



# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**April 23, 2023**

**Our Mission**

**Love God.**

**Serve Others. Grow Disciples.**

**You Matter! + You Belong!**

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**Sunday, April 23**

9:30 a.m. — Raymond Vutrano (Terry Cheshire & Navins Family)  
 James Smith (Carole & Jerry Herchenroder)  
 11:30 a.m.— People of the Parish

**Monday, April 24**

9:00 a.m. — Paul Christian Harrison (Gochan Family)

**Tuesday, April 25**

9:00 a.m. — Anthony DiLaurenzio (Elizabeth Dobert)

**Wednesday, April 26**

9:00 a.m.—

**Thursday, April 27**

9:00 a.m.. — George Leverock (Leverock Family)

**Saturday, April 29**

5:30 p.m.—Judy Carlson (McMahon Family)  
 Abelardo & Norma Angeles (Family)

**Sunday, April 30**

9:30 a.m.— Rosemary O’Connor (Josephine Scala)  
 Steven E. Gruber (O’Toole Family)  
 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 6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.abvmcentereach.com) or call the office at 631-585-8760 during regular office hours.

*Remember not the events of the past,  
 the things of long ago consider not;  
 see, I am doing something new!*  
*Isaiah 43:18-19*

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

**Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary**  
**Last Week’s Collection \$10,168**  
 (includes *Faith Direct*)  
 Last Year’s Collection \$20,306  
**Thank You!**

