



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

April 17, 2022



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**Sunday, April 17th**

9:30 a.m. — Easter
 11:30 a.m. — Easter
 1:00 p.m. — Easter

Monday, April 18th

9:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of the
 Romeo & Wolz Family

Tuesday, April 19th

9:00 a.m. — Hermogenes Concepcion (Juan & Tanya
 Concepcion)

Wednesday, April 20th

9:00 a.m. — Ron DellaCroce (Barbara)
 Alicia Cuervo (Family)

Thursday, April 21st

9:00 a.m. — Leonides Canta (Ed Uy & Family)
 Gloria Pedro (Lorna & Fil Castro)

Saturday, April 23rd

5:30 p.m. — Pat McKenna (Louise & Joe Ferrara)

Sunday, April 24th

9:30 a.m. — Joseph Casparo (Catholic War Veterans)
 Wayne Murphy (M/M A. Johnson & Family)
 11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish
 Jean & Phillip Cavallo (Cavallo Family)

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 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

**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..

for we walk by faith, not by sight.

2Cor. 5:7

**Time, Talent & Treasure**

**Fostering Stewardship
 as a Way of Life**

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 (Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$12,632
 (includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$9,555
Thank You!

*Rest
 in
 Peace*



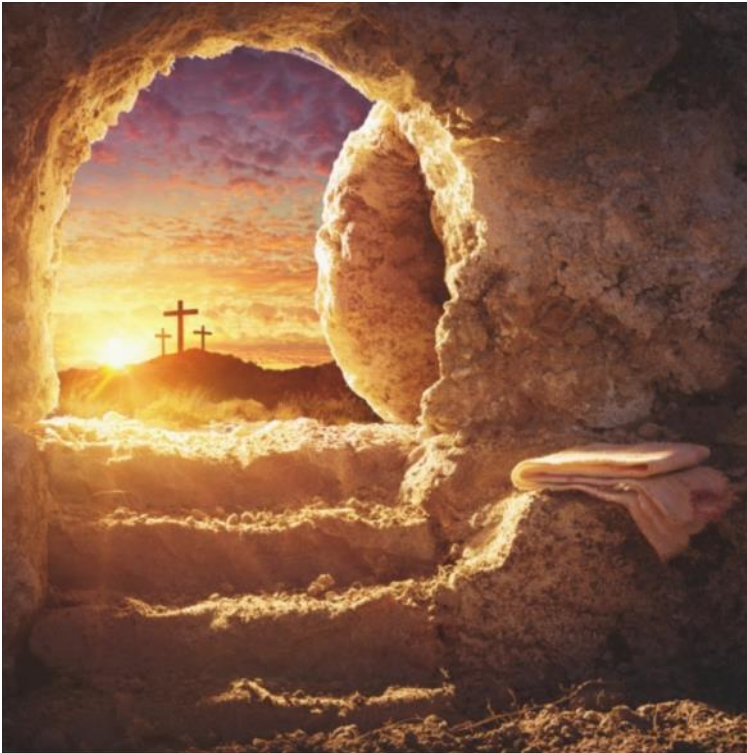
Joan Marie Ellsworth
 Christopher L. Ruiz
 James E. Murphy Jr.

Good News Reflection

Christ's victory for your crosses

Alleluia! Celebrate the healing and increased faith that comes from growing closer to Jesus through the faith-building exercises of Lent and the solemn meditations of Holy Week!

The doorway into heaven is the cross. Experiencing the glory of the celebration of Easter -- deep within our hearts, within our needs, within our desires -- began with accepting our sorrows and sacrifices and sufferings are our own personal connections to Jesus. And now, Easter joy comes not only from accepting what Jesus did for you on the cross but also from continuing the journey, side by side, step by step with Jesus.



When we're sincere about following Christ, if we truly want to grow in faith, we do whatever he does, united to his ministry of helping others grow in their eternal relationship with God. In this, we face the cross again and again. There is no gain in salvation without the pain of sacrificial love.

The victorious alleluia of Easter is the triumph of the cross. It's the realization that life doesn't have to be free of troubles in order to be full of joy. It's the day-to-day living out of a faith that comes from trusting that God is carrying us through the trials and bringing good out of bad.

Our cross is a soft word that we speak when someone else is angry and we feel like shouting. Our cross is a hand outstretched to comfort the afflicted when it's inconvenient and we feel like withdrawing. Our cross is a good deed that we do to those who treat us unjustly and we feel like retaliating. And our resurrection is the joy that comes from knowing that we have made a difference in the lives of others for the sake of God's kingdom.

