



# ASSUMPTION

## of the Blessed Virgin Mary

A welcoming community sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ through faith, prayer and the sacraments.



April 4, 2021

### **We celebrate EUCHARIST**

Saturdays: 5:30 PM  
Sundays: 7:30, 9:30, 11:30 AM  
Weekdays: 9:00 AM

### **We celebrate PENANCE**

Saturdays: 4:00 – 5:00 PM and by appointment.

### **We celebrate BAPTISM**

Usually the first and third Sundays each month. Meeting with Deacon Mike and attendance at class is required. Please contact the rectory during regular office hours to register.

### **We celebrate MARRIAGE**

Make arrangements with the priest at least six months prior to the wedding. All are required by our Bishop to attend the Pre-Cana Conferences as part of the preparation.

### **Eucharistic Adoration**

First Friday of the month: 1:00-2:00 PM - Nocturnal  
Third Friday of the month: 7:30-8:30 PM - ADOREMUS

### **Miraculous Medal Novena**

Wednesdays following the 9:00 AM Mass.

### **Communion for the Sick or Shut-ins**

Contact the rectory during regular office hours.

### **Parish Social Ministry (Outreach)**

Office hours, Monday to Friday, 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM.  
Food pantry available. Will also try to help with referrals and advocacy. Call for appointment, 631-585-8760 x101.

### **RCIA**

Provides for those who have never been baptized or those who have been baptized but have not celebrated Eucharist and/or Confirmation to experience the joy of our Catholic community, within an adult context. Anyone 18 and over is welcome. Contact the rectory office at 631-585-8760.

### **Faith Formation**

Works with parents to share faith with our youngest members, grades 1-8. Contact the office for details at 631-588-6408.

### **Youth Ministry**

- High School Ministry (AYM), Wednesdays: 7:30 - 9:00 PM
- Middle School Ministry (MSM), Thursdays, 7:00 - 8:45 PM

For further information, contact Renata 631-585-8760

### **Music Ministry**

Our parish's Music Ministry seeks to lead and support our parish family in full, conscious, and active participation in the liturgy. For further information call Rob at 516-523-1668.

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Rev. Joseph Alenchery, Pastor  
Rev. Chris Aridas, Retired Pastor  
Deacon Michael Montelione

Rectory Office: M - F 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.  
Phone: 631-585-8760; Fax: 1-866-214-3365  
Faith Formation: 631-588-6408



## Mass Intentions for the week

### Sunday, April 4th (Easter Sunday)

7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., and 1:00 p.m.

### Monday, April 5th

9:00 a.m. — Melita Aricari (Linda Esposito)  
Joseph Angland, Jr. (Family)

### Tuesday, April 6th

9:00 a.m. — Living & Deceased Members of the  
Rosary Altar Society

### Wednesday, April 7th

9:00 a.m. — Thomas & Anna Marrocolla

### Thursday, April 8th

9:00 a.m. — Joanne Ruf

### Friday, April 9th

9:00 a.m. — David & Kathleen Worrell

### Saturday, April 10th

5:30 p.m. — Tiri Paeper (Catholic Daughters of  
the Americas)  
Salvatore Orlando (Anna Orlando)

### Sunday, April 11th

7:30 a.m., — Joe Nugent  
Dionisio Espiritu (Family)  
9:30 a.m. — Louis Wilson (Carol Cameron)  
Audra Hancock (M/M J. Badagliacca)  
11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

Rest  
in  
Peace



Robin Schober  
John T DiBona Jr  
Gerard R. Kern



## Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship  
as a Way of Life

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary  
(Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$9,954  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$4,259  
*Thank You!*

## Faith Formation

The ministry of the Word is a fundamental element of evangelization through all its stages, because it involves the proclamation of Jesus Christ, the eternal Word of God

### 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.; Saturday - 9:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.

### Middle School Ministry (MSM)

Middle School Ministry is on Thursday nights from 7:00 PM to 8:45 PM. All Middle Schoolers (6<sup>th</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>) are welcome.



### Assumption Youth Ministry (AYM)

Assumption Youth Ministry welcomes all high Schoolers (9th thru 12th) on Wednesday nights from 7:30-9:00 PM. We gather in the Parish Center Hall. Bring your friends with you.



