



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

April 20, 2025



HE IS RISEN

Happy Easter

20 Chestnut Street, Centereach, NY 11720 631-585-8760 www.abvmcentereach.com

Rev. Joseph Alenchery, Pastor

Deacon Michael Montelione

Rectory Office: M - F 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

Phone: 631-585-8760;

Fax: 1-866-214-3365

Faith Formation: 631-588-6408

**Sunday, April 20**

9:30 a.m.— Easter Sunday

11:30 a.m.— Easter Sunday

1:00 p.m.—Easter Sunday

Monday, April 21

9:00 a.m.— People of the Parish

Tuesday, April 22

9:00 a.m.— Bronislaw Tutka

Wednesday, April 23

9:00 a.m.— Intentions of Fr. Joseph Alenchery

Antonio & Josephine Arcabascio & Family
(Galletta Family)**Thursday, April 24**

9:00 a.m.—

Saturday, April 26

5:30 a.m. — Mary Anne Borsari (Colleen Track)

Sunday, April 27

9:30 a.m.— Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Gochan Family)

Alicia Cuervo (Family)

11:30 a.m.— Frank Manna (Rosary Altar Society_

Patricia Pacula-Meyers (Eileen Dorrian)

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.

RECTORY OFFICE HOURS**Monday to Friday****9:00 AM to 2:00 PM****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 631-585-3938.

Catholic War VeteransSecond 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
PeaceDeceased Brothers &
Sisters of our Parish*He is Risen!*

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

JOHN 11:25-26

STEWARDSHIP
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**

Last Week's Collection: \$12,268

(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection: \$9,899

Thank You!

April 20, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

The Resurrection of the Lord

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 | Col 3:1-4 | Jn 20:1-9

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

After years (and, for many of us, decades) of celebrating Easter, we may not be sensitive to the sheer peculiarity of the Resurrection accounts. But a close reading of today's Gospel prompts us to ask: If most of us were dreaming up the greatest event in history, wouldn't we have made it more exciting? A little fanfare would have gotten the message out to the world and nipped future skepticism in the bud. Yet this is not what God did. The account of Jesus' resurrection has no fanfare; in fact, it is not an account of a resurrection at all. It is a story of an empty tomb discovered by a woman from whom Jesus had cast out seven demons (cf. Lk 8:2), and two fishermen. Awestruck by the simplicity of these circumstances, we are inspired to adore the profound humility of God who invites – but never forces – us to respond to him in faith.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Although we cannot know exactly why God chose to arrange the events this way, today's second reading offers a hint: "For you have died," writes St. Paul, "and your life is hidden with Christ in God." This world which we consider home, and everything that comes to mind when we say "my life" – these are only shadows of the life that is found in Christ alone. Like the disciples in the Gospel, we are meant to gaze past the outward appearances of our mundane and sometimes pain-filled lives and, with the eyes of faith, place our hope in the true *life* that comes from God. But how often we forget! How often we live as if this world were all there was, without hope for eternal life! We are not alone in forgetting God's promises; Mary Magdalene and the disciples do not seem to expect Jesus' resurrection – even though he had repeatedly predicted it. At the tomb, they sought a dead body; but Jesus wished to offer them *his life*. We, likewise, must desire and seek his life by laying aside everything that does not lead us to him.

REJOICE

Alleluia! Christ is risen! Although we don't place our hope in this life, marking the Church's feasts in our homes and families can inspire us to seek "what is above" by giving us a foretaste of the joys of heaven. Today through next Sunday, as we celebrate the "Easter Octave," every day is Easter Day! Use simple reminders – decorations, an extra treat, an additional time of prayer – to rejoice each day of the Octave.





Jesus Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen, and so are we. Happy Easter to all of you. The Easter message was true yesterday, it is true today, and it will be true tomorrow. That's what I believe, and that's what the Church proclaims.

The Easter message of life is found in the midst of death, not apart from it. The Easter message of hope arises from the center of our sorrows and losses, not apart from them. The Easter message of new possibilities is at the heart of our everyday lives, not separate from them. Jesus died, but He is not dead; He is alive and with us.

These are the truths of this day. They do not change the circumstances of our lives, but they change us in the midst of those circumstances. They do not eliminate our difficulties and problems; instead, they help us to navigate through them. They do not turn back time; they take us to the first day of the week, at early dawn. Happy Easter! He is alive! Alleluia! - Fr Joe

Small Groups

Small Groups are where our large church gets small. Groups are 6-10 people who meet usually once a week for 90 minutes 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; Assumption small groups are open to accept more people anytime during the year to

help your faith journey. If you would like to join a small group, you can sign up today for the Lenten Small groups begins on the first week of Lent by stopping by the Welcome Desk or email the Office at rectory@abvmcentereach.com.



*Coffee
in the
Courtyard*

in the Parish Center Hall

*Coffee
Conversations
Community*

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

Come & join the fun

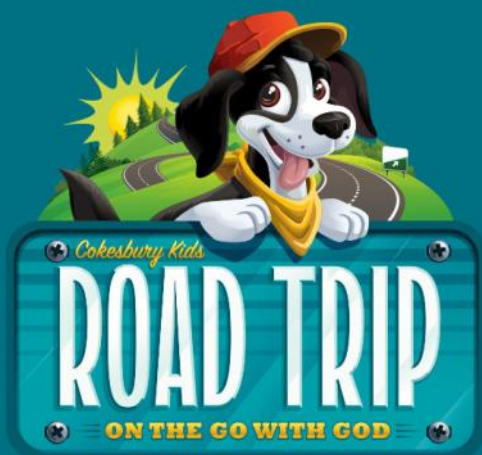
EASTER EGG HUNT

Sunday April 20 | 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 14



Save the Date

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 21 to July 25, 2025

9:00am to 12:30pm

REGISTRATION BEGINS ON MAY 1ST

SPROUTS

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Ministry for ages

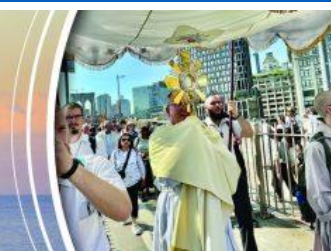
FOUR to SECOND Grade on

Sundays during 9:30 AM Mass

2025

Catholic Ministries Appeal
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*Renewed by the Eucharist
Sent on Mission*



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL Every year through the support and commitment of our parishes, we can serve more than 600,000 people in our Long Island community. Assumption Parish family has been very generous with our participation in the Catholic Ministries appeal over the years. This year 2025, our goal is once again \$56,600. You can pledge and pay it off for the next 10 months. Thank you for your generosity and love for others. Let us live our mission, Love God, Serve Others, Grow Disciples. - Fr Joe

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. The Outreach Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 10AM to 1PM.



PANTRY NEEDS: Paper Towels, Kleenex, Razors, Liquid Hand Soap, Deodorant, Dishwashing Liquid, Cooking Oil, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Shelf Stable Milk, Fruit Juice, Coffee, Tea, Syrup, Canned Fruit, Baked Beans, Canned Chili, Canned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Chicken.



THE GREAT JUBILEE PRAYER

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

BEHOLD 2025



JUNE 8

PENTECOST SUNDAY

LOCATION
ST. ANTHONY'S HIGH SCHOOL
SOUTH HUNTINGTON, NY

WWW.DRVC.ORG/CONGRESS




FAITH DIRECT®
inspiring secure giving®

Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit faithdirect.net/NY563 or scan the QR Code on your right. Please use the parish code (NY563). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!



Easter Musial 2025 “His Story” Presented by Faith Formation