Love that's given when it's difficult is a suffering love, a passionate love, a salvific love, i.e., it benefits the eternal lives of others. Then, our sacrifices have a value of endless worth. This is so much better than a self-serving, easy life.

It's eternally better! Easter Sunday Mass is the celebration of rising with Jesus into glorious victory over evil.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

What sacrifices are you suffering from right now? Write Jesus a love letter that connects your pain to his pain on the cross, then rest quietly with him as if you were sharing his tomb with him. When you're ready to rise from your chair, celebrate that God appreciates all you have done for his kingdom; this is your resurrection!

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

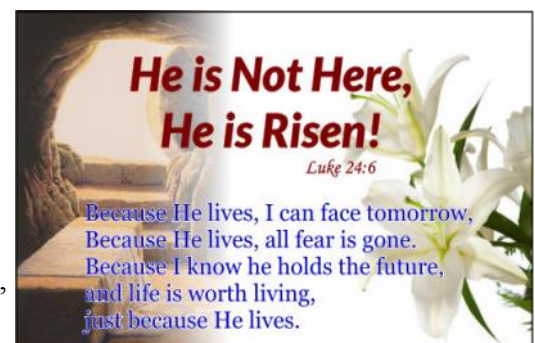
Describe the time when a bad experience turned into something good. What did you learn from it about God or faith? How do you know that you're an Easter Christian?

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Blessed Easter

The power of resurrection makes everything NEW. This weekend, we discuss this in the new message series called Brand New. For the Apostles, 2000 years ago, the resurrection event changed everything, especially their lives. They were witnesses to the new life that God had given them from that time on. 2022 is a long time after. Still, that great news, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, changes lives and gives hope and courage. As we celebrate this Easter, let us allow our lives to be changed and let the Risen Lord make everything new for us. Have a blessed Easter.

Fr. Joe



BRAND:

New

The Power of Resurrection make everything NEW.

Week One – Introduction – Easter Sunday

Scripture: Acts 10

We love the brand new – new clothes, new gear, the new car smell. Two-thousand years ago Jesus rose from the dead and that means there is the power for each of us to be made brand new. To be made new we must believe in that power and open up ourselves to receive it. The resurrection changes everything and has the potential to change everyone

SMALL GROUPS

Small Groups is where our large church gets small. Groups are 6-10 people who meet to discuss faith, go deeper in the weekly message, and support one another in their relationship with Christ. This is the place to care for others and be cared for; a place to impact our community and the world. Assumption small groups are open to accept more people to help your faith journey. If you like to join a small group, stop by at the Welcome Desk in the lobby on Sunday or email rptak@abvmcentereach.com to sign up

STEWARDSHIP WORSHIP OFFERING

GIVING to our parish is an act of worship



*Coffee
Conversations
Community*

in the Parish Center Hall

**After
9:30 AM
&
11:30 AM
Masses**

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! COFFE IN THE COURTYARD IS CLOSED TODAY.

Will be back next Sunday

Parish Center Boiler

Nobody wants to hear about things breaking down, especially big-tag items like boilers. Unfortunately, one of our boilers in the parish center died two weeks ago. Thankfully, it failed at the end of the season (I thank God for that). After consultation with the repair people, I think it seems wiser to replace it rather than repairing it. If we spend thousands of dollars fixing it, it might run for a little while. Also, there is any guarantee that it will not break down again. Every time it breaks down it costs thousands of dollars. The fact is that the boiler is more than 40 years old. In this current situation, with shipping delays and things like that, it will take a few months to replace it. The price tag on it will be around \$60,000. I am hoping to replace it by September.

I am writing this note to let you know what is going on. Our parish Center is the hub of all the activities in our parish, especially Faith Formation classes, Youth Ministry, etc. Our parish family is very generous in its offering, especially embracing the GIVING to our parish as an act of worship. I thank God and you for your generosity, love, and care for our parish as we LOVE GOD, SERVE OTHERS, and GROW DISCIPLES.

Change in Week Day Mass Schedule

Beginning the week after Easter Sunday, we will discontinue the daily Friday Mass at 9:00 AM. When we had Fr Chris around, it was easy for me to take a day off. Since that is not the case anymore, Friday will be my off day. Funerals will be celebrated on Fridays. So, our new weekday schedule will be Monday to Thursday, Mass at 9:00 AM. Thank you very much for your understanding. If you have any questions, please let me know.

