



# ASSUMPTION

## OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

April 19, 2026



LOVE GOD ★ SERVE OTHERS ★ GROW DISCIPLES  
You Matter + You Belong

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**Sunday, April 19**

9:30 a.m.—Jai Ford (Gochan Family)  
 Diane Boudreau (Phyllis Solimeno)  
 11:30 a.m.—Joseph Ferrara (Mary & Leo Capuano)  
 William Berchoff (McGuinness Family)

**Monday, April 20**

9:00 a.m.— Alicia Cuervo (Blanche Werner)

**Tuesday, April 21**

9:00 a.m. —Thanksgiving for Special Intention  
 (Phyllis Solimeno)

**Wednesday, April 22**

9:00 a.m.— People of the Parish

**Thursday, April 23**

9:00 a.m.—

**Saturday, April 25**

5:30 p.m — James Callahan (Pat Rivers)  
 Joseph Ferrara (Fran Zarcone)

**Sunday, April 26**

9:30 a.m.—Aida Rivera Ford (Gochan Family)  
 Monsignor Joseph Curley (Gochan Family)  
 11:30 a.m.—Helen Brinton (Aliperti Family)  
 Michael Anthony Aliffi (Weiss Family)

**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)**

Meets on First Thursday of the month: Sept - June at 7:30 PM in the Parish Library. Contact Alexandria McMahon 631-585-3938.



**Catholic War Veterans**

Second Saturday of the each month at 10 AM in the Parish Library. Contact Vincent Zecca, [papazecca@aol.com](mailto:papazecca@aol.com), or phone 631 588 3423.



**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.



*The Lord has forgiven you,  
 so you also must forgive.  
 Colossians 3:13*

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

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**

Last week's Collection \$12,764  
 (includes *Pushpay*)

Last Year's Collection \$12,268

**Thank You!**

*Rest  
 in  
 Peace*



*Deceased Members  
 of our parish*



April 19, 2026

## Third Sunday of Easter

Written by  
THE  
FAITHFUL  
DISCIPLE

Acts 2:14, 22-33 | 1 Pt 1:17-21 | Lk 24:13-35

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

If I lived at the time of Christ and caught Jesus' eyes while passing him in the streets, would I recognize him as the Messiah? You and I are made in the image and likeness of God. We are the adopted children of the Father. Would my soul be drawn to Christ as two magnets are drawn to one another? I believe that when we are in full and perfect communion with Christ, our entire being will be drawn to the Lord and instinctively rejoice in the glory of God. But on this earth – a world broken by sin – our eyes are clouded and we do not see clearly. In the Gospel today, as the pair of disciples encountered Christ, we read that “their eyes were prevented from recognizing him.” Christ had preached and worked miracles and died in faithful obedience to the Father’s will. He had been raised and was present again fully glorified. Yet, they could not see who it was before them in that moment. In our world today, it is easy to become blinded by sin and miss seeing Christ in our midst. But just as he walked the streets of Nazareth growing up and walked along the road to Emmaus after his resurrection, Christ continues to walk among us today.

### **GO EVANGELIZE**

#### **PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT**

When we look at the example of the disciples traveling to Emmaus, we see a blueprint for how we might improve our vision to see the Lord’s presence more clearly. They listened carefully as Jesus reminded them of Scripture, they spoke to him and urged him to remain near to them, and they broke bread with him. After all of this, “their eyes were opened and they recognized him.” We can also come to see Christ more clearly by encountering him in Scripture, by speaking to him in prayer, and by encountering him in the sacraments – particularly by regularly receiving the graces offered in confession and receiving the Eucharist. In doing this, we not only clear our own vision, but we align our thoughts and actions to be more like those of Christ, participating in the Father’s mission to draw humanity back to himself.

### **WITNESS**

After the disciples recognized Christ, they returned to the others and “recounted what had taken place on the way.” This suggests that when we encounter Christ, we are not meant to keep it to ourselves! This week, consider how you can humbly share with a friend or family member how you have encountered Christ.

