



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**April 2, 2023**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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# Mass Intentions for the week



## Sunday, April 2

9:30 a.m. — Domenica Bellavia (Catherine LoCasto & Family  
Intentions of Debbie Carney (Quinn))  
11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

## Monday, April 3

9:00 a.m. — James Michael Schultz (Schultz Family)  
Thomas Pober (Thomas & Theresa Pober)

## Tuesday, April 4

9:00 a.m. — Joseph Angland Jr. (Angland Family)  
Rosa Loureiro (Family)

## Wednesday, April 5

9:00 a.m.—Joanne Ruf (Family)  
Mary Ross (Elizabeth Leverock)

## Thursday, April 6

8:00 p.m. — Holy Thursday– Mass of the Lord’s Supper

## Friday, April 7

3:00 p.m. — Good Friday—Passion of the Lord  
7:30 p. m.—Stations of the Cross

## Saturday, April 8

8:00 p.m.— Holy Saturday

## Sunday, April 9

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

### 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 Hall**

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

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](http://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 McMahan 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. Meetings are held on every first Tuesday of the month from September thru June.

Rest  
in  
Peace



Deceased Brothers & Sisters of our Parish

## **STEWARDSHIP** GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**  
**Last Week’s Collection \$8,986**

(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year’s Collection \$8,945**  
**Thank You!**

## ***Good News Reflection***

### ***The Passionate Love of Jesus***

The word "passion" has powerful implications. Theologically, we use it to describe the suffering love that Jesus endured for each of us when he was beaten, mocked and crucified as he willingly took onto himself the punishment and destructive forces of our sins.

The world counterfeits the word "passion" by applying it to strong feelings of romantic, even lustful, attraction.

We also use this word to refer to a strong motivation to do something that we enjoy or greatly care about, and this is why we can say that Jesus cared "passionately" about us while enduring The Passion.

The strong love that Jesus exhibited in his ministry and on Good Friday is a lesson on what it means to have "compassion" for others. We walk with them in their sufferings; we "suffer with" them. This is passionate love in its holiest form.

Read the scriptures for Passion Sunday with an eye on how they reveal Jesus' passionate love for you.



See yourself in the passion of the people who enthusiastically welcomed Jesus as well as in those who rejected and denied him.

Consider how much compassion Jesus must have felt for you when he subjected himself to the excruciating pains of his final hours. He did this for you despite how much you've hurt him through any lack of compassion for others. Rejoice in his passionate love for you! This will empower you to repent and grow stronger in holy love for others.

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

Bring to mind the most painful way you are suffering compassionately with or for someone else. Connect this to what Jesus did. How does this help you feel more intimately involved with God's salvation plan? How does it make your life a modern Gospel?

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

1. Looking at the reading from Isaiah, what are some of the ways that good Christians sometimes beat on Jesus, pluck his beard, and spit on him?
2. How does your answer to #1 explain why Jesus emptied himself for you, as the reading from Philippians describes?
3. In what ways does the Passion of Jesus minister to us in our sufferings today?