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: Conditioner, Deodorant, Household Cleaner, Mustard, Fruit Juice, Oatmeal, Tea, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cat Food.**



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"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



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.**

Sunday, Apr 17, 2022

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY)

The tree of life blossoms again

A teaching from the Law of Moses says it all: "Cursed be the one who hangs from a tree" (Deut. 21:23). The body of such a person was to be buried the same day, or the land would be defiled. Religious leaders sought a verdict of crucifixion from the Romans for precisely this reason: to quell talk that Jesus was God's chosen. It's also why Jesus' disciples rushed to gain permission to take him down from the cross that same day. Like every kingdom paradox, of course, the "cursed tree" becomes a tree of life for those who believe. Celebrate this hope today!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9 or Luke 24:1-12 (42, 41) or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35 (46). *"They put [Jesus] to death by hanging him on a tree."*

Monday, Apr 18, 2022

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

How do you solve a mystery named Mary?

There are so many women named Mary mentioned in the New Testament that we're not even certain how many there were—could be six to nine—because the same women might be identified different ways. The various Marys get mentioned 54 times in 49 verses, so it's hard to sort them all out. Not only does it reveal to readers that Mary was a popular name then, but also that Jesus had a lot of women followers who were very close to him—women who were key figures in the key moments of his life and ministry, his death, and his Resurrection. Which Mary was which might confuse us today, but their various important roles in his life are clearly deserving of honor.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 (261). *"Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went away quickly from the tomb . . . and ran to announce the news to his disciples."*

Tuesday, Apr 19, 2022

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Grant us peace

Today is the anniversary of Benedict XVI becoming pope in 2005. As a theologian, Benedict wrote extensively of faith and politics in pluralistic societies. One of his prayers pleads: "God of peace, bring your peace to our violent world: peace in the hearts of all men and women and peace among the nations of the Earth." This is a good prayer to have on hand, particularly on a day that marks the anniversary of the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 (262). *"Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?'"*

Wednesday, Apr 20, 2022

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Look up!

The disciples on the road to Emmaus were grieving Jesus but failed to recognize him when he approached them. In our daily rush to and fro, it is easy to overlook what is happening all around: the dance of creation, day in and day out. As Earth Day approaches, take a moment from the busyness to contemplate with awe the beauty great and small. Keep these words of Saint Augustine in mind about the book of God's creation: "Look above

you! Look below you! Read it. God, whom you want to discover, never wrote that book with ink. Instead, He set before your eyes the things that He had made. Can you ask for a louder voice than that?"

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 (263). *"Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him."*

Thursday, Apr 21, 2022

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Journey into the unknown

The worldwide church is now about halfway through a process with a rather unwieldy name: "Synod on Synodality." The idea is for the church at all levels to "listen and dialogue." The word *synod* means "to travel together," and this synod is refreshing, as a bottom-up approach in a church accustomed to top-down leadership. By its nature, there is no clarity about where it leads, but the process itself is the main point. Let's pray the church's Synod Prayer for Unity, that the process "lead us closer to [God's] Son and so to one another."

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48 (264). *"He stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"*

Friday, Apr 22, 2022

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Embrace the Resurrection: Plant a garden

The Easter season gives us ample time and resources to delve into the Paschal Mystery. Scripture, liturgies, and feast days all help us embrace the Resurrection as part of our own story. That's not always easy to comprehend. Fortunately, there are glimpses of Resurrection everywhere! So much of Easter is represented through nature—lilies, tulips, lambs, bunnies—indeed the whole season of spring helps us bodily embrace the Resurrection. This Easter season, consider planting a garden or fostering a kitten (April is National Garden Month as well as Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Month, and today happens to be Earth Day as well!). Embrace the Resurrection in the world all around you.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14 (265). *"Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish."*

Saturday, Apr 23, 2022

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Every day an Easter

Easter isn't just a day, it is a season, an ongoing feast. The Octave of Easter (Easter Sunday and the seven days that follow) has been, since the earliest centuries of Christian history, a time of extended celebration. The joy of Easter Sunday is prolonged for a full eight days, an octave of rejoicing. Every day of the Octave is treated as another Easter, a tradition preserved in our liturgy, with readings and rituals that mirror what occurs on Easter Sunday. Rise up! It's still Easter!

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15 (266). *"When Jesus had risen . . . he appeared first to Mary Magdalene."*

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



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