



ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

April 9, 2023



He is Risen!

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**Mass Intentions
for the week**

Sunday, April 9

9:30 a.m. — Easter Sunday
 11:30 a.m.— Easter Sunday
 1:00 p.m.— Easter Sunday

Monday, April 10

9:00 a.m. — Augustine Joseph
 Maria & Inacio de Sousa (Family)

Tuesday, April 11

9:00 a.m. — Fernando Pacheco Goncalves (Parish Social
 Ministry)
 Mary Ross (Fran Zarcone)

Wednesday, April 12

9:00 a.m.—Mary Ross (CDA Ct. St. Gerard #1920)
 Living & Deceased Members of Rosary
 Altar Society

Thursday, April 13

8:00 p.m. — Ralph Helmig (Family)
 Nancy Thomas (Donna Kaires)

Saturday, April 15

5:30 p.m.—Roger Frenette (Frances Festa)
 James A. Riedl (Hunsucker Family)

Sunday, April 16

9:30 a.m.— Peter & Marjorie Gochan (Family)
 Mary McConnon
 11:30 a.m.—People of the Parish

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 web-
 site 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. Meetings are held on every first Tuesday
 of the month from September thru June.

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

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary
 Last Week’s Collection \$10,722**

(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year’s Collection \$10,378
 Thank You!**

Rest
 in
 Peace



Deceased Brothers &
 Sisters of our Parish

Good News Reflection

How has Jesus helped you?

Are you ready to proclaim the Good News about how Jesus has helped you? What holds you back? Do you hesitate because you don't yet understand how the deaths in your life (the sacrifices, the lost hope, the broken relationships, etc.) have been resurrected into new life?

Such hesitation was the mental state of the disciples on the first Easter morning, as depicted in the Gospel of John.



The attitude of Peter in the reading from Acts is quite a contrast! The disciples now know their calling: They were empowered and commissioned to testify that Jesus is the Savior, and they fully embraced this vocation.

Do you understand how Jesus is turning your tragedies and other difficulties into triumphs and great blessings?

To "testify" means to share the truth based on your own experiences. Peter specifically proclaimed that everyone who believes in Jesus receives forgiveness of sins. Of course he did! Peter knew first-hand what it's like to need and then receive Christ's forgiveness.

We will not understand much about how our sufferings have led us to a new and blessed life until we start talking about it. The first inklings of insight awaken when we discuss it within our close, holy friendships, like Mary of Magdala did when she ran to Peter and John after discovering the empty tomb. They, in turn, told the other disciples.

It was while they were together -- in community -- that Jesus appeared and revealed his resurrection to them. Later, after having lots of time to talk about it with friends, the Holy Spirit empowered them to go out and evangelize the world by sharing their experiences with anyone willing to listen.

Questions for Personal Reflection:

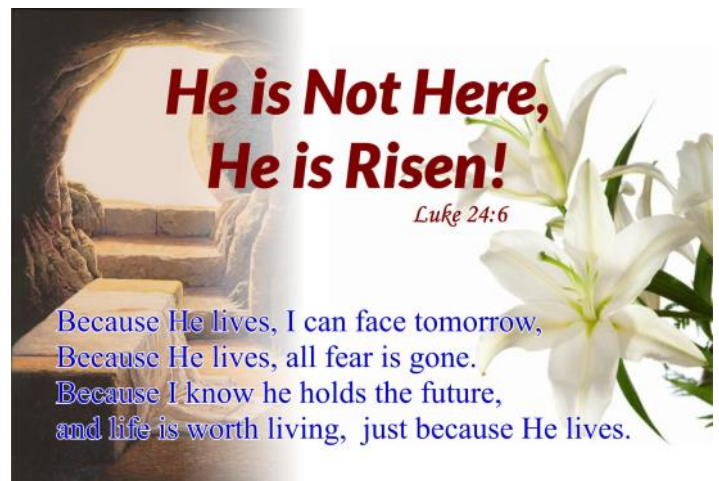
The empty tomb doesn't immediately make sense. What has been confusing to you during your faith journey? What has caused you to feel empty and frightened? Where might Jesus be in this?

