



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

May 8, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Sunday, May 8th

9:30 a.m. — Mother’s Day
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Monday, May 2nd

9:00 a.m. — Mother’s Day

Tuesday, May 3rd

9:00 a.m. — Mother’s Day

Wednesday, May 4th

9:00 a.m. — Mother’s Day

Thursday, May 5th

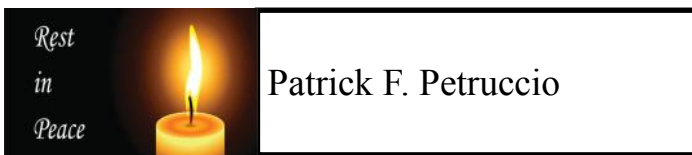
9:00 a.m. — Mother’s Day

Saturday, May 7th

5:30 p.m. — Fr. Chris Aridas (Rose Picariello)

Sunday, May 15th

9:30 a.m. — Leroy Lovell (Gochan Family)
11:30 a.m. — Rosemary O’Connor (Palma Family)
Vincent Palma (Family)




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

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
(Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week’s Collection \$9,117
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year’s Collection \$9,984
Thank You!

We celebrate EUCHARIST

Saturdays: 5:30 PM
Sundays: 9:30, 11:30 AM
Weekdays: Mon—Thurs 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 6th - 8th & 9th - 12th 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

Sacraments

For more information on Baptism, Marriage and Anointing of the Sick, please visit our parish website www.abvmcentereach.com or call the office at 631-585-8760 during regular office hours.

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..

Good News Reflection**Blind trust in Jesus**

This Sunday's Gospel reading is short and to the point: Jesus, our Good Shepherd, is the only one we follow, the only one we can trust blindly.



Others who have authority in our lives might be good shepherds, but none of them are to be followed blindly, not even the best of them. We respect the positions of bishops, parish pastors, employers, teachers, parents, etc., but all make mistakes, all sin, all have incomplete understandings of the situations for which they're responsible. We must use the Holy Spirit's gift of discernment in each case so that we don't behave like dumb sheep inadvertently cooperating with decisions that grieve our Father God.

Only Jesus can be blindly trusted. Only Jesus is perfect and knows all, understands all, and never sins. Only Jesus can successfully make the right decisions all the time and lead us through

the various situations of life without inadvertently cooperating with evil. Only Jesus can discern and implement a plan that's best for every person who's affected by the plan. Only Jesus can lead us closer and closer to heaven while guiding us through the pitfalls and dangers of the journey.

And it is only Jesus who can smile at our blunders when we stray from his plans, because he knows that we still really do love him and want to do what's right. He knows how to implement a new plan that will steer us back into safe pastures. He compassionately holds onto us so that we don't wriggle away from the Father's hand forever.

Whenever we distrust anyone -- ourselves, included -- we can safely trust that no matter what happens, Jesus is always there, steadfastly guiding us and re-guiding us after we stray. Because we really do love him and want to do what's right, he is securing our safety, redeeming our mistakes, making good come from bad when we repent of our sins, and of course always making sure that we'll get home to heaven.

To be good sheep, all we have to do is cooperate with his guidance!

Questions for Personal Reflection:

How much do you trust yourself and your discernment of truth and your ability to stay on the path to heaven? Who else is difficult to trust right now? What will you do this week to entrust these matters to Jesus?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

When is it difficult to trust Jesus? Why is it so difficult? Considering that past experiences with imperfect humans naturally causes us to distrust even Jesus, what helps you overcome this so that you can trust God more?



Week Four – New Heart

Scripture: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Through the resurrection, God gives us a new heart. He takes away the heart of stone, a heart of jealousy and anger and gives us a heart of flesh. In this message we will look at how to have a new heart.

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 25 - JULY 29 9am to 12pm

K - 6th grades

7th grade and older - Junior Counselor

Adult Volunteers needed



Veterans Benefit Assistance

A representative from the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will once again be on hand to assist veterans with submitting disability claims as well as benefits for widows/widowers of deceased veterans. Veterans should bring their DD214 and any service documents they may have.

Where: Middle Country Library-Selden and Centreach Library. When: First Wednesday of every month in Selden and the third Wednesday of every month in Centreach, from 9:30am to 1:30pm.

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.

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: Canned Chicken, Peanut Butter, Noodles, Fruit Juice, Cooking Oil, Dishwashing Liquid, Canned Carrots, Kleenex, Rice-A-Roni.**



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters is sponsoring a trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. on November 10, 2022 to see their production of the story of King David. The one day trip, offered at a price of \$200 per person includes, the trip, tip for driver, lunch and the play. Hampton Jitney will be picking us up at the parking lot of Assumption Church.

Please contact Rose Picariello at 631-676-2855 (H), 631-278-0073 or email: rpicariello7@yahoo.com. **\$100 deposit needed no later than May 25, 2022** to secure our reservations. All final details will be given at a later date.