### Catholic Daughters of the America's (Court St. Gerard)

First Thursday of the month: Sept - June at 7:30 PM in the Parish Library. Contact Alexandria McMahon at tacjs43@aol.com.

### 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. Contact the rectory for meeting dates and times.

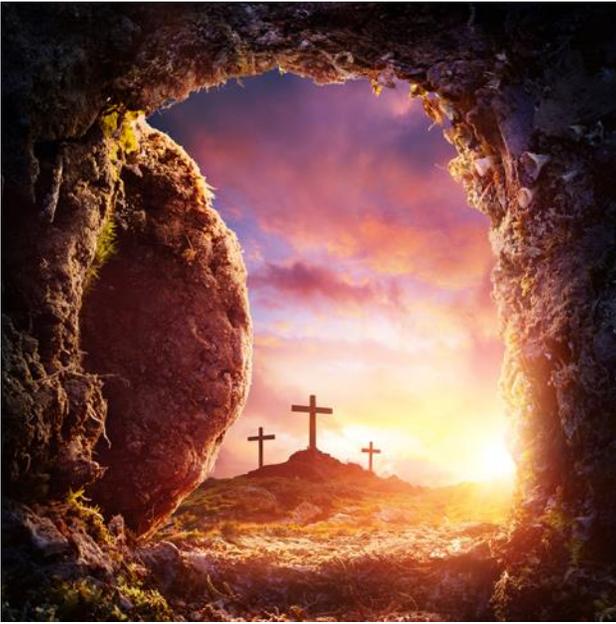
### Scouting (Cub Scout, Boy Scouts)

Contact Chantal Mears at Chantalmears@yahoo.com or 631-438-2468 or visit www.bsa356.com for more details..

**Good News Reflection****God has surprises for you!**

Celebrate! Today is the anniversary of the Great Surprise, and just as the first disciples were surprised to find the tomb empty, so too does God have some resurrection surprises in mind for you!

In Easter Sunday's Gospel reading, there's a lot of scurrying around and excitement and the reporting some amazing news that no one yet understands. Even though Jesus had given them advance notice that he would rise again after being put to death, God's plans took them by surprise. They did not expect a resurrection. They didn't understand that it was a necessary part of the Messiah's mission.



God's plans often take us by surprise. In so many situations of our lives, we don't understand that hard times are going to produce wonderful victories. We fail to realize that the empty tombs in our lives (the losses that we grieve) are beginnings of important new growth. We cannot imagine how Jesus is going to redeem bad times into great blessings.

We suffer through the hardships, just trying to cope, waiting for an opportunity to finally walk away from our crosses. Meanwhile, Jesus wants to give us an Easter morning because of the crosses.

How can we recognize the glory of God when we're depressed? How can we realize our resurrections when we're cursing our crosses? It's impossible!

To be the Easter people that we're supposed to be, we have to learn how to see the hope of resurrection in the pain of the cross. We have to trust that Jesus is always there, working a plan to redeem bad into good. We have to allow ourselves to be surprised by God.