Questions for Community Faith Sharing:

How have your own experiences of being forgiven enabled you to feel more compassionate toward others? Does that change the way you talk to them about God and church and other spiritual or moral issues? What is the biggest change that Jesus has brought into your life? What were you like before this change? How did God intervene? What were the results? This is your testimony. Practice sharing it by telling the story to your community of friends.

Blessed Easter

The power of resurrection makes everything possible. This weekend, we begin to discuss this in the new message series called Possible. For the Apostles, 2000 years ago, the resurrection event changed everything, especially their lives. They were witnesses to the new life that God had given them from that time on. 2022 is a long time after. God wants to accomplish something in your life and through the church that you did not think possible before. Still, that great news, the resurrection of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, changes lives, gives hope makes things possible we thought impossible. As we celebrate this Easter, let us allow our lives to be changed and let the Risen Lord make everything possible for us. Have a blessed Easter. Fr. Joe





The Resurrection shows that with God all things are possible. If God can raise his Son back to life after the crucifixion then he can do anything else. The resurrection shows that God has come to renew and restore this broken world and that the process has already begun. God wants to accomplish something in your life and through the church that you did not think possible before. Our role is to catch a vision of what God wants to do. In this message we will look at seeking what is above, what are the things God wants to accomplish in us and through us that we never thought possible.



*One Family - Journeying together in
Communion, Participation and Mission*



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 \$56,600. We have made our goal last year (56,600) and got back more than \$11,000 as rebate to use it in our parish. Your generosity helps to make all of this, and so much more, possible! If you haven't made a pledge yet please use the form below. Pledges can be paid off in the next ten months. **Thank you for your support.**

Catholic Ministries Appeal 2023

Diocese of Rockville Centre

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Please make checks payable to: Catholic Ministries Appeal

I/we agree to make a gift of:
 \$500 \$250 \$100 \$50 \$25 Other \$ _____
 Pledge Total \$ _____ Initial Payment \$ _____

Reminders will be send each month for the next 10 months. Thank you very much for your generosity. Your gifts make a difference in the lives of others!

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 Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM. **Pantry Needs: Paper Towels, Toilet Paper, Kleenex, Household Cleaner, Shampoo, Deodorant, Laundry Detergent, Mayonnaise, Mustard, Salad Dressing, Coffee, Tea, Fruit Juice, Hot Chocolate, Rice-a-Roni, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Dog Food, Cat Food.**



14th Annual Women's Retreat "BEHOLD THY SON"

Friday, 12 May 2023 – Saturday, 13 May 2023

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception, 440 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY

Cost: \$175 per person

Includes dinner Friday, 3 meals Saturday, private room w/ shower

For more information contact Lana Maggio at 631-374-1116 or Corinne Addiss 631-804-7222 or keepntuch@aol.com

Sprouts

Sprouts is a children's ministry for ages three and up on Sundays after 9:30 am Mass during Coffee in the Courtyard. We are ready to hear and be part of the stories our youngest disciples of our parish are living and

to invite them to the most incredible adventure of their lives, reminding them week after week, year after year, that our Father is madly after their hearts.

SAVE THE DATE



Vacation Bible School 2023 July 31st to Aug 4th



Please prayerfully consider supporting our parish with electronic donations through *Faith Direct*. Signing up is easy! Visit 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!



Sunday, Apr 09, 2023**From hole to whole**

Accounts vary. Sometimes Easter dawns with helpful instruction-bearing angels and a palpable earthshaking. In other narratives it's almost a stealthy affair: a yawning open tomb, the shroud deserted, its meaning unclear. So too we experience the Easters of our lives in a variety of ways: fervent or undecided, joyful or indifferent or possibly even sorrowing. The empty tomb is an invitation to faith, an absence that can be filled any number of ways. We pray for each other this day, that what is empty in any of us may be filled with hope and trust.

