



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

May 18, 2025

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Sunday, May 18**

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

Otto Wolz

11:30 a.m.— James Carter (Kelly McCoy)

Ken Maher Jr.

Monday, May 19

9:00 a.m.— Katherine Aridas

Robert Scibelli (Family)

Tuesday, May 20

9:00 a.m.— Vincent Ward (John & Alison Firberg)

Wednesday, May 219:00 a.m.— Antonio, Josephine & Arcabascio Family
(Galletta Family)**Thursday, May 22**

9:00 a.m.—People of the Parish

Saturday, May 24

5:30 p.m.—Vincent Ward (Barbara Staab)

Carole Ann Mullen (Peter & Brothers)

Sunday, May 25

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

George Pepitone (Maureen Reilly)

11:30 a.m.— Patricia O'Brien (Family & Friends)

Dyan Pryor (Family)

for we walk by faith, not by sight.

2Cor. 5:7

STEWARDSHIP
GIVING to our parish as an act of worship

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

Last Week's Collection: \$9,586

(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection: \$9,026

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

Jeanine Lombardo-Monaco

“
As I have
loved you,
so you also
should
love one
another.”
(JN 13:34)

May 18, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27 | Rev 21:1-5a | Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

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

Today's Gospel occurs shortly before Jesus gives his Last Supper Discourses in the Gospel of John. Judas has betrayed Jesus, and now the Lord speaks to his inner circle for one of the last times before his arrest. "I will be with you only a little while longer," he says. At these words, I imagine a hush falling over the group. Rattled by Judas' strange actions and alarmed by the Lord announcing his impending departure, the disciples' eyes must have darted about as they held their breath, awaiting Jesus' words. "I give you a new commandment," he says. "Love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." In a word, Jesus summarizes his teaching: love as God loves. He is using these last moments to exhort his disciples to be as he is. We know it won't be easy – it will involve sacrifice and suffering – but the Holy Spirit is present with us to guide and advocate for us on our journey.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Have you ever experienced a season of suffering and wondered, "Have I done something wrong?" When we meet resistance on the narrow path, it can make us question our choices, ourselves, and sometimes even God. Let today's first reading be a boost of confidence on your journey; remember that your suffering does not imply a misstep. "It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God," Paul and Barnabas exhort the disciples (and us). It is natural to grow fatigued, especially when we encounter hardships. This is one reason why the Lord desires that we never journey alone. By God's perfect design, humans require companionship, from other humans and from the Creator himself. In the reading from the Book of Revelation, John the Apostle hears a loud voice saying, "God himself will always be with them as their God." Though the road may be peppered with pain, and the trials overwhelming, may we never forget that our God is very near!

PRAY

Today's readings reveal themes of perseverance in faith, radical love, and the stunning reality that the Lord is *truly present* to us. As we pray with these Scriptures, consider asking yourself: *What areas of my life feel distant from the Lord's presence? How can I open these areas up to receive his light and his love?* Take time to talk to the Lord in prayer about these things. When you do, make sure you leave space and silence for him to speak.



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.

Save the Date



ASSUMPTION ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

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

Details to Follow

Small Groups

Small Groups are about life change, and small groups promote life change at a fundamental level. Small groups are for everybody. Whether new to the faith or skeptical about whether you really need religious faith in your life, or if you're having that feeling something is missing, and you need more, don't worry. Let this be your call to action to join a small

group, and just watch how much Jesus can change your life for the better. Small groups are where we grow. If you're interested in life change, new life for you and those you love, join one of our small groups. Talk to someone at the Welcome Desk; email us at rectory@abvmcentereach.com or call 631-585-8760 and leave a message for Nick Gigante or Dan Callahan or Andres & Sandra (Spanish).

"Joining a small group has been one of the most remarkable positive differences in my life"



*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



Children's Ministry for ages
FOUR to FIFTH 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.

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

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Ct. St. Gerard #1920

Sponsoring a trip to Sight & Sound Theatre, Lancaster, PA

NOAH
LIVE ON STAGE

Wednesday, September 17th

Cost \$265 per person

(includes Roundtrip Transportation with Hampton Jitney,
Lunch at Miller's Smorgasboard & Performance)

Please contact Rose Picariello for more information & reservations
631-676-2855 (H) or 631-278-0073 (Cell)



PARISH OFFICES MOVED TO THE NORTH SIDE OF THE PARISH CENTER

The reconstruction of the Parish Center offices has begun on Monday, May 12th. During construction, the entrance and offices will be relocated to the north side of the Parish Center.

Parish Center Office Repairs.

The repair work has begun on May 12th. The current offices have moved to the North end of our Parish Center until the repair is done. Please use the North Side Parish Center Entrance for the offices..

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, Ketchup, Mayonnaise, Jell-O Mix, Muffin Mix, Coffee, Hot Chocolate, Fruit Juice, Syrup, Dry Soup Mix, Snacks, Baked Beans, 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. Our parish code is P8DGQ8



**St. Joseph RC Church, 45 Church St.
Ronkonkoma, NY 11779, (631) 588-8456
michele@stjoronk.org**

We are starting a bereavement group for the recently bereaved or those who are still struggling with an unresolved loss. We will begin a nine-week-day program on Tuesdays, June 3rd. and will end on July 29th. 25th. Meeting @ 2pm and 6:30 pm in Carew Hall (lower level of the Church).

Space is limited, so if you are interested in joining, please call Michele Nappi, Director of New Evangelization at 631 588-8456 or email michele@stjoronk.org. ASAP. You will be mailed a registration form. Please complete the form and return it to Michele by May 28th. The cost is a one-time registration fee of \$25.

DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

EUCHARISTIC 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.

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.



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!