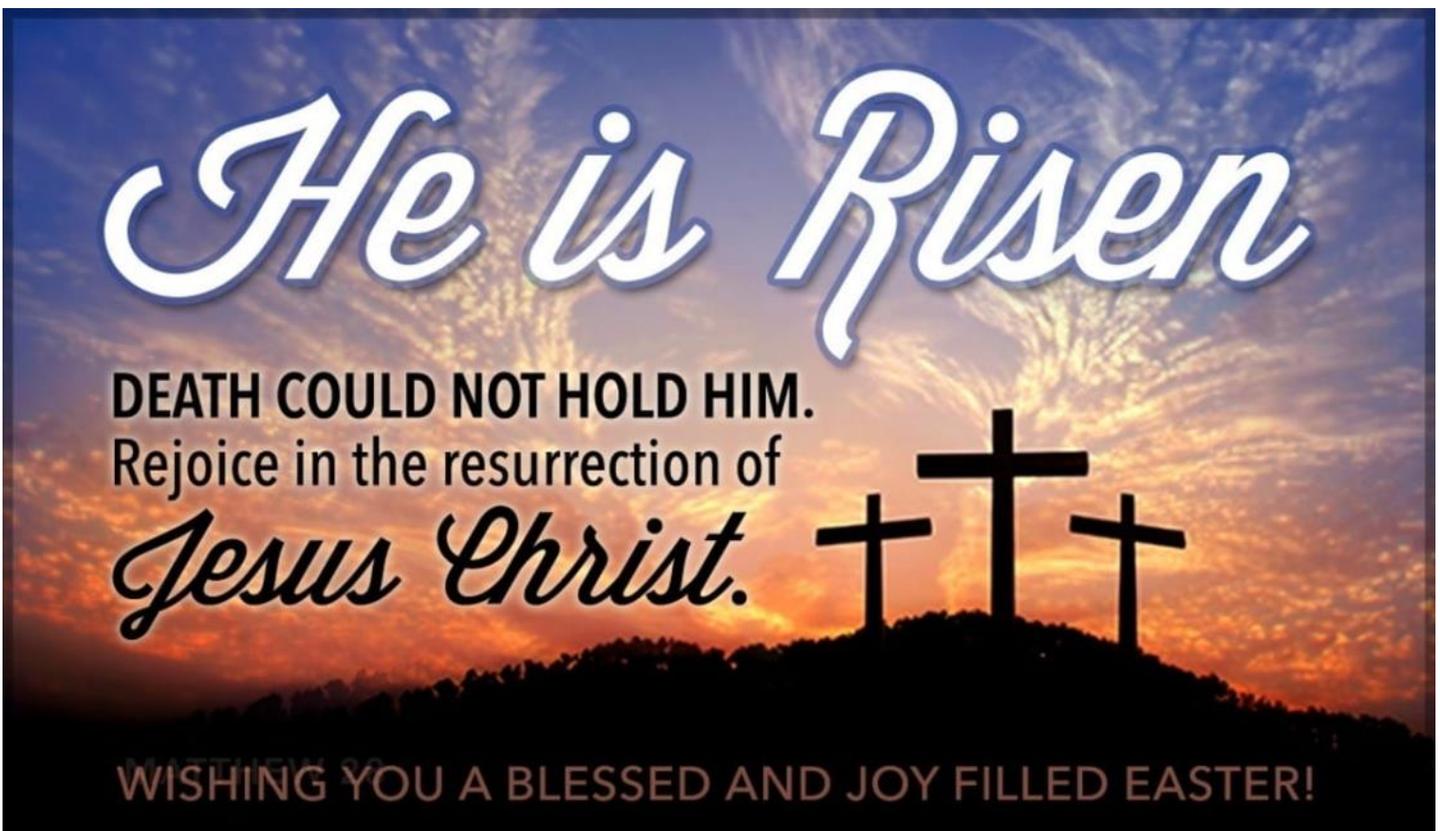
**Questions for Personal Reflection:**

What trials are you still enduring? What cross are you still carrying? Are you still being nailed for something you did not do? Which of your desires or dreams are dying? Ask the Father to use your sufferings for the glory of his kingdom. What new life is this creating for you?

**Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

What are some of the ways in which God has surprised you? How is this an experience of resurrection?

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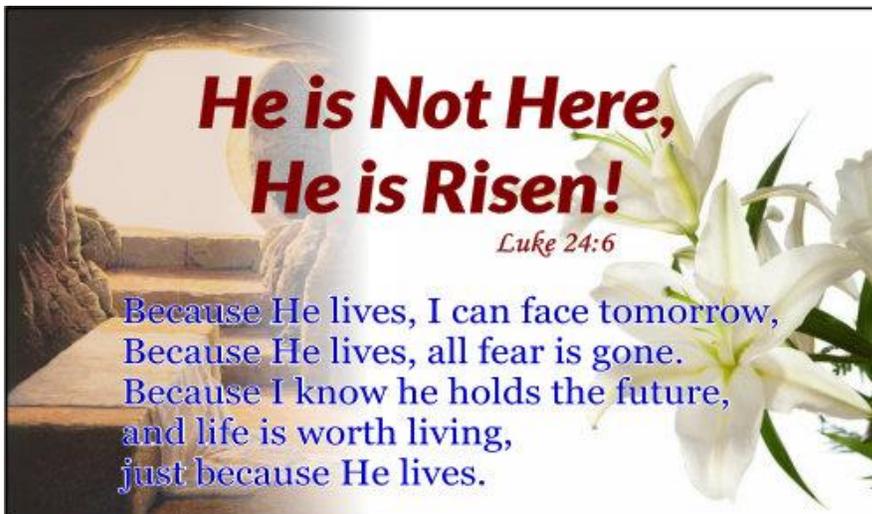