SOLEMNITY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD (EASTER SUNDAY)

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 Matthew 28:1-10 (42, 41) or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35 (46). *"There was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven . . . rolled back the stone, and sat upon it."*

Monday, Apr 10, 2023**God brings all things to completion**

Who doesn't sometimes get impatient with God's plan for them? Consider that the waiting can not only be useful but also beautiful. "Trust in the slow work of God," wrote Pierre Teilhard de Chardin (who died on this day in 1955). He would know—this French Jesuit priest was forced to leave his teaching post and withdraw controversial statements in 1925 and was further condemned by the church posthumously in 1962. Decades later, leading cardinals started to see his ideas differently—favorably—and so did Popes Benedict XVI and Francis. "It is the law of all progress that it is made by passing through some stages of instability," Chardin wrote—so, like him, accept "feeling yourself in suspense and incomplete."

MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Matthew 28:8-15 (261). *"And behold, Jesus met them on their way and greeted them."*

Tuesday, Apr 11, 2023**Wage peace**

One of the most significant pillars of Catholic social teaching turns 60 today: *Pacem in terris*—in English, "Peace on Earth"—the encyclical written by Pope John XXIII to address the menace of nuclear war and the need to uphold international human rights, including racial equality and women's rights. Significantly, it stands as the first encyclical addressed to both Catholics and non-Catholics alike, drawing worldwide admiration for the church's willingness to confront the social and economic costs of the Cold War. "The social progress, order, security, and peace of each country are necessarily connected with the social progress, order, security, and peace of all other countries," he wrote. Let peace begin with you today.

TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:36-41; John 20:11-18 (262). *"Mary went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord,' and then reported what he had told her."*

Wednesday, Apr 12, 2023**Leave the battlefield behind**

Most people know that the Civil War, which began on this day in 1861, was largely an unjust war fought in defense of slavery in the Southern United States (then, for a time, the Confederate States of America). What many do not know is that the first skirmish of the war,

the Battle of Fort Sumter in Charleston, South Carolina, was led in part by a Catholic, Confederate Brigadier General P. G. T. Beauregard, a Creole Catholic born and raised on a plantation in Louisiana. After the failures of the Confederacy in the war, Beauregard returned to civilian life in his home region, advocating for black civil rights (including voting), societal unity, and also became an admirer of Abraham Lincoln. May we model repentance in the face of our sins and work always for the common bonds of humanity.

WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:1-10; Luke 24:13-35 (263). *"While he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened."*

Thursday, Apr 13, 2023**Accountability matters**

When the risen Christ appears to his dumbfounded disciples, he reminds them "that repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached in his name." Even the church itself must repent sometimes. The Catholic Native Boarding School Accountability and Healing Project is such an undertaking. Few expect rapid change, but this group of religious, church officials, and laypeople have named a "sin" the church's role in the federal efforts to dismantle Native American culture through boarding schools. That's a start. [Learn more on this topic](#) so you can be part of the healing.

THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 3:11-26; Luke 24:35-48 (264). *"Then he said to them, 'Why are you troubled? And why do questions arise in your hearts?'"*

Friday, Apr 14, 2023**Time for breakfast**

Comedian Steven Wright may have been on to something when he quipped: "I went to a restaurant that serves 'breakfast at any time,' so I ordered French toast during the Renaissance." For Christians, who wouldn't choose a morning meal prepared by Jesus on the banks of the Sea of Tiberias? In one of the most memorable stories in the Gospel of John, the disciples are treated to just such an amazing repast. The risen Christ's tender care to ensure that the disciples have a good breakfast is both achingly sweet and altogether practical. He knew that to continue his mission, the disciple would need not only the warmth of his love but the strength and focus a hearty breakfast provides. Take care of your physical and spiritual health so that, you too, may be prepared to carry on Christ's loving mission each day.

FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

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

Saturday, Apr 15, 2023**More than mere appearances**

It turns out that Jesus appeared in different forms after his Resurrection. In John's gospel Mary of Magdala, arguably one of the Lord's closest friends, thought he was the gardener. In Luke's gospel two disciples invite him to their house for dinner and haven't a clue who he is. In today's gospel from Mark, we read that "he appeared in another form." Makes you wonder whether it might still be going on. Jesus did say that we engage him in the least of others. In what form will the risen Christ appear to you today?

SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:13-21; Mark 16:9-15 (266). *"After this he appeared in another form."*

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



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