**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.

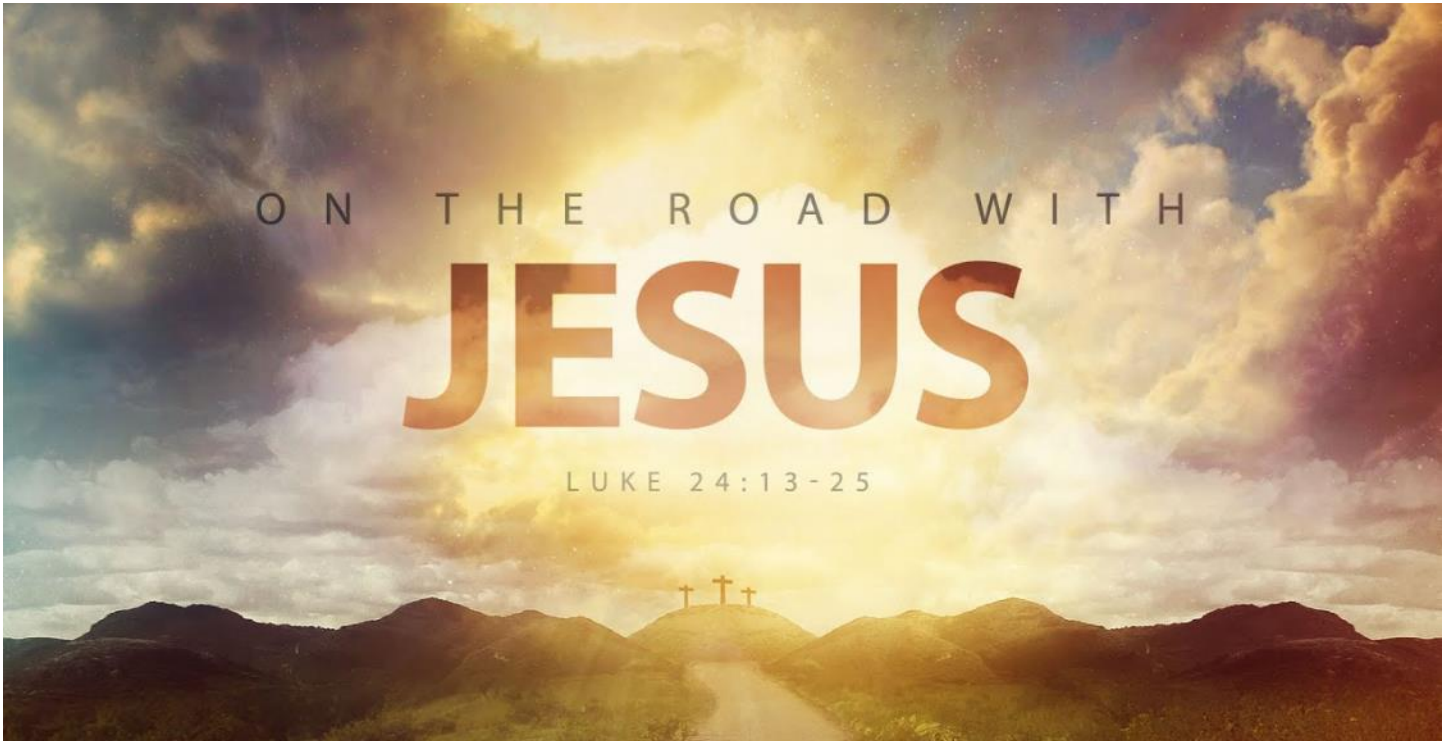
*Rest  
 in  
 Peace*

Brigid Furnari  
 Elizabeth O’Neill

## ***Good News Reflection***

### ***How to see Jesus***

The two disciples in this Sunday's Gospel reading did not recognize Jesus until after they heard him explain the scriptures and then broke bread with him. It was a two-part process.



First, while listening to him teach about the scriptures, only their hearts recognized him. ("Were not our hearts burning within us?") Their eyes didn't see his true identity until Jesus shared a meal with them, raised the bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to them to eat.

When we celebrate Mass today, we're on a similar journey with Jesus. First, we have the Liturgy of the Word, during which we hear the scriptures and a homily that explains them. This is a time of opening our hearts to him.

A well-trained reader will speak the words of scripture with meaning and emphasis so that our hearts can recognize God in the words. A well-trained priest or deacon will set our hearts on fire as if Jesus himself were teaching us the meaning of the scriptures. But even when the reader or homilist does a poor job, we can open our hearts to hear Jesus speaking to us directly.

Then we move into the Liturgy of the Eucharist. When the presiding priest consecrates the bread and wine, it is Jesus himself who is actually doing it, using the priest's hands and vocal chords. Jesus is doing for us what he did for those two disciples at Emmaus.

If we have opened our hearts to Jesus during the first part of Mass, and if we are still paying attention, we see much more than a piece of bread and a chalice of wine. We see Jesus. We recognize him with our hearts and our heads. We know beyond all doubt that the resurrected Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist.

### **Questions for Personal Reflection:**

In what area(s) of your life does Jesus seem to be absent? How can the Mass help you recognize Jesus and feel his closeness? What else can you do to discover the presence of Jesus when you are not able to sense his nearness?

### **Questions for Community Faith Sharing:**

When did you discover that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist? What helped you with that discovery? How do you know that the bread and wine change into the substance of Jesus while retaining their original form (which is called "transubstantiation")? How easy is it for you to recognize Jesus in the Eucharist? Why?



Jesus walks on the road to Emmaus. He opens up the Scriptures so that the travelers come to believe in the resurrection. As a result, their hearts are set on fire. It is possible to live our lives with excitement and passion. Faith gives us a passion and excitement for life as we see what is possible. We nurture faith through the Scriptures.

**2023**  
**CATHOLIC**  
**MINISTRIES**  
**A P P E A L**  
DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE

*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 do it soon. Pledges can be paid off in the next ten months. **Thank you for your support.**

*Coffee*  
 in the  
*Courtyard*

*Coffee*  
 Conversations  
 Community

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

in the Parish Center Hall

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. 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](mailto:outreach@abvmcentereach.com). The Outreach Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10 AM to 1 PM. **Pantry Needs: Laundry Detergent, Shampoo, Cooking Oil, Tea, Coffee, Ketchup, Baked Beans, Canned Pasta, Canned Fruit, Cat Food, Dog 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](mailto: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.

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas Court St. Gerard #1920

## COUNTRY LINE DANCING FUNDRAISER

"No experience necessary"



**Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023  
in the Parish Center Hall**

**Cost \$25.00, Children under 10 \$12.00**

**Country BBQ & Desserts | For more info: Contact Jennifer 516-909-9589 - RSVP by May 20, 2023**

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**Sunday, Apr 23, 2023****Table manners**

Someone once said we like our heroes dead more than alive. Cesar Chavez co-founded the United Farm Workers movement but found himself denounced as a communist and surveilled by the FBI during his lifetime. Only after death was his stature recognized, and he was posthumously awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom. Encouraged by a priest who fueled him with Catholic social teaching, Chavez was also inspired by the nonviolent resistance of Gandhi. Along with lifelong co-worker Dolores Huerta, Chavez brought national attention to an abused yet fundamental part of our work force. Support farm workers' rights and remember at every table how you are the Body of Christ.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35 (46). *"The two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread."*

