



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

May 15, 2022

Our Mission

Love God.

Serve Others. Grow Disciples.

You Matter! + You Belong!

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**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Sunday, May 15th

9:30 a.m. — Leroy Lovell (Gochan Family)
People of the Parish
11:30 a.m. — Vincent Palma (Family)
Rosemary O'Connor (Palma Family)

Monday, May 16th

9:00 a.m. — Otto Wolz
James Lang

Tuesday, May 17th

9:00 a.m. — Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)

Wednesday, May 18th

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

Thursday, May 19th

9:00 a.m. — Robert Scibelli (Sister)

Saturday, May 21st

5:30 p.m. — Dan Robertson (Cathy & John Giuffo)

Sunday, May 22nd

9:30 a.m. — William Ross (Mary Ross)
Thanksgiving (Antonio Mua Jr.)
11:30 a.m. — Jean & Phillip Cavallo (Cavallo Family)
People of the Parish

*Rest
in
Peace*

Mary Ann Scribner
Ruth I. Tracy

Time, Talent & Treasure
Fostering Stewardship
as a Way of Life

Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
(Regular Sunday Offering)

Last Week's Collection \$9,389
(includes *Faith Direct*)

Last Year's Collection \$8,714
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.

ASSUMPTION YOUTH MINISTRY
Every Thursday 7:00PM - 8:30PM
in the Parish Center Hall
All 6th - 8th & 9th - 12th graders are Welcome

For more information please contact Renata Tutka-Ptak at 631-585-8760 ext. 105 or rptak@abvmcentereach.com

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 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.

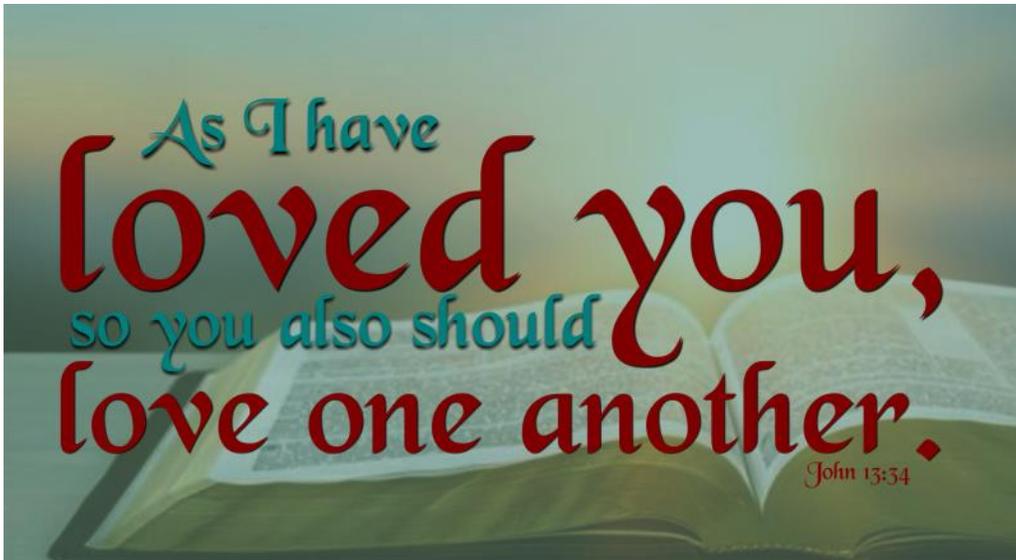
Scouting (Cub Scout, Boy Scouts)

Contact Denise Materazo at dmfl121@yahoo.com for more details..

Good News Reflection**The glorious mission**

If you knew you were about to die, what wisdom would you impart to your loved ones in your final moments? What's most important for them to learn from you?

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus knows that his time is short. The first thing he says to his friends are words of praise for God (the Father) while equating himself with God. He even calls his friends "children" as if he himself is God the Father! In so doing, he makes it clear that he is one with the Father -- so totally that the lines between Father and Savior are blurred. And he does it humbly. He could have said, "Hey guys, in case you're not sure, I am divine. I am God. Worship me." But instead, he focuses on the glory of God.



Glory is the radiating light of God's presence: his love, his joy, his holiness, his peace, his wisdom, his creativity, and everything else that he imparts on those who want to bathe in his glory. When we glorify God, we are reflecting back to him this same glory. How much of this glory is illuminating your life?

