



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**April 6, 2025**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**Sunday, April 6**

9:30 a.m.— Tara Buttercup O’Donnell (Sheila Wessels)  
 Mark Prout (Sheila Wessels)  
 11:30 a.m.— Dorothy Ingham (Eileen & Al Ingham)  
 People of the Parish

**Monday, April 7**

9:00 a.m.— Anthony Russo (Sokolowski Family)

**Tuesday, April 8**

9:00 a.m.— Augustine Joseph

**Wednesday, April 9**

9:00 a.m.— Sharon Hughes Killian (Gochan Family)  
 Intentions of Fr. Joseph Alenchery

**Thursday, April 10**

9:00 a.m.—

**Friday, April 11**

9:00 a.m.— Anna Byrnes (Pat Rivers)

**Saturday, April 12**

5:30 p.m.— Roy Wiegand (George & Ricky Van  
 Schaick)

**Sunday, April 13**

9:30 a.m.— Tara Buttercup O’Donnell (Maureen Reilly)  
 Mark Prout (Marueen Reilly)  
 11:30 a.m.— John Kuchinskas (Karen Kuchinskas)  
 People of the Parish

**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](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: \$10,380  
 (includes Faith Direct)  
 Last Year’s Collection: \$23,457 (Easter Sunday)  
**Thank You!**

Rest  
 in  
 Peace

Deceased Brothers & Sisters of our Parish





April 6, 2025

## Fifth Sunday of Lent

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

Is 43:16-21 | Phil 3:8-14 | Jn 8:1-11

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

Today's culture creates and sees constant change, innovation, and novelty at record speeds. But even more astounding than the technological advancements we observe around us is God's power to inspire interior transformation in each individual life. In today's Gospel, instead of condemning the woman caught in adultery whose punishment was certain death, Jesus speaks words of mercy, forgiveness, and life. Their encounter lifts the woman out of the shame of her sin, restores her dignity, and strengthens her to "Go, and from now on do not sin any more." This woman, whom others saw as hopeless, is transformed because Jesus' mercy has touched her soul. Long before, the prophet Isaiah had alluded to this time in which the Messiah would bring new life even in the most desolate places: "See, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers." God constantly calls us to leave sin behind, to keep moving forward – and we can be confident that he is with us at each new step to lead us to himself.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

How do we take these steps? How do we respond to God's call? In his Letter to the Philippians, Paul speaks of how he willingly gave up everything, even those things which made him righteous according to the laws of the Old Testament, and learned to depend on Jesus and the changing power of his resurrection. For us as for Saint Paul, each step along the path of transformation requires faith in God's ability and intention to heal us and draw us to himself. If we are willing to leave behind old identities and desires, we will see more clearly the true identity God created for us as we begin to live more like Jesus. Paul even describes being "taken possession of by Christ Jesus," because the change is so deep and powerful. For us as for God's chosen people in the readings from Isaiah, at first some parts of the path may look like an aimless desert, but the way will appear with each step of faith, and it is filled with mercy.

### **PRAY**

Transformation doesn't happen all at once. Reflect on your Lenten prayers, fasting, and almsgiving and consider how they've helped to conform your will to God's. How will you be found changed on Easter Sunday? Is there something you can improve upon during these final two weeks of Lent? It's not too late to offer a loving sacrifice to God!



# RESTORE



Take a healing journey this Lent;  
you turn away from what wounds you  
and toward God, who heals you and  
makes you whole.

**Week 5—John 8:1-11 —Neither do I condemn you.**

Forgiveness is so important that when the disciples ask Jesus how they are to pray, he instructs them by embedding this truth in the prayer we know as the Lord's Prayer. The journey of forgiveness is a process that we will explore this week in an intimate way. Jesus goes before you here.

What has been your experience of receiving forgiveness from God and others?

## 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](mailto:rectory@abvmcentereach.com).

Nick Gigante 516-659-4010, Dan Callahan 631-681-2559 Andres & Sandra (Spanish) 631-704-4606



*Communal Penance Service*  
(Sacrament of Reconciliation)

**Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 PM**

All are invited

*As we face our wounds, Jesus heals us.*

CREATIVE MINISTRIES PRESENTS

# JOURNEY

CROSS & CRUCIFIXION

**A LIVE dramatic presentation of the Stations of the Cross**

**PALM SUNDAY, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM in the Church**



**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>**

# 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:** Kleenex, Shampoo, Household Cleaner, Salad Dressing, Shelf Stable Milk, Fruit Juice, Snacks, Canned Fruit, Baked Beans, Canned Chili, Canned Tomatoes.



### THE 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.

Friday, April 11

6:30PM - 8:30PM  
In the Parish Center

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

**Coffee in the Courtyard**  
in the Parish Center Hall

Coffee  
Conversations  
Community

After  
9:30 AM  
& 11:30 AM  
Masses



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!





# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

## Lent 2024 Schedule

Friday, April 11 – 7:00 P.M., Parish Penance Service

## Holy Week Services — 2025

### **Palm or Passion Sunday Services**

Saturday, April 12 - 5:30 PM

Sunday, April 13 - 9:30 AM & 11:30 AM

JOURNEY, CROSS AND CRUCIFIXION - 3:00 PM Presented by Creative Ministries

### **Holy Thursday – April 17**

9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer

8:00 P.M. – Mass of the Lord's Supper

Visits to Repository until 10:00 P.M.

### **Good Friday – April 18**

9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer

3:00 P.M. – The Lord's Passion and Holy Communion

7:30 P.M. Stations of the Cross

### **Easter Vigil – April 19**

9:00 A.M. – Morning Prayer, followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets

8:00 P.M. – Easter Vigil

### **Easter Sunday – April 20**

9:30 A.M., 11:30 A.M., 1:00 P.M.

(Easter Egg Hunt for Children after 9:30 AM Mass)

### **Reconciliation Schedule**

Friday, April 11 – 7:00 P.M., Parish Penance Service

Sat., April 12 – 4:00 to 5:00 P.M.

Mon., April 14 – 11:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

Mon., April 14 – 7:00 to 8:00 P.M.