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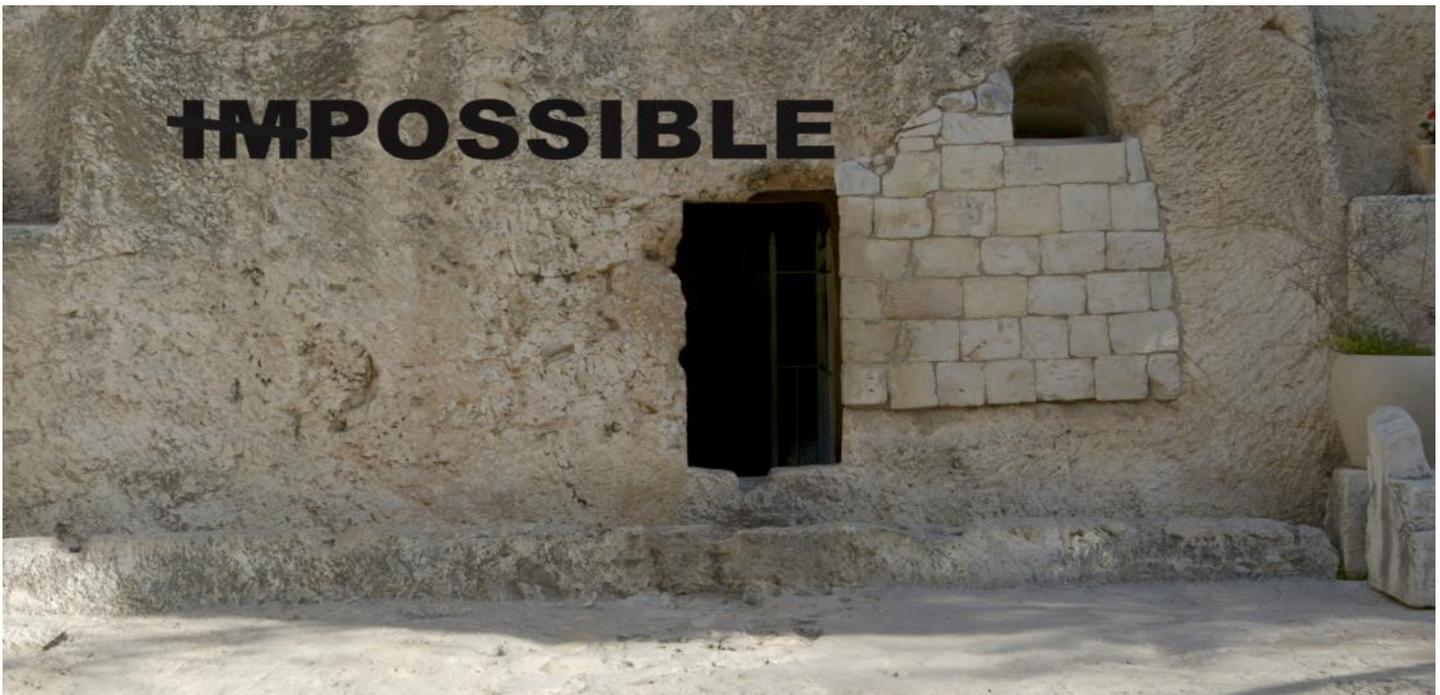
CREATIVE MINISTRIES PRESENTS

# JOURNEY

CROSS & CRUCIFIXION

A live dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross

**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 2 at 3:00 PM in the Church**



Look at the virtue of faith and belief. Our faith is based on the resurrection. With God all things are possible. Faith is a theological virtue but there are things we can do to nurture it. In this series we will look at how to nurture our faith and what we can accomplish with God when we believe in him and his power.

# Holy Week Services



## **Holy Thursday – April 6<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer

8:00 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper



## **Good Friday – April 7<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 8<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. – Morning Prayer

8:00 p.m. – Easter Vigil



## **Easter Sunday – April 9<sup>th</sup>**

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



### **Reconciliation Schedule**

Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 p.m., Parish Penance Service

Sat., April 1<sup>st</sup> – 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Mon., April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11:00 to 12:00 p.m. & 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## Parish Social Ministry

The Outreach Food Pantry is available for individuals and families that are struggling to stretch their food budget. 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](mailto:outreach@abvmcentereach.com). The Outreach Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM. **Pantry Needs: Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Household Cleaner, Shampoo, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Salad Dressing, Coffee, Fruit Juice, Hot Chocolate, Rice-a-Roni, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Dog Food, Cat Food.**



# Blessing of Easter food baskets

Holy Saturday, April 8  
after 9:00 AM Morning Prayer in the Church

## Come & join the fun

# EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday April 9 | 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)**

Donations of plastic Eggs &/or Candy are very much appreciated,  
and please drop them off at the office by April 2

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**Sunday, Apr 02, 2023****Duty calls**

Catherine de Hueck Doherty founded Friendship House to foster interracial understanding. Her spirituality was centered on the “duty of the moment,” which she described as “what you should be doing at any given time, in whatever place God has put you. . . . If you have a child, your duty of the moment may be to change a dirty diaper. So you do it. But you don’t just change that diaper, you change it to the best of your ability, with great love for both God and that child. . . . [T]he duty of the moment is the duty of God.” This Passion Week, do your duty.