After describing the exchange of glory between Father and Son, Jesus imparts to his disciples the highest wisdom of the universe: The key to suc-

cessfully joining Jesus in the glory of God is to love as he loves.

Love is not love unless it unselfishly gives itself to others. Jesus unselfishly gave himself to us completely, even in death. Followers of Jesus are not true followers, disciples are not true disciples, priests are not true priests, lay leaders are not true leaders, unless they serve with love, in love, and through love.

The glory of God is love that gives itself completely, even sacrificially. Why does the Gospel reading give us a scene from the Passion of Christ while we're celebrating the season of Easter? The other readings are full of Easter: "Behold, I make all things new" (Rev. 21:5a). And yet here is Jesus preparing for betrayal, torture, and death. Why?

This Gospel reading is Jesus imparting to us today the key to continuing the mission of sharing God's glory, which Jesus began and now calls us to do. By loving one another in a spirit of sacrifice, we are showing the world that Jesus is real, he is risen, and he is alive in us.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

Whom do you not love? If you were able to give that person a gift of yourself as an act of love for the glory of God, what would that gift be?

Questions for Family & Community Faith Sharing:

How do sacrificial acts of love glorify God? Name a good deed you did recently. How was it self-giving (sacrificial)? How was it also a gift from Jesus, a sign that he was working through you?



The Power of Resurrection make eveything NEW.

Week Five – Made New

Scripture: Revelation 21

*Jesus makes all things
NEW.*

New Series begins on May 22



VENI SANCTE SPIRITUS
-COME HOLY SPIRIT-

SAVE THE DATE

JULY 25 - JULY 29 9am to 12pm

K - 6th grades

7th grade and older - Junior Counselor

Adult Volunteers needed



*Coffee
in the
Courtyard*

*Coffee
Conversations
Community*

in the Parish Center Hall

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

You are invited to “Coffee in the Courtyard”, on every **Sunday after the 9:30 AM and 11:30 AM Masses at the Plaza between church and the Parish Center**. Hang out with our fellow worshippers, spend a few minutes conversing with others, make new friends, and build a stronger community, in which we then become a stronger parish family. **All are welcome!** Join us for fellowship, wonderful conversations and of course coffee.

Parish Social Ministry

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. 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. We are happy to assist people of all faiths. The Outreach Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM. **Pantry Needs: Peanut Butter, Jelly, Rice-A-Roni, Cooking Oil, Mayonnaise, Frosting, Kleenex & Canned Chicken, Rice, Noodles, Baked Beans.**



Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters is sponsoring a trip to the Sight and Sound Theatre in Lancaster, Pa. on November 10, 2022 to see their production of the story of King David. The one day trip, offered at a price of \$200 per person includes, the trip, tip for driver, lunch and the play. Hampton Jitney will be picking us up at the parking lot of Assumption Church.

Please contact Rose Picariello at 631-676-2855 (H), 631-278-0073 or email: rpicariello7@yahoo.com. **\$100 deposit needed no later than May 25, 2022** to secure our reservations. All final details will be given at a later date.



20 Catholic Ministries Appeal
22 DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*"God's love calls us to move beyond fear. We ask God for the courage to put on faith, hope and love as we go out into the world and become the Word in body as well as spirit."
 - Pope Francis*

One Family in Mission - Building a Community of

FAITH

HOPE

& LOVE

Every year Catholic Ministries Appeal enables our Church on Long island to continue to form our youth and adults in the faith, promote the dignity of life, provide quality education to our young people, feed the hungry, and foster vocations to the priesthood. Our Parish goal this year is \$56,400. We have surpassed our goal last year (54,200) and got back more than \$13,000 as rebate to use it in our parish. Your generosity helps to make all of this, and so much more, possible! **Thank you for your support.**

