

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
April 14, 2024



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Parish Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday
9:00am to 5:00pm

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Celebration of the Eucharist

Saturday

5:00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday

8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am
6:00pm (Spanish Mass)

Daily Mass

8:00am Monday through Friday
The Rosary is recited immediately after daily Mass

Holy Days

Vigil @ 7:00pm (Spanish Mass)
Day @ 8:00am, 12:00pm, & 7:00pm

First Saturday Mass 9:00am

Rosary starts at 8:45am

Eucharistic Adoration

FIRST FRIDAYS of each month following the
8:00am Mass and LAST MONDAYS of each month
at 7:00pm in the Church.

Confessions

Every Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm

MARRIAGES: Arrangements should be made at least 1 year in advance. Marriage dates may be made only with the priest after he interviews the couple. Please call the Parish Office to set up an appointment. Pre- Cana classes are required.

BAPTISMS: Parents are required to attend one evening class before Baptism; and are encouraged to attend class during pregnancy. Baptismal class is held on the 1st Wednesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November. To register for Baptism, please contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING THE SICK:

Emergency calls for the Sacraments for the seriously ill may be made any time of the day or night, every day of the year. The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will also be celebrated every second Friday of the month at the 8:00am Mass. All those who are seriously ill, including those preparing for surgery or a hospital stay, are invited to receive the Sacrament.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday: Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30;
Jn 6:22-29

Tuesday: Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a,
17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a;
Jn 6:35-40

Thursday: Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20;
Jn 6:44-51

Friday: Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69

Sunday: Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29;
1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: The God of our fathers has glorified his servant Jesus (Acts 3:13-15, 17-19).

Psalm: Lord, let your face shine on us (Psalm 4).

Second Reading: The way we may be sure that we know Jesus is to keep his commandments (1 John 2:1-5a).

Gospel: Jesus stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you" (Luke 24:35-48).

eGIVING OPPORTUNITIES

eGiving makes it easy to give, anytime, anywhere. To continue lifesaving ministries and outreach in our parish community, we depend on generous online donations from our church family. We prayerfully invite you to use eGiving from your computer, smartphone, or tablet to set up a recurring donation or make a one-time gift.

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MASS ATTENDANCE

DATE	5pm	8am	9:30am	11am	6pm	TOTAL
3/17/24	119	95	88	113	125	540
3/24/24	110	152	145	214	296	917
3/31/24	219	240	466	623	305	1,853

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

DATE	COLLECTION	AMOUNT
04/07/2024	Weekly Collection	\$6,927.00
04/02/2023	Weekly Collection	\$7,506.00
03/31/2024	Easter Sunday	\$19,043.00
04/09/2023	Easter Sunday	\$28,472.50

Thank you for your continuous support!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday 5:00pm	April 13 Victoria & Anthony Mirro (Fr. Ken)
Sunday 8:00am	April 14 Richard Dackow (Fr. Peter)
9:30am	Stella Kotalik (Fr. Ken)
11:00am	People of the Parish (Fr. Michael)
6:00pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Mike)
Monday 8:00am	April 15 Jerome Thomson
Tuesday 8:00am	April 16 Jack Harrington
Wednesday 8:00am	April 17 (Guild Mass) Giglio, McGuire, & Fitzgerald Families
Thursday 8:00am	April 18 Lucy Campos
Friday 8:00am	April 19 Daisy Helen O'Neil & her family
Saturday 4:00pm	April 20 Confessions
5:00pm	Kurt & Barbara Mietzner (Fr. Ken)
Sunday 8:00am	April 21 Anna Maria Sicuranza (Fr. Peter)
9:30am	Joseph & Cecelia Krajewski (Fr. Michael)
11:00am	Michael James Merlo (Fr. Ken)
6:00pm	People of the Parish (Msgr. Mirro)



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Third Sunday of Easter

Tuesday: Income Tax Day

Saturday: St. Anselm

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal

The 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal is on-going in our parish and in parishes across the Diocese. Please give prayerful consideration to help fund the essential ministries and services supported by this appeal.

Goal	\$ 62,100.00
Total Pledged	\$ 19,875.00
Payments Received	\$ 16,447.00

Donors: 33 % of Goal: 32%

The parish will receive 20% of the goal once all pledged payments are received. The parish will receive an additional 80% of monies pledged & received over goal.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Office Hours are:

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday
9am to 3:30pm
631-288-4188

Sunday – April 14th

9:30am – Level 2 Mass

NO CLASSES

April 22nd through April 24th

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

As Catholics, we are called to spread the Good News. Perhaps this week, you can invite a friend to say grace with you before a shared meal or to accompany you to Mass. Your invitation may be the catalyst for something great in their lives.



