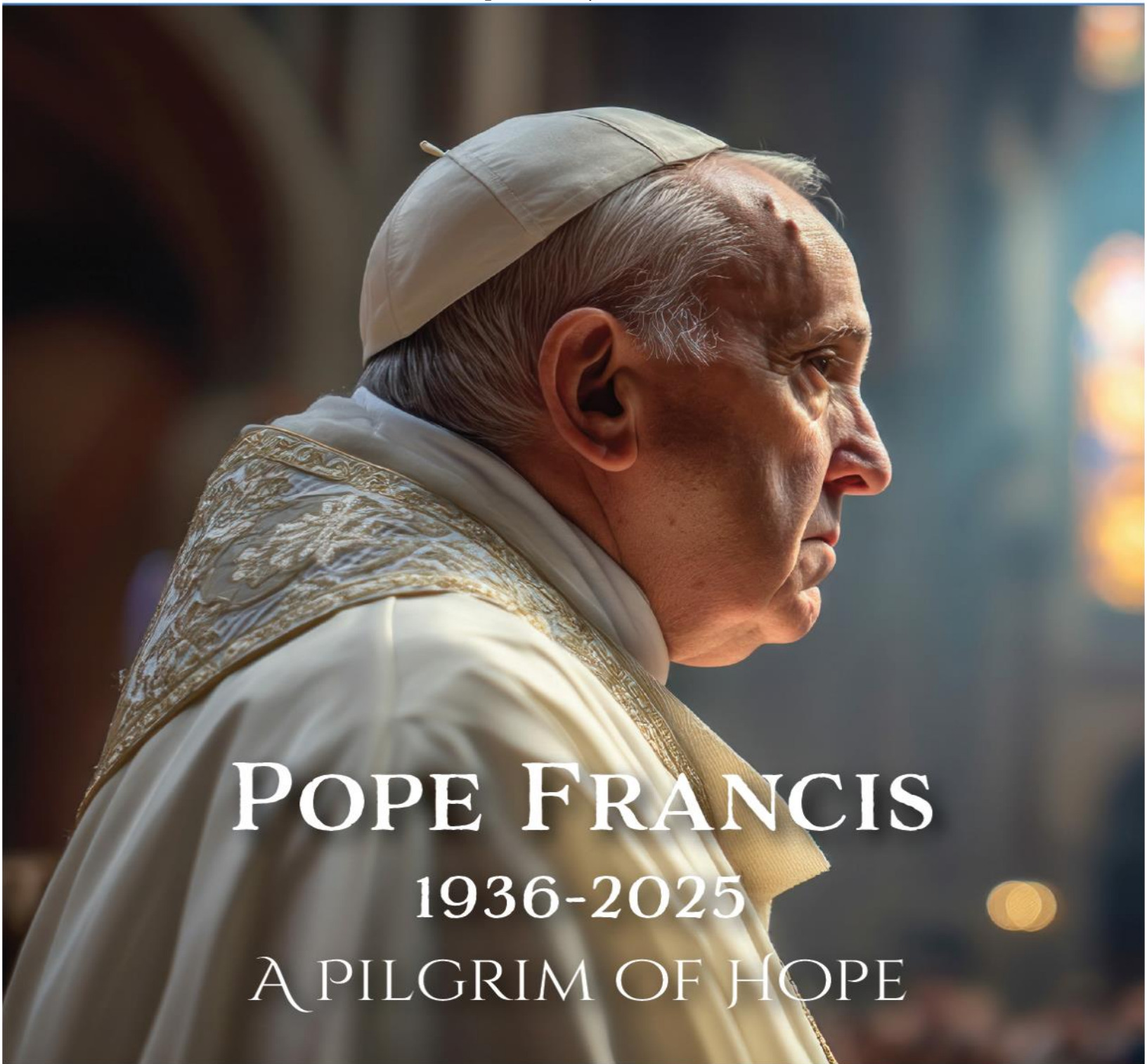




# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**April 27, 2025**



POPE FRANCIS

1936-2025

A PILGRIM OF HOPE

**20 Chestnut Street, Centereach, NY 11720 631-585-8760 [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://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



## Mass Intentions for the week



### 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 & Timothy Meyers)

### Monday, April 28

9:00 a.m.— People of the Parish

### Tuesday, April 29

9:00 a.m.— Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Gochan Family)

### Wednesday, April 30

9:00 a.m.— Paul, Grace & Galletta Family (Galletta Family)

### Thursday, May 1

9:00 a.m.— Joan Marg-Kirsten (Larry & Ginny)

### Saturday, May 3

5:30 p.m.—Rick Tavernese (Mr. & Mrs. George Van Schaick)

Catherine & John Dasch (Musselwhite Family)

### Sunday, May 4

9:30 a.m.—Antonio Valisno Sr (Aida, Tonypet & Arnold)

Dominador Samson (Aida & Scott)

Silvestre Ruivo & Alaide Goncalves (Anapaula Kalinowski)

11:30 a.m.— Cirilo Capiral (Ed Uy & Family)

People of the Parish

### We celebrate **EUCCHARIST**

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](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 McMahon at 631-585-3938.

