Catechist** — Working with the children may appear daunting, but we offer a tremendous amount of support. The catechist prepares the class — outlines, notes, etc. are provided — and helps the children learn more about the Lord and the faith which we cherish. **Help is needed for the following sessions:**
  - ⇒ Monday at 4:30 p.m., Level 5
  - ⇒ Monday at 6:30 p.m., Level 5, 6, and 7
  - ⇒ Tuesday at 4:30 p.m., Level 5 and 7
  - ⇒ Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., Level 5, 6, and 7
  - ⇒ Saturday at 9:30 a.m., Level 4 and 7
  - ⇒ Sunday program: Levels 1, 2, 3, 6, and 8. The program involves participation at the Sunday mass at 9:30 a.m. followed by a shared breakfast and then our catechetical session. Training for these levels are provided by the office staff.

Note that for levels 7 and 8 the catechist's responsibility is to facilitate group discussion based on a video series which we use.

If you are able to assist, please contact Lisette at the Faith Formation office, 631-588-6408.



## **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.

## **Faith Direct**

*Faith Direct* today is a great way to offer your gifts of treasure to our parish family in a timely and convenient fashion. Those using eGiving through *Faith Direct* agree that it is an easy and convenient way to offer their weekly offering to the parish. eGiving through *Faith Direct* also helps our parish reduce our postal expenses. To participate, go online to [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) and use our parish code (NY563) or pick up an enrollment form from the parish office and mail the form to *Faith Direct*. Remember, it doesn't matter how large or small your donation might be. eGiving through *Faith Direct* is accessible to all. As always, I would not ask you to consider something which I myself do not do. I personally use *Faith Direct* for my weekly offering because it's safe and helps me remain consistent in my support of the parish.

## **Eucharistic Adoration: Friday, August 3<sup>d</sup>, 1 to 2 P.M. in Parish Library**

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.

## **Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)**

This year our parish goal is \$57,400. *Thus far we have collected \$43,906.* Your generosity provides us with an excellent opportunity to reach out to those in need by supporting the many programs run by our diocese. Please ask the Lord how you might participate. Remember, one does not have to donate a large amount; joining everyone's sacrificial gift adds up to a great resource for those in need.