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 Catholic Ministries Appeal enables our Church on Long island 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

Donor Name: _____
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 Parish _____
 Email _____



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!

Sunday, May 08, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

Be a goodness trafficker

Many of us are proud to be good at what we do whether it is a trade, craft, profession, or pastoral role. Yet few of us claim to be experts at our special task. Sister of Charity Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich of New Jersey is called a "genius of the soul" for her instructions on the mystical life collected after her death in 1927 under the title *Greater Perfection*. In a key closing lesson, she writes: "Union with God, then, is the spiritual height God calls everyone to achieve—anyone . . . who specializes in the traffic of eternal good, who says 'yes' constantly to God." On this Mother's Day, pray that every mother may become, and also nurture, "soul geniuses" and traffic in eternal good.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:14, 43-52; Revelation 7:9, 14b-17; John 10:27-30 (51). *"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."*

Monday, May 09, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

Flying in formation

Did you think that Catholic cardinals came to be so called because their red robes were reminiscent of the birds with the same name? Nope—it's actually the other way around. Cardinals—that is, the senior members of the clergy—wear red because it symbolizes their willingness to sacrifice for their faith. The birds came to be called cardinals because they reminded people of the red-clad men who make up the church's College of Cardinals. The word *cardinal* comes from the Latin word for "hinge"—upon which a gate or door opens. Pray for these leaders and their flocks to open their eyes, ears, and hearts as we find our way together into the future church.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10 (279). *"The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice."*

Tuesday, May 10, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JOHN OF ÁVILA, PRIEST, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

Thank you, God

German Catholic mystic Meister Eckhart gets credit for these eloquent words: "If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is 'Thank you,' it will be enough." More than a century later, another Catholic mystic would offer a slightly different view. Spanish priest Saint John of Ávila, recognized as a doctor of the church, wrote: "A single 'Blessed be God' in adversity is worth more than a thousand acts of thanksgiving in prosperity." But in the end, you can't go wrong following King David's direction in Psalm 34 to "Bless the Lord at all times"—even when it seems impossible.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 (280). *"He rejoiced and encouraged them all to remain faithful to the Lord in firmness of heart."*

Wednesday, May 11, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

Cultivate a missionary's heart

Today we celebrate the feast of Servant of God Matteo Ricci, a Jesuit missionary to China during the 16th and 17th centuries. He was known for his multitudinous academic ventures for the benefit of his constituents and for his openness to (and adoption of) the local culture. He is famous for creating a Chinese map of the

known world, for his consultations with Chinese royalty on matters of astronomy and science, and for his assistance in translating important works from Latin to Chinese—and vice versa. Let your own gifts overflow in a life of witness.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50 (281). *"So may your way be known upon earth; among all nations, your salvation."*

Thursday, May 12, 2022

MEMORIAL OF NEREUS AND ACHILLEUS, MARTYRS; PANCRAS, MARTYR

Pray for the courage of conviction

Today we honor three martyrs, Saints Nereus, Achilleus, and Pancras. Attitudes toward martyrs can run hot and cold. "Ugh, they just want to be a martyr," we say about the self-aggrandizing who put their sacrifices on display. In one of his sermons, Saint Augustine chided false martyrs, those who flaunted punishments they received for promoting schismatic beliefs. But when we see the real deal, a person whose heart is so big that "sacrifice" feels less like pain and more like love, we applaud their martyrdom. Open our hearts, O God, so that we can sacrifice like that.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 (282). *"Whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."*

Friday, May 13, 2022

MEMORIAL OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Let a new era of peace begin

In 1917 during a time of great turmoil in Europe, three Portuguese children reported seeing an apparition of Mary in which, it was later revealed, the Blessed Mother called for people to imitate her faithfulness to Christ as a way to achieve peace. According to Carmelite Sister Lúcia dos Santos, one of the children of Fatima, Mary also promised that the consecration of Russia by the world's bishops would lead to an era of peace. Amid the devastation of Russia's 2022 invasion of Ukraine, the Catholic bishops of Ukraine requested Pope Francis to consecrate Ukraine and Russia to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, which he did on March 25, asking all the world's bishops to join him from their own dioceses. May we continue to follow Mary's example of discipleship as a way of achieving peace at home and abroad.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 (283/563A). *"Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it."*

Saturday, May 14, 2022

FEAST OF MATTHIAS, APOSTLE

The making of an apostle

There are alternate ways of becoming an apostle. Number one is being called directly by Jesus, as were the 12 apostles. Then there's today's saint, Matthias, who was chosen by drawing lots. Saint Paul was a self-proclaimed apostle. Junia and her partner Andronicus are called apostles in Romans 16:7. The church also designates apostles: Patrick was the "Apostle of Ireland," Boniface the "Apostle to the Germans," and Mary Magdalene has the honor of being the "Apostle to the Apostles." The word *apostle* means *sent*, so in a sense when we are sent forth at the end of Mass, we're *all* apostles. How does that change your understanding of who you are?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17 (564). *"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time



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