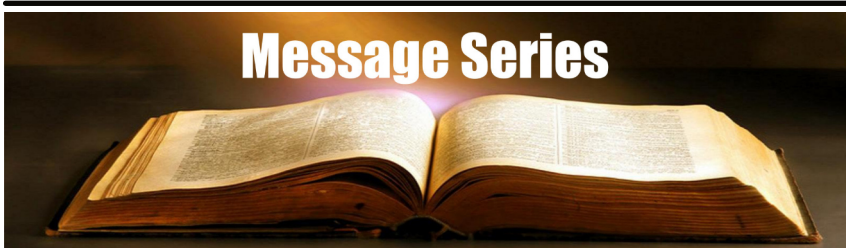


## WEEK THREE – This is Your Chance

This week continues the Easter series by connecting our desire for significance to the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. As the risen Jesus walks with them in their confusion and disappointment, he patiently accompanies them, explains the Scriptures, and is finally recognized in the breaking of the bread. The message highlights that faith often grows through a gradual process of walking together, hospitality, and service. Just as Jesus served by accompanying others on their journey, the Church lives out its mission by doing the same. The homily invites parishioners to find a life of true significance by serving others through concrete ministries that help people feel welcomed, supported, formed in faith, and drawn more deeply into a relationship with Christ.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In what ways have you come to know Jesus better through serving?
2. Ministry helps people in their faith journey. Who do you have a heart to help so they come to know Jesus?
3. What ministries at your parish have mirrored Jesus and helped you on your spiritual journey?
4. Read aloud Luke 24:30-31. What process did the disciples go through to recognize Jesus in breaking the bread?
5. Do any of the ministries at this parish interest you? If so, which ones? What information do you need about them?



At Assumption, we follow a message series format. Over several weeks, we explore a specific topic in depth, selected based on the weekend's scripture readings. God speaks to us at all times, especially in a community setting. When His people come together on Sundays to listen to the Word of God, we celebrate, pray,

praise, and give thanks. The discussion then continues in Small Groups, allowing us to dive even deeper into the topic. Our message series typically runs from September to July, and our mission remains focused on Loving God, Serving Others, and Growing Disciples.



# Assumption Small groups

'We learn in rows, but grow in circles.'

With one accord they continued  
to gather together. Acts 2:46

Register at the Welcome Desk  
or online at [www.abvmcentereach.com](http://www.abvmcentereach.com)  
or Scan the QR Code.



## Mother's Day Baby Shower Sunday, May 10

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 Sunday, May 10 at the 9:30 am Mass

The Rosary Altar Society will hold the May crowning on May 10<sup>th</sup>, Mother's Day, during the  
9:30 AM mass. All children are invited to participate, especially those receiving their first  
Holy Communion on Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## Assumption Middle School Ministry



Friday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup>

Parish Center Hall

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Come join us and bring a friend! Students 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> grades are Welcome



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

### Parish Social Ministry

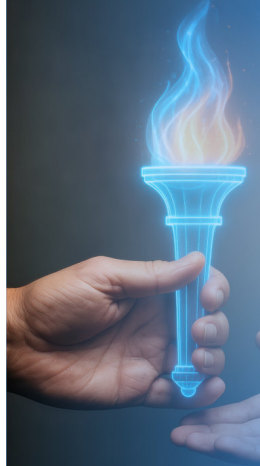
The Outreach Food Pantry is available for individuals and families that are struggling to stretch their food budget. If you or someone you know can use our services, please call us at 631 585-8760 x2 or by email to outreach@abvmcentereach.com. The Outreach Office is open on Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday from 10AM to 1PM.



**PANTRY NEEDS: Tissues, Toothbrushes, Conditioner, Deodorant, Dishwashing Liquid, Household Cleaner, Cooking Oil, Jello and Pudding Mix, Coffee, Shelf Stable Milk, Fruit Juice, Syrup, Baked Beans, Canned Chili, Canned Pasta, Canned Tomatoes and Peanut Butter. Thank You!**

## Giftgiving to Our Parish

A presentation on how to MAGNIFY your gift to our parish while preserving assets for your heirs. This presentation is suitable for adult parishioners at all stages of life.



**LEAVE A LEGACY!**

**Saturday May 16th, 2026 10:00 am to 11:30 am**

**Tuesday May 19th, 2026, 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm**

Assumption Parish Center Library

Please Register: Call 631-585-8760, or scan the QR Code to register online.




## SAVE THE DATE

# Vacation Bible School

## July 20 - 24, 2026

### 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**



# Pushpay

We invite everyone to prayerfully consider supporting our parish through electronic donations via Pushpay. Signing up is easy and only takes two minutes. You can use Pushpay to make one-time and recurring contributions.

If you need any assistance, feel free to contact Doreen at the office at 631-585-8760, ext. 105. Thank you for your support!