## Have a Blessed Easter!

I want to wish you all a joy-filled and Happy Easter. Jesus Christ is risen! Alleluia. Easter gives us hope and new life. For many of us, it is literal. For the past year or so, we have all been in the tomb in a way. But this easter, we will be able to get together in small family groups, most importantly get together in the church as parish family, even though wearing the masks and keeping social distancing. None of us like to wear masks, but it is for our brothers and sisters' safety.

Like the first Easter Sunday, there is chaos, pain, and doubt, but one thing is sure. The LORD HAS RISEN! He is alive and among us. That gives us peace and confidence for the future. May our risen Lord give you His abundant blessings during this Easter season and beyond. God Bless you.

Fr. Joe



I want to thank everyone who helped make 2020 Catholic Ministries Appeal a success. As you may already be aware, 100% of all the money raised is restricted to support the objectives, programs, and mission that serves more than 600,000 people each year, and our parish shares in the money raised to use for our own local needs. Our parish goal this year is 54400.

Please ask the Lord how you might participate. Your pledge is payable over a ten-month period of time. Remember also, one does not have to donate a large amount; joining everyone's sacrificial gift adds up to a great resource for those in need. If you haven't got a pledge card please use the form below and drop it off in the Sunday collection or at the office.

Make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Pledge: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Down payment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### Parish Social Ministry (Outreach) Program

The Outreach Food Pantry is available for individuals and families that are struggling to stretch their food budget. We can also refer those needing assistance to any program appropriate to their needs. Appointments can be made by calling 631 585-8760 x2. The Outreach Office is open Monday through Friday from 10 AM to 12 PM.

**Pantry Needs: Kleenex, Baked Beans, Box Milk, Coffee, Tea, Rice-A-Roni, Dog Food.**



## Worship with your talent



This is an opportunity to worship with your talent and help the parish community worship better by volunteering to help with live stream cameras and projecting lyrics and scriptures on the screen at Mass on the weekend and on special occasions. Training will be provided. Those who like to work with the camera and/or computer, please contact Fr. Joseph at [jalenchery@abvmcentereach.com](mailto:jalenchery@abvmcentereach.com)



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 download the **Faith Direct app** and search for the parish with the parish code (NY563). Thank you for your continued support of our parish family!

### Greetings from the Easter Bunny and the Holy Name Society!



## Holy Name Society

It is the time of year when we renew ourselves in our faith and share our faith with others by lifting spirits and bringing the joy of Easter. The Holy Name Society has been doing this with your help for 50 years. The Easter Bunny visits hundreds of handicap children and seniors in nursing homes each year.

This year there are still restrictions but we will be able to do some "wave by" visits. With these visits we would like to bring snacks to the children and to the

seniors, fruit baskets with some crossword puzzles and other similar items to keep minds occupied in these trying time's of limited social contact.

Any donations are welcome. We will have a collection box in the church or you can leave it at the parish office or call Sal Stingo @ 631-981-6905 and leave a message he will call back and make arrangements to pick it up or mail it.

**Sunday, Apr 04, 2021**

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY)

**Race to understanding**

Does it matter who gains insight first, so long as we all get there? Competition is overrated, which may be why evangelists don't agree on who arrives at the tomb first. Mark reports that Mary Magdalene; Mary, mother of James; and Salome got there at dawn. Matthew asserts it was the Magdalene and the "other Mary." Luke claims it was Mary Magdalene; James' mother, Mary; Joanna; and assorted "others." In John, the Magdalene arrives alone. You may be a cradle Catholic, or this may be your first Easter. Welcome to the recognition that death doesn't have the final say.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; Victimae Paschali Laudes; John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7 (42, 41) or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35 (46). *"They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first."*