Bulletin Reflection

In today's Second Reading, we are reminded to not only believe in Christ but to act according to His will. It is one thing to *say* you are a Christian—it is another thing to *act* like a Christian.

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Tyler Accardi, Karl B., Courtney Cosentino,
Alexa Dalton, Blythe Fickenwirth, Joe Giglia,
Patricia Gillin, Mary Sipp Green, Theresa Heffernan,
Gina Hil, Elizabeth Kotz, John McAuley,
Alex Peplowski, Paul Ramondetta, John Ritter,
Kendra Seth, & Ed Silvia

Please call the Parish Office (631-288-1423) to add a name to the sick list. This list will be cleared bi-monthly.

MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

Tuesdays at 2pm in the Parish Center
Try this spiritual practice, it will surprise you!

PRAYER REQUESTS

There is a great power in prayer. It is our lifeline to God. Through it we communicate with God, and people are strengthened, helped, and made whole.

Do you know of some concern, or of some person with a special need for whom we ought to pray? We have 29 prayer warriors praying, please call Charles Schmidt at 631-288-4243 and leave a message with your prayer request.

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS We are in DIRE need of TOILETRIES & SIZE 4 DIAPERS

Canned fruit, Toiletries (shampoo & soap),
Juice Boxes, Rice, Beans, Cereal, Pasta, Tuna, Peanut
Butter, Jelly, Canned Vegetables (all varieties)

SACRAMENTALS

Altar Bread and Wine, Altar Flowers, & Sanctuary Lamp

To arrange one of these in loving memory of or for the intentions of your loved one, please visit the Parish Office.

Available Dates:

Altar Bread/Wine: April 22, 29, May 6, 20, 27

Altar Flowers: April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Sanctuary Lamp: April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



How do I sense Jesus' presence in my life?
When do I feel a sense of peace in my heart?

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

John Davonski

INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord Jesus suffered, died, and rose on the third day to save us from sin. At this table, we remember these saving events and offer God praise and thanksgiving.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

During the Easter season, we hear how the disciples encounter the Risen Christ at different times and in different ways, all the while trying to understand the meaning of the Resurrection. We too contemplate the implications of the Resurrection and consider how we see the Risen Lord in our lives. It helps us to gather as Church, where we can seek the presence of Christ as we worship: in the assembly, in its ministers, in the word of God, in the Holy Sacrifice, and in the Eucharist. Let us pray that we may better discern the Lord in our midst.



Easter Flowers



Our beautiful Easter Flowers have been donated in loving memory of our deceased or for the intentions of our living loved ones.

Intentions of M/M Robert Cooke

Rev. Pat Fitzgerald

Deceased Members of the Giglio Family

Ed Keller

Gertrude Keller

John LaMura

Nicholas LaMura

Thomas LaMura

Barbara McAuley

Deceased Members of the McGiuret Family

Vincent McElhiney

Joan McNeil

Intentions of John & Barbara Strong

Don Yutes

Mary G. Yutes

TEDDY'S CORNER



The Sisters of St. Dominic of Amityville Celebrate Annual Beauty of the Spirit Event

Our 23rd Beauty of the Spirit event is scheduled for Thursday, June 13th at The Crest Hollow Country Club in Woodbury. This year's Keynote Speaker is S. Christine Sammons, OP, Coordinator of Parish Social Ministry at St. Bernard's Church in Levittown. Sister Christine joined the parish staff in 2003 in response to the parishioners' desire for broader outreach to low-income neighbors in the community. She works closely with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and other volunteers trained to assess needs and provide appropriate assistance. S. Christine oversees the food pantry, the Charitable KIDZ, Meals-on-Wheels, the bereavement ministry, and partners with Catholic Charities and the Nassau County Department of Social Services. Each year our program celebrates the beauty of the spirit of women - their strength, compassion, and wisdom. Our guests enjoy fantastic auctions and raffles, as well as an inspirational lecture from a Sister keynote speaker. Proceeds from this year's event are designated to the renovation and beautification of the 3rd and 4th floors of the Motherhouse in Amityville. New flooring, fresh paint, and updated furniture will brighten the rooms where our aging Sisters gather daily for activities and meals.

For more information, please contact the Office of Advancement at 631-842-6000 ext. 246 or visit: <https://sistersofstdominic.org/2024luncheon>.

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advancement@amityop.org



WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

at Immaculate Conception Church

Thursday mornings at Our Lady's Hall

@ 9:30am

All are Welcome!