**Monday, Apr 24, 2023****Seek what is hidden**

Benedictine sister, best-selling author, and spiritual guide Macrina Wiederkehr was called a "master of everyday spirituality." She lived with the monastic community of St. Scholastica in Fort Smith, Arkansas and died on this day in 2020 at the age of 80. On this anniversary of her passing, let her words infuse your own everyday spirituality: "Holiness comes wrapped in the ordinary. There are burning bushes all around you. Every tree is full of angels. Hidden beauty is waiting in every crumb. . . . Real Presence is everywhere, and those with the hearts of children revel in it."

EASTER WEEKDAY  
TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 6:8-15; John 6:22-29 (273). *"This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent."*

**Tuesday, Apr 25, 2023****Mark left his mark**

Mark wasn't a direct disciple of Jesus but was quite active in the Early Church. He was closest to Peter, the latter returning to Mark's mother's house after escaping prison. According to Saint Jerome: "Mark, the disciple and interpreter of Peter, wrote a short gospel at the request of the brethren at Rome embodying what he had heard Peter tell. When Peter had heard this, he approved it and published it to the churches to be read by his authority." Mark's short, action-packed gospel highlights the immediacy of Jesus' actions; Mark also uses the word *eutheos*—Greek for "right away"—more than 40 times. How might the Spirit be tapping you to act with immediacy?

FEAST OF MARK, EVANGELIST  
TODAY'S READINGS: 1 Peter 5:5b-14; Mark 16:15-20 (555). *"Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them: 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature.'"*

**Wednesday, Apr 26, 2023****Don't skip this meal**

The Catholic Church teaches that the "Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life." As such, it is essential to feeding our spirit and showing us the way to holiness. The very act of listening to the Word, sharing our gifts, and breaking bread with others during Mass is a foretaste of God's reign, where all are welcome to the table. A U.S. Bishops-sponsored Eucharistic Revival is underway to encourage all to encounter Christ in the Eucharist

and feel healed, converted, and called to spread love of this life-giving experience to others. Learn more about the Eucharistic Revival, which culminates in a 2024 Eucharistic Congress, at [eucharisticrevival.org](http://eucharisticrevival.org).

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 8:1b-8; John 6:35-40 (275). *"Jesus said to the crowds, 'I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger.'"*

**Thursday, Apr 27, 2023****The real deal**

Today's gospel has a eucharistic theme, with talk of "living bread" and "flesh for the life of the world." One way the church emphasizes the Eucharist is its insistence on the Real Presence, that is, the core belief that the bread and wine consecrated at Mass truly *are* the Body and Blood of Christ. They are not just symbols but, as Saint John Damascene wrote, the "actual deified body of the Lord." If wrestling with that concept makes your head hurt, know that the church also acknowledges this is a "mystery"—something the mind cannot fully grasp. Leave it to the heart to understand.

**EASTER WEEKDAY**

TODAY'S READINGS: 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 28, 2023****What's in your wallet?**

Stored in coin wallets, pockets, purses, jewelry boxes, and glove compartments are many hundreds of little beads. Some are held together by string or wire, others fashioned into metal "decade" rings with laminated instructional cards. No matter what form they take, each reminds us of a special prayer of the Catholic Church, the Rosary. Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort, known for his love of the Rosary, always made sure to teach people to pray the Rosary in whatever method best helps them enter into the mysteries of the life of Christ. What's your unique way of praying the beads?

MEMORIAL OF LOUIS GRIGNION DE MONTFORT, PRIEST  
TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:1-20; John 6:52-59 (277). *"[Ananias] answered, 'Here I am, Lord.'"*

**Saturday, Apr 29, 2023****Stand firm in your calling**

Sometimes in the process of growing up you have to stand your ground with your parents. While they love you and are owed your devotion, they don't *always* know what's best for you. Catherine of Siena had to stand firm against the objections of her parents in order to fulfill her deepest calling, which was to the religious life. A wise choice on her part, and the entire church has benefited enormously as a result. The church has expressed its collective appreciation to her by bestowing the rare title of "doctor of the church" upon her.

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, TERTIARY, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH  
TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 9:31-42; John 6:60-69 (278). *"You have the words of eternal life."*

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



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