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

TODAY’S READINGS: Procession: Matthew 21:1-11 (37); Mass: Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14—27:66 (38). *“My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet, not as I will, but as you will.”*

**Monday, Apr 03, 2023****Final accounting**

The seventh corporal work of mercy is to bury the dead. Everyone deserves a dignified burial, and anyone who has lost a loved one knows how many arrangements go into caring for the body of the deceased until they are interred and making sure their soul is commended to God. The process is an act of love. It can go beyond the burial too—ongoing prayer for the deceased, visiting the gravesite, and even disposing of their material things. If you’re skilled with numbers and transactions then helping to sell a person’s home and volunteering for the stressful task of settling their finances—which can take months or years—can be a special kind of charity.

**MONDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 42:1-7; John 12:1-11 (257). *“Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair.”*

**Tuesday, Apr 04, 2023****Practice extreme love**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. died this day in 1968. On the night before his assassination, King gave his famous “I Have Been to the Mountaintop” speech. [But it’s King’s words in “Letter from Birmingham Jail” that provide a lens to the Lord’s Passion](#) this week. “Though I was initially disappointed at being categorized as an extremist,” King wrote, “I gradually gained a measure of satisfaction from the label. Was not Jesus an extremist for love: ‘Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully use you, and persecute you.’” How will you acknowledge God’s extreme love this week?

**TUESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 49:1-6; John 13:21-33, 36-38 (258). *“Jesus answered him, ‘Where I am going, you cannot follow me now, though you will follow later.’”*

**Wednesday, Apr 05, 2023****Keep moving toward justice**

On this day in 1968, the Catholic mayor of Chicago, Richard J. Daley, infamously authorized his police department to use lethal force in the riots following the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. the previous day. The event would lead to a national uproar and also to the founding two weeks later of the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus, an organization that persists to the present day. The organization’s leaders would play a pivotal role in what is now known as the “Black Catholic Movement,” integrating black spirituality into

their liturgies and practice of the faith. As we remember the life and legacy of Dr. King and so many other freedom fighters, let us also make use of our faith in the holy struggle for justice and solidarity.

**WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK**

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 50:4-9a; Matthew 26:14-25 (259). *“Who disputes my right? Let him confront me. See, the Lord GOD is my help; who will prove me wrong?”*

**Thursday, Apr 06, 2023****Break bread together**

The Eucharist, instituted at the Last Supper, which we commemorate today, is called the “source and the summit of Christian life” (*Lumen Gentium* 11). The idea is that we become what we eat, that we take on the characteristics of Jesus by consuming his body. Because of the centrality of the Eucharist—and to uplift its unifying force—the U.S. bishops have organized a [Eucharistic Revival](#) that includes a Eucharistic Congress this July, to be followed by a “year of mission.” As these sacred days unfold, allow the Eucharist to unite you to Christ and your sisters and brothers.

**THURSDAY OF HOLY WEEK (HOLY THURSDAY); EVENING MASS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER**

TODAY’S READINGS: Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15 (39). *“If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet.”*

**Friday, Apr 07, 2023****Words count**

“It is finished” is among the final phrases of Jesus found in the four gospels, collectively known as the “Seven Last Words.” The others are “Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.” “Truly, I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.” “Woman, behold your son. [Beloved disciple], behold your mother.” “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” “I thirst.” “Father, into your hands I commend your Spirit.” Taken together these words tell us everything about who Jesus was, why he lived and died, and what he calls his disciples to do. “Who will we be if we listen to the lessons of the Last Words of Jesus?” Alice Camille asks and answers in her brilliant little book *Seven Last Words*. “People of love and joy, ready to forgive, buoyed by hope.” May we be such people.

**FRIDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION (GOOD FRIDAY); DAY OF ABSTINENCE**

TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 52:13—53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1—19:42 (40). *“When Jesus had taken the wine, he said, ‘It is finished.’ And bowing his head, he handed over the spirit.”*

**Saturday, Apr 08, 2023****Silent emptiness**

Christ has died. The church is empty. The altar is bare. The tabernacle is vacant. The Real Presence feels like the Real Absence. Following an ancient tradition, the church does not celebrate the sacraments on this day. For that reason, Holy Saturday is a great time to visit your church and meditate on the emptiness and silence of the building. Our experience of God often seems empty and silent, with no outward sign of the divine help we always need. All we have is our faith, hope, and trust in God’s abiding attendance in our lives.

**HOLY SATURDAY**

TODAY’S READINGS: Vigil: Genesis 1:1—2:2; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 14:15—15:1; Exodus 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10 (41). *“His appearance was like lightning and his clothing was white as snow.”*

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



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