



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

May 11, 2025

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Sunday, May 11**

9:30 a.m.— Mother's Day

11:30 a.m.— Mother's Day

People of the Parish

Monday, May 12

9:00 a.m.— Mother's Day

Tuesday, May 13

9:00 a.m.— Mother's Day

Wednesday, May 14

9:00 a.m.— Mother's Day

Thursday, May 15

9:00 a.m.—Mother's Day

Saturday, May 17

5:30 p.m.—Diane Pozzi (family)

Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Gochan Family)

Sunday, May 18

9:30 a.m.— Lloyd Estriplet (Marcel Estriplet)

Otto Wolz

11:30 a.m.— Ken Maher Jr.

People of the Parish



STEWARDSHIP
 GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last Week's Collection: \$9,828

(includes Faith Direct)

Last Year's Collection: \$9,039

Thank You!**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
Peace

Jack Hayes



May 11, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43-52 | Rev 7:9, 14b-17 | Jn 10:27-30

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE*"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."*

The spiritual riches contained in this line alone are enough to sustain us for a lifetime. First, we rejoice that Jesus, the Good Shepherd, calls us his own. We belong to him who, like the shepherds of bygone days, protects his sheep – capable of little in the way of self-defense – even at the cost of his own life. Also, among the distinctive marks of Jesus' sheep are that they hear his voice and follow him. Thus, to be part of Christ's flock involves not only being known by him, but knowing him and heeding his call. A sheep who has not attuned its ears to the voice of its shepherd is a lost sheep! Although the world's fertile meadows may look inviting, *not* to attune our ears to the voice of Christ means exposing ourselves to the dangers of a life apart from God. On the other hand, if we make our pilgrimage of life with him, we abide within the protective confines of his love until the day we follow him into the pastures of eternal life.

GO EVANGELIZE**PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

Frequently, our free will (something we do not share with sheep) gets in the way of our ability to heed the Shepherd's voice. For us, his voice is expressed in concrete ways: in his commandments, in the teachings and tradition of his Church, in the Scriptures, in our legitimate superiors, and in prayer. These are the means he uses to mark out the path he wishes us to follow. But this path always involves the cross, and our sheep-ish (pun intended) nature recoils at the sight of suffering. In today's second reading, however, St. John's vision offers the key to overcoming our resistance: "For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them." In other words, Jesus, our Divine Shepherd, is also a lamb who has tread the difficult way of the cross. He is *the* Lamb of God who offered himself in a sacrifice of perfect obedience to his Father's will. Thus, we do not embark along the way of obedience and suffering alone; Jesus walks before us to sustain and protect us along the way.

OBSERVE

Find an image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd online and spend 15 minutes praying about what you see. What is the Shepherd's attitude toward his sheep, and the sheep's attitude toward their Shepherd? What do we learn from this about *our* relationship with Christ?

*Happy Mother's Day*

"Lord God, we lift up all mothers to You. Grant them the strength to face the daily challenges with courage and the wisdom to guide their children towards a life of faith and service. Encourage them when they are weary and inspire them when they feel overwhelmed. Bless them with Your peace and love, now and forever. Amen."

Congratulations!

Confirmation Candidates

May 8, 2025

Sophia Adamo
 Alyssa Avila
 Lia Beshara
 Victoria Celano
 Mia Lucia D'Andrea
 Madelyn Dassau
 Jenna Florio
 Chloe Fresnel
 Dario Galletta
 Santino Galletta
 Emma Gelormino
 Gianna Giambrone
 Autumn Greaves
 Addison Green
 Dominick Jacobsen
 Katelyn Maida
 Richard Martin
 Dajer Meran-Ventura
 Jake Mitchell



Ryan Ortiz
 Michael Orlic
 Courtney Peters
 Marley Peters
 Logan Plantamura
 Dario Ramirez
 Paige Renahan
 Gavin Rodriguez
 Lucas Rodriguez
 Jonathan Rudilosso
 Emily Sanchez
 Steven Samaniego
 Morgan Schreck
 William Sheridan
 Ian Tarazona
 Abigail Temple
 SofiaValente
 Adriana Vanore
 Villatoro Cruz, Allison

Let the Fire Fall!

