



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

May 25, 2025

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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Mass Intentions for the week

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)

Monday, May 26

9:00 a.m.— People of the Parish

Tuesday, May 27

9:00 a.m.— Augustine Alenchery

Michael Schroeder (NY Metros)

Wednesday, May 28

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

Thursday, May 29

9:00 a.m.— Arthur Santiago (Tanya & Jun Concepcion)

7:00 p.m.—People of the Parish

Saturday, May 31

5:30 p.m.—Frank E. Buquicchio (Susan Buquicchio)

Patrick Joseph Kearney (Family)

Sunday, June 1

9:30 a.m.— Frederick C. Lingen Jr. (Family)

Anna Pizutto (Mr & Mrs. Joseph Porcaro)

11:30 a.m.— Anthony Caudullo (Rudilosso Family)

Catherine (Kitty) J. Secari (Angela)

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: \$10,678

(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection: \$10,538

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 Veterans

Second 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



Karen Lillian Di Carlo

May 25, 2025

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 | Rev 21:10-14, 22-23 | Jn 14:23-29

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

A quip on a church marquee has stuck with me for years: *If you feel distant from God, guess who moved?* In last Sunday's Gospel, Jesus told his disciples that he would be with them "only a little while longer." Of course, we know the full story: Jesus did not abandon his followers. Today we hear of his parting gift to them and to us. Although Jesus would soon return to the Father, he was sending someone to minister to the disciples and to encourage them in their mission: "The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you." Often in our lives, when we feel distant from God, we may wonder if the Lord has departed from us. In these seasons, remember that Jesus – who has *never* broken a promise – did, indeed, send the Holy Spirit to be with us. Take heart in moments of trial and call upon the Spirit, the Advocate, whose name in Latin means "he who is called to one's side." He will come close, reminding you of the goodness of God and encouraging you on the path to heaven.

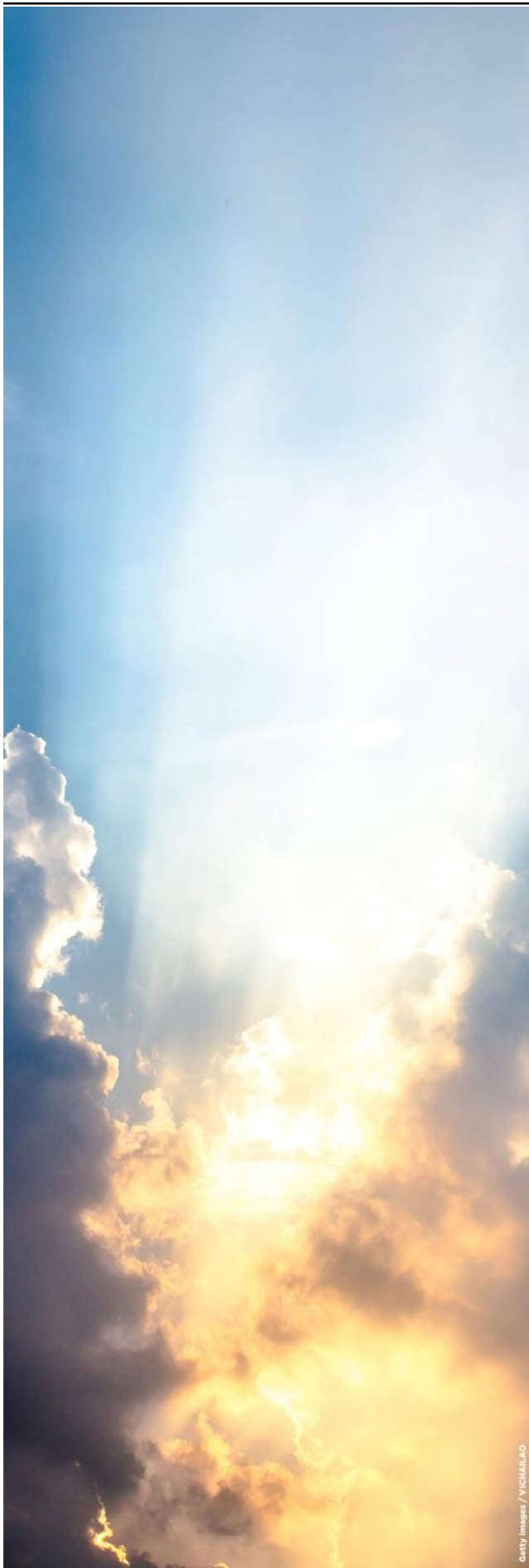
GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Today's second reading narrates St. John the Apostle's vision of the heavenly Jerusalem. John describes the radiant splendor of this place "like that of a precious stone." Though the vision is resplendent, John observes: "The city had no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gave it light, and its lamp was the Lamb." God himself is the source of light which illumines heaven. But he is likewise present among us and his reign is meant to extend on earth as well. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we can, therefore, prepare for heaven while also striving to bring God's glory to earth by living for him each day. So many times we have prayed the words of the Lord's Prayer: "thy kingdom come, thy will be done, *on earth as it is in heaven.*" Allow the glory of God to illumine your everyday life. Call upon God's grace and the Holy Spirit to witness to his truth, beauty, and goodness.

REFLECT

Inviting the Holy Spirit to act as our Advocate, how do we reveal the glory of God in our daily activities? As you begin your work, study, or household tasks, offer him your undertakings (and your heart) and ask him to transform the mundane into the sacred.



Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord

Thursday, May 29th

Masses

9:00 AM & 7:00 PM

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).

Testimony: "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

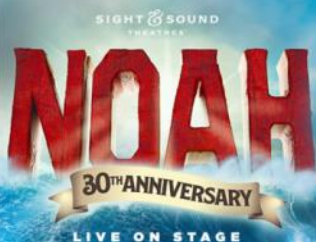
NOAH
LIVE ON STAGE

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 repairs are 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, Dish-washing 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.



Court St Gerard #1920
3rd Annual Bingo Fundraiser
Friday, June 13, 2025 in the Parish Center Hall
Cost \$30 per person, \$15 for children under 10
 (includes Dinner, Desserts, Coffee and Tea)

Doors open at 6:00pm, Dinner at 7:00pm & Bingo starts at 8:00pm

All reservations must be made and paid by June 6th

For more info and reservations please contact Jennifer Orlic 516-909-9589

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!