### **Catholic War Veterans**

Second Saturday of the month: Sept - June at 10 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Vincent Zecca, [papazecca@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto:rtbhuntington@yahoo.com) or Anita Wolf at [hwolf96@aol.com](mailto: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.

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

### Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last Week's Collection: \$21,224 (Easter)

Last Year's Easter Collection \$20,073  
(includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection: \$9,470

Rest  
in  
Peace



Bertina N. McIntyre  
Vincent P. Ward  
Joseph L. Mione



Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

April 27, 2025

## Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12-16 | Rev 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 | Jn 20:19-31

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

On this Easter Octave, we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. As Jesus revealed to the Polish nun St. Faustina Kowalska, the blood and water that gushed forth from his side during his crucifixion would become a “fountain of mercy” for all of us. In today’s first reading, we witness what happens now that the Apostles have received that mercy flowing from the foot of the cross. Motivated by the mystery of Jesus’ resurrection and ascension and emboldened by the gift of the Holy Spirit, these men are now continuing his ministry of healing. Just as the ill and possessed flocked to Christ, so now those sick in body or spirit see the power of Christ working through the Apostles. The beauty of receiving God’s mercy is that it doesn’t stop once it’s been poured into us – his mercy *compels us*, inspiring us to become living fonts of mercy to those we encounter.

### GO EVANGELIZE

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

In a somewhat confusing chronology, today’s Gospel takes place in time before the events in our first reading. So we go with the disciples back to “the evening of that first day of the week.” They have been through a *lot* over the past weeks. They have watched their community turn on Jesus and give him over to be brutally killed. They have walked with him through his agonizing passion and bitter death, and they have witnessed his glorious resurrection from the dead. “Overwhelming” seems too small a word. Can you imagine the weight of their experience on a physical, emotional, and spiritual level? Now, in today’s Gospel, we see them gathered together behind locked doors, shaken from the recent events, and fearing for their own lives. Somehow, mysteriously, Jesus enters the room and says, “Peace be with you.” Three times, Jesus repeats this phrase to his disciples in this reading. Untethered by space and time and in the wake of grief and glory, the Savior of the world extends himself in an intimate encounter, radically present to those who love him.

### REFLECT

Throughout today’s Scriptures, we see the Lord’s relentless pursuit of the human heart. We see a God who loves us so passionately that he pours himself into us, inviting us to partake in his mission by the outpouring of his mercy and the power of his Holy Spirit. Today, pause to reflect on the mercy of God. In what areas of your life can you see God’s mercy at work? How can you be an instrument of his mercy for others?

“  
His mercy  
endures  
forever.  
”

(Ps 118:1)



# Bishop Barres' Statement on the Death of Pope Francis

April 21, 2025

As we mourn the death of Pope Francis on this Easter Octave Monday and the gift of his contemplative global evangelization grounded in Matthew 25 and the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, we give thanks to Father, Son and Holy Spirit for his unique graces and charisms and the compelling way during his Pontificate that he has been a Light of Jesus Christ and the mission of mercy of the Catholic Church to the world.

In *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013), Pope Francis speaks about the original freshness of the Gospel: "Jesus can also break through the dull categories with which we would enclose him and he constantly amazes us by his divine creativity. Whenever we make the effort to return to the source and to recover the original freshness of the Gospel, new avenues arise, new paths of creativity open up, with different forms of expression, more eloquent signs and words with new meaning for today's world. Every form of authentic evangelization is always 'new.'" (11)

Pope Francis' commitment to the freshness of the Gospel and his desire to forge new paths of mission creativity were expressed in his encyclicals *Lumen Fidei* (2013), *Laudato si'* (2015), *Fratelli Tutti* (2020), and *Dilexit Nos* (2024), along with his apostolic exhortations *Evangelii Gaudium* (2013), *Amoris Laetitia* (2016) and *Gaudete et Exsultate* (2018), *Christus Vivit* (2019), *Querida Amazonia* (2020), *Laudate Deum* (2023), and *C'est la confiance* (2023).

This section of *Evangelii Gaudium* captures, I believe, Pope Francis' passionate love for the Church and the world and it will continue to inspire us as the Holy Spirit leads us further into the 21<sup>st</sup> century: "How I long to find the right words to stir up enthusiasm for a new chapter of evangelization full of fervor, joy, generosity, courage, boundless love and attraction! Yet I realize that no words of encouragement will be enough unless the fire of the Holy Spirit burns in our hearts. A spirit-filled evangelization is one guided by the Holy Spirit, for he is the soul of the Church called to proclaim the Gospel...I once more invoke the Holy Spirit. I implore him to come and renew the Church, to stir and impel her to go forth boldly to evangelize all peoples." (261)

Today, we pray for the soul of Pope Francis, we pray for the College of Cardinals which will elect his successor, and we pray for his successor who will be elevated to the Chair of Saint Peter.

