



# ASSUMPTION

## of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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



April 25, 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

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Phone: 631-585-8760; Fax: 1-866-214-3365  
Faith Formation: 631-588-6408





## Mass Intentions for the week

### Sunday, April 25th

7:30 a.m., — Conceicao Lage (Rosa Malheiro & Family)

9:30 a.m. — Timothy Connolly (Melinda Lipsky)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish

### Monday, April 26th

9:00 a.m. — John Bodkin (Sokolowski Family)

### Tuesday, April 27th

9:00 a.m. — Jim Reilly

### Wednesday, April 28th

9:00 a.m. — Jim Reilly (Wolz Family)

### Thursday, April 29th

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

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### Friday, April 30th

9:00 a.m. — Jim Reilly (Rose Picariello)

### Saturday, May 1st

5:30 p.m. — John Hayes (Colleen & Sara Navarra)

### Sunday, May 2nd

7:30 a.m. — Conceicao Lage (Maria Silva & Family)

9:30 a.m. — John Ross (Mary Ross)

Robert Dominick (Maria S. Carey & Vincent J. Carey, Jr.)

11:30 a.m. — People of the Parish





### Time, Talent & Treasure

Fostering Stewardship  
as a Way of Life

### Parish Sacrificial Giving Summary

(Regular Sunday Offering)

**Last Week's (Easter) Collection \$7,918**  
(includes *Faith Direct*)

**Last Year's Collection \$6,930**  
*Thank You!*

## Faith Formation

### 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***

### ***The tap of the Good Shepherd's staff***

In this Sunday's Gospel reading, Jesus identifies himself as the Good Shepherd. We are the sheep for whom he has laid down his life. He put everything aside for our sake -- his human desire for an easy life, the security and familiarity of a home of his own, his time, his sleep, his tiredness, and his natural preference to avoid persecution, torture and death.

We are the sheep who recognize our Shepherd's voice and willingly follow him to better pastures. We want him to be our Good Shepherd. We want his protection, his guidance, and his love.

However, sometimes we forget to listen for his voice. This usually happens when life doesn't go as planned, the way we want it to. In frustration and fear, we assume that Jesus has left the sheepfold. We think he's gone after the lost sheep and left us behind to fend for ourselves, and -- oh no! -- this is surely when the wolves attack! Doesn't he realize that? How could he do this to us if he really cares as much about us as he says he does? Why is he more concerned about the sheep who strayed than he is about us who are good sheep?



However, no matter how busy Jesus gets and no matter how far he has to go to rescue lost sheep, he never leaves our side. He is always with us. When the path of life takes us to dead ends or dangerous cliffs, it's not because he's abandoned us. The pain we feel is his shepherd's staff tapping and prodding us to get us to move in a different direction, and we just haven't understood.

We don't want to go in that other direction. We like the familiarity of this old pasture. We're getting annoyed at the tap-tap-tapping of the staff on our heads. And we won't discover the blessing of this discipline until we turn again to Jesus with eyes of trust and ears that are attentive to everything he says, even if at first we don't like what he's saying.

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

In what areas of your life do you feel lost and alone or abandoned? What activities can you do that will restore your vision and your hearing so you can recognize the presence of your Good Shepherd?

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

Name some of the ways that the Good Shepherd's voice calls out to us. Share the story of a time when he prodded you but at first you didn't realize it was him. When did something feel painful until you realized that you were going in the wrong direction? What helped you recognize the voice and the staff of the Good Shepherd?



## Diocese of Rockville Centre *Healing after Abortion*



**Project Rachel retreats offer the opportunity to experience the loving mercy of God in a safe and sacred space. The retreats are directed by specially trained compassionate caregivers, including counselors and clergy, who have a sensitivity and a heart for those who suffer.**

### **“Entering Canaan” Day of Prayer and Healing for Women— Saturday, May 15, 2021**

**Please register by May 10th**

**For more information and to register please visit**

[www.drvc.life.org/projectrachel](http://www.drvc.life.org/projectrachel)

**or contact Project Rachel at 1(888) 456-HOPE (4673), 1(516) 766-2538 or [projectrachel@drvc.org](mailto:projectrachel@drvc.org). All information will remain confidential.**

## 2021 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL



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*One Family in Mission*  
Creating Pathways to Faith

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: Baked Beans, Liquid Hand Soap, Conditioner, Dog Food, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper**



### ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY Mother's Day Baby Shower Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup>

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



### Drug Crisis Assistance

Are you or someone you know having family or interpersonal problems due to drinking ALCOHOL and/or using DRUGS? CATHOLIC CHARITIES / Talbot House, a Chemical Dependence Crisis Center, located in Bohemia provides withdrawal and stabilization services on a voluntary basis to males and females over the age of 18, who are seeking to stop and/or withdraw from alcohol and/or other drug use. For more information, please call: 631-589-4144. Talbot House staff is available 24/7. Each call is confidential. Sliding scale fees, Medicaid, Medicare, and other third-party insurance accepted.



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PICK OF THE WEEK

April 25, 2021

WATCH

### INTO THE BREACH

As we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph the Worker this week, we encourage all men to watch Into the Breach, a groundbreaking series that seeks to answer what it means to be a Catholic today. Inspired by Bishop Olmsted's apostolic exhortation, Into the Breach challenges men to embrace the greatness we are all



Our parish subscribes to the Formed. It is, **free of charge**. Simply type in [abvmcentereach.formed.org](http://abvmcentereach.formed.org) on your browser. Once you have registered you'll have access to all the material on FORMED, again **free of charge**.