Share your Faith and Fellowship with other Ladies from the Parish while we learn more about "PETER: Keys to Following Jesus" [by Dr. Tim Gray, a highly respected Bible Scholar and Author] and Scripture from the Bible.

BIBLE Study Guides
are available at the meeting

NOTE: To Register and Reserve a copy of the Bible Study Book, please email at:
mtpilo.esq@gmail.com; frankiernan@gmail.com;
or Kris0330@optonline.net

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bentley (Navy)

Lt. Cameron Worden

Lt. Matthew Worden (Navy)

Lt. Col. William Robesch

Please contact the Rectory @631-288-1423 to add a loved one to the military list



DIOCESE OF ROCKVILLE CENTRE
OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

April 8, 2024
The Annunciation of the Lord

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

We know that the challenges of an unplanned pregnancy can seem insurmountable. This is especially true when it feels like there is no support for a pregnant woman struggling to appreciate the precious gift of life she carries and may compel her towards a regrettable decision. But genuine empowerment of women comes only through recognizing the dignity of the human person at every stage of life and this is most poignantly illuminated through the blessings of motherhood.

In this, it is with great joy that I announce the FIAT Pregnancy Support Program at Catholic Health. This program, in partnership with the Diocese of Rockville Centre, comprises a dedicated help line designed to assist women access the counsel, resources, and encouragement needed to choose life when facing a pregnancy with unexpected or difficult circumstances. The Pregnancy Support Team is available 24x7, 365 days of the year to assist callers in accessing the services needed to help them see that every new life is a blessing, even when there are challenges.

Any expectant woman in need of help can call the FIAT Pregnancy Support Program and be confident that, regardless of age, religion, immigration status or ability to pay, she will receive compassionate, non-judgmental, and *life-affirming* care. Most of all, she can be assured that she will not be alone through her pregnancy, and she will not be abandoned after she delivers her child. If she is overwhelmed by an unexpected pregnancy, contemplating abortion pills on her college campus, distressed with an adverse prenatal diagnosis, experiencing a miscarriage, worried about feeding her child, regretting a past abortion or other pregnancy-related distress, FIAT is there to help her sort things out and get the care she needs. It only takes the courage of a phone call to find real hope: 631-476-LOVE (5683).

It is my prayer that the FIAT Pregnancy Support Program be recognized across the Diocese of Rockville Centre as the first step a woman takes when facing challenging circumstances during pregnancy. There are promotional materials available at every parish and on-line, but we ask for your help to make this resource known widely through your prayers, your witness, and your word-of-mouth, for every one of us has an important and serious responsibility to spread the Gospel of Life. Let FIAT lead the way.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend John O. Barres
Bishop of Rockville Centre

VIRTUS CLASSES NOW AVAILABLE AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH

We are happy to announce that **4 classes** for VIRTUS Training have been scheduled: Thursdays, April 25th and May 2nd, both days at 3pm and 7pm. Please register at VIRTUS.org.

All Volunteers are **REQUIRED** by the Diocese of Rockville Centre to attend 1 training class in order to volunteer in any parish. A background check, done by a reputable & safe agency through the Diocese, and a completed Code of Conduct are also needed and can be done on-line when you register for the class.

If you are **NOT** sure if you've taken the class, or if you have any questions, please contact the Parish VIRTUS Facilitator and Safe-Environment Coordinator:

Linda at 631-288-1423, Monday through Thursday, 9am-5pm.



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Saturday, April 27th @ 11:00am
\$150 pp

St. Agnes Cathedral
Rockville Centre

Contact Barbara Kilarjian at (516) 678-5800
or bkilarjian@drvc.org for more information and to register.

Liturgical Minister Training- Spring 2024

The Diocese of Rockville Center will offer training in Spanish and English for those who wish to serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Lectors. No walk-ins permitted, all participants must be registered in advance with a letter from their pastor.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion: Part A - This training is required for **all** those who are beginning as Ministers. This "BASIC" training is required for **all** Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. Those who wish to minister in hospitals, nursing homes and to the homebound are required to attend Part B training in addition to BASIC training. One **must** attend Part A training prior to Part B training. A **Lector Workshop** is available for both new and experienced lectors.