**Sunday, Apr 19, 2026****It's time to talk**

When was the last time you called a friend just to say hello? In our digital culture, spontaneous socializing and getting together “just to talk” often gets squeezed out. Yet it was in conversation on the road to Emmaus that the disciples made important discoveries about the meaning of Jesus’ life and mission. Their hearts “burned within them” as Jesus explained the mysteries of their faith to them. Conversation is an important path to discovery and growth. Make it a priority this Easter season to talk with loved ones about the things that matter most.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35 (46). *“Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way?”*

**Monday, Apr 20, 2026****Read the signs**

When we speak of “signs,” we mean that a sign will point us to something larger that we do not see. When Jesus multiplied five loaves of bread to feed a large crowd, he intended the loaves to be a sign of eternal life. But many in the crowd believed the bread to be just bread. And the fact that he could feed them all with five loaves was all the miracle they needed. It is good that their stomachs were filled, but Jesus was offering them—and us—so much more. Today try to imagine the deeper meaning behind the good fortune and unexpected blessings that come your way. Do they lead you to become more generous and loving to others? If so, you are reading the signs right.

## EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273). *“You are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled.”*

**Tuesday, Apr 21, 2026****Let's get together**

This seems to be the human condition: We grow attached to behaviors and habits that are not good for us, and the more we indulge, the stronger the attachment grows. Addictions are a “prison,” said Pope Leo XIV in a recent address, “and we are all called to freedom. We seek peace and joy; we thirst for them. And many deceptions can delude and even imprison us in this quest.” Leo’s solution, echoing Jesus’, was to “look around,” and “read in each other’s faces a word that never betrays: *together*.” We conquer evil together. Joy is found together. Injustice is fought together. The God who created and knows each one of us—and is more intimate to me than I am to myself—made us to be together.” The first and best place to find togetherness is at the table of the Lord.

## EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 7:51-8:1a; John 6:30-35 (274). *“Sir, give us this bread always.”*

**Wednesday, Apr 22, 2026****Free to do God's will**

Are we free to make our own moral choices, or are our volitions and decisions predetermined? From Plato to Aristotle to Augustine to Aquinas and a host of deep thinkers from every field, the question of free will has been a central concern in determining the nature of being human. Catholic doctrine supports the theory of free will, asserting that human beings are basically good and naturally drawn to the good, but they are free to choose evil. Choosing the good becomes easier with practice. Conversely,

consistently poor choices make self-control more difficult, and we place ourselves in danger of becoming slaves to our desires. Strengthen your moral freedom today by making a few good choices. Or, in other words, follow the advice of Saint Jerome: “Be ever engaged, so that whenever the devil calls, he may find you occupied.”

## EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40 (275). *“I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me.”*

**Thursday, Apr 23, 2026****Martyrs then and now**

In England hundreds of Catholic men and women were martyred for their beliefs during and after the Reformation. For refusing to take the Oath of Supremacy recognizing the monarch as head of the church, they were labeled treasonous and condemned to death. Over the centuries many of the more well-known Catholic martyrs were privately venerated and remembered. Now they are even recognized by the British Council of Churches. Today Catholics continue to die for the sake of their faith around the globe. Like Jesus, they offer themselves for the life of the world. “All who want to live righteously in Christ will suffer persecution,” warned Saint Raymond. Each Christian must ask: What am I willing to sacrifice for Christ’s sake?

## EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 8:26-40; John 6:44-51 (276). *“The bread that I will give is my Flesh for the life of the world.”*

**Friday, Apr 24, 2026****It's bigger than all of us**

For many people, the high point of Mass is receiving Communion. But what does it really mean? It’s so much more than only feeling close to God; it’s about what you do with that closeness. By taking Christ in, Jesus becomes part of you, and the next obvious step is to be more like him. His sacrifice of love becomes the model for your loving sacrifice of self for the world around you. The Eucharist, the source and summit of Catholic faith, is about more than “me and Thee.” More like “me and Thee and us and everyone and everything.” That’s true Communion.

## EASTER WEEKDAY

Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 (277). *“Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in him.”*

**Saturday, Apr 25, 2026****Let's get to work**

Today the church celebrates one of the apostles, Mark. The Greek word *apostolos* means “one who is sent,” in particular one God sends. But sends where? To do what? The short answer is: Apostles are sent everywhere to proclaim the Good News. Every Christian, by virtue of Baptism, shares this same mission. “Jesus doesn’t tell the apostles—and us—to form an exclusive group of elite members,” says Pope Francis. “Jesus says: ‘Go and make disciples of all nations.’” It seems we have our work cut out for us. Better start sharing some Good News of God’s love today.

## FEAST OF MARK, EVANGELIST

1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20 (555). *“They went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them.”*

*Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*