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 please contact: **Nick Gigante 516-659-4010; Dan Callahan 631-681-2559 or Sandra & Andres Castiblanco (Espanol) 631-704-4406.**



*Coffee
in the
Courtyard*

in the Parish Center Hall

*Coffee
Conversations
Community*

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



Save the Date
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
JULY 21 to July 25, 2025
9:00am to 12:30pm
REGISTRATIONS BEGAN ON MAY 1ST

Save the Date



**ASSUMPTION
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATIONS**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025 11:30AM - 3:30 PM
Details to Follow



ADOREMUS
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday, May 16, 2025 - 7:30 - 8:30 PM
in the church &  Streaming

PRAISE AND WORSHIP * SILENT ADORATION * BENEDICTION

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*



PARISH OFFICES MOVING TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PARISH CENTER

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

Parish Center Office Repairs.

The repair work is to begin on May 9th 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 12th 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.

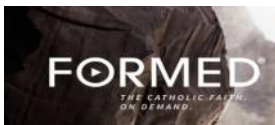
Hopefully everything will be done by June and we will be back in the current office. I want to thank you very much for your patience and generosity during this time. Praise our God for his providence and care as we continue to Love God, Serve Others and Grow Disciples. Fr. Joe

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



PANTRY NEEDS: Shampoo, Conditioner, Liquid Hand Soap, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Jell-O Mix, Coffee, Tea, Hot Chocolate, Rice-A-Roni, Noodles, Syrup, Snacks, Canned Chili, Canned Tomatoes, Canned Pasta, Canned Cat Food.



Our parish subscribes to a revolutionary online platform which provides the best in Catholic audio talks, movies, ebooks, and video-based studies from trusted providers. This allows you, **free of charge**, to access online resources in bible study, apologetics, Christian entertainment, family catechesis, etc. at your convenience. It's available 24/7 thus allowing you to put time aside when it's best for you. To access please visit abvmcentereach.formed.org.

New Baby Clothes Collection on Sunday, May 11th

New baby clothing, blankets, diapers, etc. may be placed in the basinet in the sanctuary. Please try to bring clothes for infant size, layettes and/or \$\$\$. All will be given to mothers in need for their babies. Sponsored by the Assumption Rosary Altar Society.



May Crowning—May 11th

The Rosary Altar Society is having the May crowning on May 11th, Mother's Day at the 9:30 am mass. All children are invited to participate especially the children who receive their first Holy Communion on Saturday, May 3rd in their First Communion outfits.

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS

BEHOLD 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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

JUNE 8

WWW.DRVC.ORG/CONGRESS

We are excited to announce that our Diocese will host a Eucharistic Congress on Sunday, June 8th, 2025, at St. Anthony's High School in Huntington, as part of the National Eucharistic Revival. This will be a powerful day of Mass with Bishop Barres, dynamic speakers, Eucharistic adoration, music, confession, and activities for all ages.

In the days leading up to the Congress, there will be two Eucharistic pilgrimages traveling through our Diocese from May 31st to June 8th:

An Eastern Route beginning with a special Opening Mass at 10:00am in Montauk at the Church of St. Therese of Lisieux on May 31st.

A Western Route beginning with an Opening Mass at the Cathedral of St. Agnes in Rockville Centre on the same day.

These pilgrimages will include public processions, parish stops, and times of prayer and worship, all culminating at the Eucharistic Congress on June 8th. You are invited to join any part of the route—whether walking, driving, or praying along the way.

The full pilgrimage schedule is available online at drvc.org/congress, along with free registration for the Eucharistic Congress itself and other information regarding the Congress. You can also contact the parish office for assistance.

Let us walk together—literally and spiritually—toward a deeper love of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. Mark your calendars for Sunday, June 8th!

Registration is Free and now open at www.drvc.org/congress, where you can find the full day's schedule and all information about the two Eucharistic pilgrimages—from Montauk and Rockville Centre, May 31 through June 8.