Dates and Locations for Liturgical Minister Training

Training in SPANISH:

- **Lector Workshop:** Sat., April 20 – Our Lady of Loretto / Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm
- **Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Sat., April 27 - Our Lady of Loretto/ Hempstead – Divine Mercy Chapel 9:00 – 1:00 pm

Training in ENGLISH:

- **Lector Workshop and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Part A:**
Tuesday, April 16 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
Sat., April 27 – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 9 am – 12:00
Tuesday, May 21 – St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm
You may register for EITHER Lector OR Extraordinary Minister training at each session.
Doors open 30 minutes before the training start time.
- **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Part B** – presented in conjunction with Catholic Health
Sat., April 27* – Immaculate Conception/Westhampton Beach - Parish Hall; 1 – 4 pm
Tuesday, May 14 - St. Elizabeth / Melville - Msgr. Kane Hall; 7 pm - 10 pm
Tuesday, June 4 - St. Christopher/Baldwin – McGoldrick Hall; 7 pm – 10 pm

*On **April 27**, we are offering Part A and Part B on the SAME day. Those who attend Part A in the morning are welcome to bring lunch or leave for lunch and return for the 1 pm Part B session. Please indicate if you are doing BOTH on your registration letter from your pastor. This will be in English only.

A letter from your pastor will be required to reserve your space at any of these trainings and must be received at least five days prior to the session you wish to attend. To request registration for any of these sessions, please contact your rectory. Do not call the host parishes with questions. For questions relating to the Spanish training, call Ingrid Oliva at 516-678-5800, ext. 560. For questions regarding the English training, call Suzanne Lynn at 516-744-6850. Thank you for your interest.



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Frank Sesno

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Kenneth J. Doka, PhD, MDiv

Wendy Lichtenthal, PhD, FT

Sonya Lott, PhD

Kathy Shear, MD

The 2024 Living with Grief® program highlights prolonged grief disorder as a new addition to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (5th ed., text rev.) (DSM-5-TR). In this program, panelists will explore the nature of the disorder and, using a case study approach, examine the diagnosis of the condition, when to refer for treatment, and effective evidence-based approaches to treatment.

Where: Westhampton Presbyterian Church Hall, 90 Meeting House Lane, Westhampton Beach

When: Tuesday, April 16, 2024 **Time:** 12-2:30pm

Contact: Dina Difolco, ddifolco@seh.org

This event is presented at: This program is hosted by East End Hospice

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this webinar, participants will be able to

- Review the diagnostic criteria for prolonged grief disorder (PGD) in the DSM-5-TR.
- Indicate the varied ways that the DSM-5-TR acknowledges a range of complications to the grieving process and how PGD differs from other diagnoses in the DSM-5-TR.
- Recognize the risk factors for PGD and the signs that make it appropriate to refer for treatment.
- Describe current evidence-based approaches to treating PGD.
- Discuss how the PGD diagnostic criteria may influence research and the treatment of grief complications in future editions of the DSM.

CONTINUING EDUCATION

2.5 CE hours are available for a number of professionals including social workers, physicians, nurses, counselors, psychologists, case managers, pharmacists, funeral directors, and more.

*Please verify CE availability with your professional or state board approval and/or refer to HFA's list of Board Approvals located at www.hospicefoundation.org

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

There are many ways in which religious communities are organized. Some have a central authority in a congregation, and others have a “rule” that is shared by all the members, but are a kind of federation of independent houses. Sometimes, congregations with distinct histories and ministries decide to merge. Several years ago, one of the largest mergers on record took place. Seven independent congregations of Dominican women religious, most in the Midwest, are now one new congregation enfolding more than seven hundred members spanning thirty-six states. The oldest of the founding groups, the so-called “Kentucky Dominicans,” began as a frontier community in 1822. Other communities have European roots. To get to this historic moment, the sisters spent many years in conversation, and approved the new structure by a two-thirds majority vote. This was then ratified by the Holy See. The merger allows the sisters to pool their resources in order to be more effective in ministry. They are living the Paschal Mystery, experiencing Christ’s dying and rising in an inspiring way.



WINGS

Faith furnishes prayer with wings,
without which it cannot soar to Heaven.
~ St. John Climacus

CHURCH

God sends no churches from the skies,
Out of our hearts they must arise.
~ Anonymous



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

BELIEVING IN JESUS CHRIST

Throughout the Easter season, all three of the Sunday readings are taken from the New Testament—the Christian scriptures. Together they explore what it means to believe in Jesus as the Christ, the One who fulfilled the prophecies of the Jewish scriptures.

Today’s selections refer to our human weakness, yet they emphasize the forgiveness and peace that are available to those who put their faith in “Jesus Christ the righteous one” (1 John 2:2). In the Acts of the Apostles Peter invites everyone to “repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away” (Acts 3:19). The First Letter of John calls Jesus Christ “expiation for our sins” (1 John 2:2). Finally, in the Gospel Jesus greets the disciples with “Peace” and urges them to preach “repentance, for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47).