ADOREMUS
 EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

WITH CONTEMPORARY AND TRADITIONAL MUSIC

Friday, May 20, 2022 - 7:30 - 8:30 PM

in the church & **LIVE** Streaming

PRAISE AND WORSHIP * SILENT ADORATION * BENEDICTION

Sunday, May 15, 2022

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Opening a door to the poor

Valuing families is a Catholic imperative. Yet on this International Day of Families, we face the reality that between 20 and 30 percent of the world's homeless include entire families. In the United States, nearly 60,000 families with children are without shelter on a given night. De La Salle Brother Peter Maurin co-founded the Catholic Worker Movement with Dorothy Day because he couldn't, as he said, be crazy the way the world is crazy. "What we give to the poor for Christ's sake, is what we carry with us when we die," Maurin reflected. Today, on his death date, reflect on what you will carry with you at your passing.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:21-27; Revelation 21:1-5a; John 13:31-33a, 34-35 (54). *"It is necessary for us to undergo many hardships to enter the kingdom of God."*

Monday, May 16, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

Bear witness

The Holy Spirit is called the "Advocate." An advocate is someone who defends, counsels, guides, and comforts. As Saint Paul said, the Advocate bears witness that we are children of God. As Catholics, we're called to advocate for others as well. Catholic Relief Services encourages "advocating for changes in existing unjust policies and the creation of new policies that benefit the common good." Want to put your faith into action through [advocacy for the poor](#)? Visit the [website of Catholic Relief Services to learn how to become a voice for those whose voices have been ignored](#).

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:5-18; John 14:21-26 (285). *"The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name—he will teach you everything."*

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

Erase racism

On this day in 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously against racial segregation in public schools. Four years later, the U.S. Catholic bishops issued their first pastoral letter on racism, *Discrimination and Christian Conscience*. It wasn't the first time the bishops denounced the scourge of racial injustice—nor the last. "Racism is a sin: a sin that divides the human family, blots out the image of God among specific members of that family, and violates the fundamental human dignity of those called to be children of the same Father" they wrote in 1979. Commemorate Brown vs. the [Board of Education by revisiting the pastoral letter Brothers and Sisters to Us](#).

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 14:19-28; John 14:27-31a (286). *"My peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you."*

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

MEMORIAL OF JOHN I, POPE, MARTYR

Rise to the challenge

Not every pope was first a bishop, much less a cardinal, as is the custom these days. Pope and martyr John I, who we memorialize today, was an archdeacon when called to the papacy in the year 523. An archdeacon acts as an intermediary between a bishop and the clergy of a diocese, often administering a portion of the diocese called an archdiaconate. The office has been described

metaphorically as that of *oculus episcopi*, the "bishop's eye." John I must have excelled in his role to have been called to the papacy at a time of great upheaval. He responded courageously, even with his life. Be ready to be called to some surprising roles in your faith journey. Turn to John I for the inspiration to respond fully.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:1-6; John 15:1-8 (287). *"I am the vine, you are the branches."*

Thursday, May 19, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

Disagree agreeably

Today's first reading recalls the first recorded argument in the church—over whether men entering the Christian church needed to be circumcised according to Jewish tradition. During our 2,000 years of wrangling, this maxim arose: "In essentials unity, in non-essentials liberty, and in all things charity." Christians don't even agree on who said that, but it was Pope John XXIII's guiding principal for the important discussions of Vatican II, which modernized the church. Do you bring charity to your disagreements?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:7-21; John 15:9-11 (288). *"I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete."*

Friday, May 20, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

Engage with epistles, emissaries, and emails

A tweet from the pope. An email newsletter about the Synod. The internet and social media are normal sources of information and conversation these days. This is especially true given our recent experience with social distancing. In the early church, mass communication was done primarily through epistles and emissaries. Epistles were letters written by notable folks, and emissaries were people sent on behalf of a notable person or group. Both were intended to communicate to a large number of people in far-flung areas. Given this Easter season, what message would you choose to broadcast far and wide?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 15:22-31; John 15:12-17 (289). *"So we are sending Judas and Silas who will also convey this same message by word of mouth."*

Saturday, May 21, 2022

EASTER WEEKDAY

Pray for one nation under God

Today is Armed Forces Day, a holiday that pays tribute to men and women who serve across all six branches in the United States military. The United States is blessed with well trained and disciplined armed forces, dedicated to defend not only the people but also the principles on which the nation was founded, including the free exercise of religion. Cherish the right that is yours to worship freely, and take a moment today to give thanks for those who are sworn to protect it and all our cherished liberties.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 16:1-10; John 15:18-21 (290). *"If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you."*

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



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