You also can install FORMED through an app. Learn more at [app.formed.org](http://app.formed.org). Our parish code is P8DGQ8.



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!



**Sunday, Apr 25, 2021**

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER; GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

**Live with purpose**

Collecting a paycheck may be important to make a living, but will it alone make a life? Some Catholics hear the invitation to choose a different path. They're nudged by family members, religion teachers, and homilists. They have opportunities to learn about priesthood and apostolic life, about missions and monasteries and cloisters. They'll encounter members of Third Orders and engage in service projects that put them in touch with those consecrated to spreading the Good News. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, let's be sure to issue the invitation—and to receive it.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 4:8-12; 1 John 3:1-2; John 10:11-18 (50).

*"No one takes [my life] from me, but I lay it down on my own."***Monday, Apr 26, 2021**

EASTER WEEKDAY

**Nothing need limit your devotion**

The life of Saint Rafael Arnáiz Barón was interrupted by illness. Having endured a pandemic, we know what that's like—we've seen lives cut short by disease and we ourselves have had to put some of our own living on hold. Rafael was born in Spain in 1911 and died at 27. He was a talented artist and studied architecture, then decided to become a Trappist. Severe complications from diabetes prevented him from taking vows as a monk. He accepted God's will, joined as an oblate instead, and died young of his illness. In him you can find an example of surrender, trust, and devotion in the face of loss and disappointment that makes him a model for our times a century later.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:1-18; John 10:1-10 (279). *"Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture."***Tuesday, Apr 27, 2021**

EASTER WEEKDAY

**Plant the seeds of belief**

The Syrian city of Antioch played a pivotal role in the growth of the early church. A cross-cultural safe haven, it was here that many of Jesus' first followers—all of them Jewish—took refuge after Stephen was martyred, fleeing Jerusalem as they too became targets. Antioch was a cosmopolitan hothouse, its Jews enjoying friendly interactions with the city's many Gentiles. Once new Jews arrived, bearing witness to Jesus, local Gentiles couldn't help but be intrigued. Soon, the fledgling church of Antioch began evangelizing Gentiles intentionally, planting the seed of belief in unexpected places. Where might you plant such seeds?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 11:19-26; John 10:22-30 (280). *"It was in Antioch that the disciples were first called Christians."***Wednesday, Apr 28, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF PETER CHANEL, PRIEST, RELIGIOUS, MISSIONARY, MARTYR

**Let your life bring light to others**

There is good reason that Peter Chanel (1803-41) is the patron saint of Oceania. A parish priest from France who later joined the Marist missionaries, Peter was missioned to Western Oceania to convert people who worshipped other gods. Peter's missionary method was low key: He learned the language of the people and cared for their sick. For a few years, all was fine until small groups of native people began to be baptized, in particular, the son and daughter of the island king. Peter was then considered a threat to

the island's power elite. On this day in 1841 he was murdered. That is not the end of Peter's story, however. Within two years of his death, the entire island had become Catholic. How do you bring the light of faith to people around you?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 12:24—13:5a; John 12:44-50 (281). *"I came into the world as light, so that everyone who believes in me might not remain in darkness."***Thursday, Apr 29, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF CATHERINE OF SIENA, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH

**Not how long a life is, but how good**

Saint Catherine of Siena led a remarkable life for a person of any era but particularly for a woman of the 14th century who only lived 33 years. Mystic, nurse, Dominican, counselor, arbitrator, writer, ambassador—she was all these things. Ordinary people came to her for spiritual council and advice in conflicts, leading her to eventually settle fierce church disputes, becoming a confidante of popes. Central to her strength was her union with Christ, which she wrote about in the classic, *The Dialogue*. Find a quiet moment today to—like Catherine—commune with Jesus, who offers wisdom and strength to all.

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:13-25; John 13:16-20 (282). *"Whoever receives the one I send receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me."***Friday, Apr 30, 2021**

EASTER WEEKDAY

**Try a little tenderness**

When God became flesh and dwelt among us, a revolution was started. Not a military coup that some people expected, but a revolution that would strike deep at the heart. This "revolution of tenderness," as Pope Francis called it in *Evangelii Gaudium*, urges each and every one of us to give of ourselves, to be part of community, to serve, and to be reconciled in our relationships with others. In what ways can you respond to Jesus' call to a revolution of tenderness?

TODAY'S READINGS: Acts 13:26-33; John 14:1-6 (283). *"Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me."***Saturday, May 01, 2021**

MEMORIAL OF JOSEPH THE WORKER

**Wanting for a job**

Today's memorial honors Saint Joseph the carpenter, standing in solidarity with all working people on the traditional "May Day" dedicated to laborers around the world. At this time last year, more than 30 million Americans had lost their jobs due to the pandemic, the largest unemployment crisis in the country's history. Many of those jobs have not returned and likely are gone forever. What can you and your faith community do to support those whose livelihoods were lost to the virus?

TODAY'S READINGS: Genesis 1:26—2:3 or Colossians 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Matthew 13:54-58 (559); Acts 13:44-52; John 14:7-14 (284). *"If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."**Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time*

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