**Monday, Apr 05, 2021**

EASTER MONDAY

**Weave a life of meaning**

Everyone knows the joy of creating—whether it be a work of art, a meal, or a family. It's a way of expressing ourselves, sharing our love, and using our talents to serve. It's also a consolation during tough times. Maybe you took up some new, creative pastimes during the pandemic. Saint Maria Crescentia Höss, whose feast is today, was a weaver in 18th-century Bavaria before she became a nun, and when she was assigned to servitude and living in a cubbyhole in the monastery, she kept weaving. Maybe that helped sustain her until she eventually rose to be elected the mother superior. Holy creativity can feed your soul.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 (261). *"They approached, embraced his feet, and did him homage."*

**Tuesday, Apr 06, 2021**

EASTER TUESDAY

**Sing the Octave**

Happy Octave of Easter—the eight days between, and including, Easter Sunday and Divine Mercy Sunday. By relishing the Resurrection for eight whole days instead of just one, the church declares it the cornerstone of belief. What's more: In contrast to the Christmas Octave, we observe no other feast days during Easter Octave, keeping the Resurrection our only focus. Why eight? Christianity's Jewish roots feature ritual celebrations that end on the eighth day—a week, when you count both the first and last days. Make every day this week a "mini-Easter," as our church intends. Sing Alleluia for eight days.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 (262). *"Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?'"*

**Wednesday, Apr 07, 2021**

EASTER WEDNESDAY

**Pray for all who heal a world in pain**

On April 7, 1948, the World Health Organization was established as a leading global health authority within the United Nations system. In 2021, the WHO counts 7,000 members from 150 countries. It declares that the health of all people is essential to attaining peace and security, and among other things chooses a particular health theme each year to mark its anniversary. Past

themes include mental health, maternal and childcare, and climate change. Mindful that the world's aging population is living longer, the WHO set this year's theme as "Aging and Health." On this Easter Wednesday, as we take note of the healing miracles within the early Christian community, ask the Lord to bless all who work to safeguard the health of humanity.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 (263). *"And a man crippled from birth was carried and placed at the gate of the temple."*

**Thursday, Apr 08, 2021**

EASTER THURSDAY

**Keep it going**

We are still in the Octave of Easter, the eight days following Easter. The Octave is meant to keep the celebration going, to keep savoring the joy of the Resurrection. The gospel for each day focuses on the Risen Christ. In the early church, those who were baptized at the Easter Vigil would continue wearing their white garments all week in recognition of the life-changing, festive event. You've likely been changing your clothes during the Octave, but try keeping your focus on the Resurrection. Meditate on a time that God has blessed you with new life.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:11-26, Luke 24:35-48 (264). *"He stood in their midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'"*

**Friday, Apr 09, 2021**

EASTER FRIDAY

**It all adds up**

Numbers play a key role throughout salvation history: Yahweh, the one true God; the 5,000 fed; the cock crowing three times; the Triduum; the Trinity; and the third time Jesus appears to his disciples after his death, which we read about in today's beautiful gospel story of Jesus cooking breakfast for his disciples on the seashore. Numerologists love to explore all the hidden meanings packed in the biblical numbers. But the gospel message is actually quite simple. Jesus alone feeds us. Remember that next time you are looking for sustenance elsewhere.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:1-12; John 21:1-14 (265). *"Jesus said to them, 'Come, have breakfast.'"*

**Saturday, Apr 10, 2021**

EASTER SATURDAY

**Faith takes time**

What would you think if you heard that someone you knew was dead had risen from the grave? It's no wonder the disciples doubted the story. No less a witness than Mother Teresa of Calcutta expressed serious doubts about God's existence over the course of her life. "Where is my faith?" she wrote. "There is nothing but emptiness." And she's a saint! So when loved ones stop going to church and express doubts about God—or if you yourself face such doubts—accept it as a part of the spiritual journey each of us walks. Keep praying and be patient. Faith takes time and hits dry spells. But in God's heart, there's all the time in the world.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15 (266). *"When they heard that he was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe."*

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



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# **The Easter Lamb**

**The Paschal Lamb symbolizes the Risen Lord, Jesus Christ . . . the Lamb of God . . . the Christian symbol of the Passover Sacrifice of Jesus from death to life.**

**It is placed on the front window or storm door of the home witnessing to whom and what we believe as Christians — “We are an Easter people and Alleluia is our song.”**

**The symbol of the Lamb remains in a prominent place for fifty days, from Easter Sunday until the completion of the Easter season on Pentecost Sunday, May 23, 2021.**