As we pray for the soul of our Holy Father Pope Francis on this Easter Octave Monday, we remember his words on our Lord's Resurrection.

In *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis writes: "Christ's resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated the world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force...Each day in our world beauty is born anew, it rises transformed through the storms of history...Such is the power of the resurrection, and all who evangelize are instruments of that power." (276)

May the Word of God be a Light and a Lamp for our steps and may the Holy Spirit lead and guide us!

+ *John O. Barres*  
Bishop of Rockville Centre







**Save the Date**  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
 JULY 21 to July 25, 2025  
 9:00am to 12:30pm  
 REGISTRATION BEGINS ON MAY 1<sup>ST</sup>

### Assumption Prayer Team

We pray for every request in the prayer Petition Books, from Adoremus and those given to us in person. Prayer Petition Books are in the back of the church. When others pray for you, it can be very powerful and effective. *“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16*



**PRAYER TEAM**

**SPROUTS**  
 Children's Liturgy of the Word

Children's Ministry for ages  
 FOUR to SECOND Grade on  
 Sundays during 9:30 AM Mass

At the beginning of the Mass, children will be sent forth with catechists and assistants downstairs to the church basement to reflect and share the scriptures read at the Mass. A presentation is given, and then the children share in their small groups. This is an excellent opportunity for our youngest to engage during the Mass at their own level. We are ready to hear and be part of the stories of our parish's youngest disciples and invite them to the most incredible adventure of their lives, reminding them weekly, year after year, that our Father is madly after their hearts. For more information contact the Faith Formation Office.

### 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 by stopping by the Welcome Desk or email the Office at [rectory@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:rectory@abvmcentereach.com). Nick Gigante 516-659-4010, Dan Callahan 631-681-2559 Andres & Sandra (Spanish) 631-704-4606



*Coffee*  
*in the*  
**Courtyard**

**in the Parish Center Hall**

*Coffee*  
*Conversations*  
*Community*

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

# PARISH OFFICES MOVING TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PARISH CENTER

Offices will be open on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup>  
through the North Side Parish Center Door  
until the repairs are done in the current offices.

## ***Remember... Water... Water...Water everywhere!***



On October 22<sup>nd</sup> 2024, in the parish center, one of the valves in the toilet closer to the offices on the second floor, burst, and you can imagine the mess and chaos that ensued. Water came out of it like a fire hydrant, flowing down to the offices, one of the classrooms, and then downstairs to the Library....

It's already seven months and I am glad to report that finally we see some light at the end. After I promised that I will update you about the progress, here it is:

The repair work is to begin on May 9<sup>th</sup> after the faith formation classes

are over early that week. First, the current offices are moving to the North end of our Parish Center until the repair is done. Offices will be open on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> through the North Side Parish Center Entrance.

First part of the repair is to remove all the carpets in the current office and do the asbestos abatement. So, the current entrance will be closed for a week or so.

Our hope is that all the repairs will be done in a month. That's what the Restoration Company says. Again, it depends on the insurance company and their dealings with the contractor. Hopefully everything will be done by June and will back in the current office. I want to thank you very much for your patience and generosity during this time. Praise our God for his providence and care as we continue to Love God, Serve Others and 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](mailto:outreach@abvmcentereach.com). The Outreach Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 10AM to 1PM.

**PANTRY NEEDS:** Paper Towels, Kleenex, Toothpaste, Liquid Hand Soap, Deodorant, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Fruit Juice, Coffee, Tea, Syrup, Canned Fruit, Canned Chili, Canned Tomatoes, Pasta Sauce, Canned Chicken, Jelly.







**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  
**MEMORIAL  
MASS**  
*for*  
**POPE FRANCIS**

  
 Celebrated by the  
 Most Reverend John O. Barres  
 at the Cathedral of Saint Agnes  
 29 Quealy Place, Rockville Centre, NY 11570  
**Monday, April 28, 2025 • 7:00 P.M.**  
 All are invited to attend in person.  
 This Mass will be broadcast live on the Catholic Faith Network:  
 Optimum channel 29/137, Verizon FiOS channel 296  
 and Time Warner Cable channel 471.  
 Viewers can watch the Mass online at [cfntv.org](http://cfntv.org).

**Save the Date**



**ASSUMPTION  
ANNIVERSARY  
CELEBRATIONS**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025, 11:30 AM TO 3:30 PM**


**Details to follow**

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



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 scan the QR Code on your right. Please use **the parish code (NY563)**. Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

