



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**March 27, 2022**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**Mass Intentions  
for the week**

**Sunday, March 27th**

9:30 a.m. — Michael R. Thill (M/M G. Van Schaick)  
Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)  
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

**Monday, March 28th**

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

**Tuesday, March 29th**

9:00 a.m. — Doris Festa (Merola Family)

**Wednesday, March 30th**

9:00 a.m. — John Houghton (Pat Houghton)

**Thursday, March 31st**

9:00 a.m. — Mario Gallo

**Friday, April 1st**

9:00 a.m. — David & Kathleen Worrell

**Saturday, April 2nd**

5:30 p.m. — Pat McKenna (Catholic Daughters of the Americas)

**Sunday, April 3rd**

9:30 a.m. — People of the Parish  
Maria & Inacio de Sousa (Family)  
11:30 a.m. — James Michael Schultz (Schultz Family)  
Andrew Feeney (Schultz Family)



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

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

**Last Week's Collection \$9,795**  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$7,851**  
*Thank You!*

**We celebrate EUCHARIST**

Saturdays: 5:30 PM  
Sundays: 9:30, 11:30 AM  
Weekdays: 9:00 AM

**We celebrate PENANCE**

Saturdays: 4:00 – 5:00 PM and by appointment.

**Faith Formation Office Hours**

Regular Office Hours: Monday and Tuesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4 p.m. to 7:30 pm; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY**  
**Every Thursday 7:00PM - 8:30PM**  
**in the Parish Center**

**All 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders are Welcome**

**P.S. Mask required for everyone inside the building**

For more information please contact Renata Tutka-Ptak at 631-585-8760 ext. 105 or rptak@abvmcentereach.com

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas (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 Denise Materazo at dmfl121@yahoo.com for more details..

*Rest  
in  
Peace*



John Parente  
Felicia Anim

## ***Good News Reflection***

### ***Why we are worthy of love***

Who is worthy to receive the love and unconditional forgiveness of God? During every Mass, we pray, "Lord, I am not worthy... but say the Word and my soul shall be healed." Jesus illustrates in this Sunday's Gospel reading that we are all worthy, but not because of what we do -- rather, it's because of what Jesus did do: He died on the cross to take our sins into death so that we can rise up with him in the perpetual Easter experience of unity with God.

In the parable of the Prodigal Son, it's not what the son did that made his return home acceptable. It's not his repentance that made



him worthy of receiving his father's love. It's what the father did. He loved his child. Unconditionally. He loved him even while he was far away, even while he was straying in a sinful lifestyle.

The dad's unconditional, faithful love was his gift to the son even while the son was rejecting it.

The gift that the son gave to his dad upon his return home was an open heart to receive the love that had always been available.

During every Mass, we come to church as prodigal children. It

doesn't matter that we think we've been good Christians all week long. In some way or other, we have turned our backs on God's full, unconditional, faithful love. This is why we always start Mass acknowledging that we have sinned. Let's take this opportunity very seriously!

Next, we listen to the Word that heals our broken relationships with God. The homily should always be carefully planned to enhance this, but if it's not, Jesus is nonetheless speaking to you through his Holy Spirit; listen in your heart. Jesus, who is the Word made flesh, has already begun to respond to your presence at Mass.

In the Offertory, we offer ourselves to the Father; it's our moment of surrender: "I no longer deserve to be called your child, so do with me as you will." What God wills is for us to be restored to a fully loving, give-and-take relationship with him and his family. And thus, in the grandest moment of the Liturgy, we receive the Eucharist as a gift of unity with God and with his whole family, the Church. (Those who cannot receive the Communion of the Host and Cup are graced with a Spiritual Communion.)

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

In what ways do you feel like a prodigal child? Do you feel separated from God to any degree? What sins do you need to confess so that you can turn around and head back home? Your Father is waiting with open arms!

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

Describe a Prodigal Son type of experience. Are you waiting for a lost child or friend to return to the Church or to your love? In what way have you been the child running away from God? What made you decide to return home? How did God receive you back? What convinced you that his love is unconditional and always available?

# SERIOUSLY, YOU'RE IN MY WAY

Week Five – Seriously, You are in My Way? Scripture: Luke 15: 1-2; 25-32

There are times when God seems uncooperative; he is in our way or not doing what we want him to do. When that happens, we start grumbling and complaining as the religious leaders did with Jesus—as the Jewish people did in the desert. Grumbling and complaining take us away from the blessings of God. In this message, we will look at the older brother in the parable of the Prodigal Son. He sees the father as standing in the way of life rather than seeing all the blessings the father offered him.

When we feel that God is in our way or not cooperating, it is counterproductive to grumble and complain because we miss out on the blessing God has for us.

Identify where you think God is holding out on you and open ourselves up to his grace. We are challenged to let go of any entitlement.

**Come & join the fun**

# EASTER EGG HUNT

**Sunday April 17 | After 9:30 AM Mass | 33 Crown Acres Rd**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church**

**Free Egg Hunt • Ages 2-12 • BYOB**

*(bring your own basket)*

### Parish Social Ministry

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. If you or someone you know can use our services, please call us at 631 585-8760 x2 or by email to outreach@abvmcentereach.com. We are happy to assist people of all faiths. The Outreach Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM. **Pantry Needs: Ketchup, Mustard, Fruit Juice, Salad Dressing, Noodles, Oatmeal, Pancake Mix, Deodorant & Tea, Toothbrushes, Razors.**



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit [faithdirect.net/NY563](http://faithdirect.net/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!



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**20 Catholic Ministries Appeal**  
**22** DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."  
 - Pope Francis*

One Family in Mission - Building a Community of  
**FAITH** **HOPE** **& LOVE**

Every year through the support and commitment of individuals and organizations, we are able to serve more than 600,000 people in our Long Island community. The Catholic Ministries Appeal enables our Church to continue to form our youth and adults in the faith, promote the dignity of life, provide quality education to our young people, feed the hungry, and foster vocations to the priesthood. Our Parish goal this year is \$56,400. We have surpassed our goal last year (54,200) and got back more than \$13,000 as rebate to use it in our parish. Your generosity helps to make all of this, and so much more, possible! **Thank you for your support.**

### Catholic Ministries Appeal 2022

Diocese of Rockville Centre

One Family in Mission - Building a Community of Faith, Hope and Love

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Please make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

I/we agree to make a gift of:

\$500    \$250    \$100    \$50    \$25    Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Pledge Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Initial Payment \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reminders will be send each month for the next 10 months. Thank you very much for your generosity. Your gifts make a difference in the lives of others!



**Holy Thursday – April 14<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer

8:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lord’s Supper

**Good Friday – April 15<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer

3:00 p.m. – The Lord’s Passion and Holy Communion

8:00 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

**Easter Vigil – April 16<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer

8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil

**Easter Sunday – April 17<sup>th</sup>**

9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:00 p.m.

**Reconciliation Schedule**

Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 p.m., Parish Penance Service

Sat., April 9<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Mon., April 11<sup>th</sup> – 11:00 to 12:00 p.m.

Mon., April 11<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.

You are invited to “Coffee in the Courtyard”, on every **Sunday after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses in the Parish Center Hall**. Hang out with our fellow worshippers, spend a few minutes conversing with others, make new friends, and build a stronger community, in which we then become a stronger parish family. **All are welcome!** Join us for fellowship, wonderful conversations and of course coffee.