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EASTER SUNDAY

John 20:1-9

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD
April 20, 2025

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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 Thursday
12:00pm 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

Due to an issue with scheduling availability, we are no longer able to offer the First Saturday Mass each month.

Eucharistic Adoration

The FIRST FRIDAYS (Novena & silent adoration to Sacred Heart) of each month at 12:30pm and the LAST MONDAYS of each month at 7:00pm in the Church.

Confessions

Every Saturday 4:00pm to 4:45pm

PARISH TRUSTEES

Beth Hard & Linda O'Brien

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Michael Berdinka, Tom Day, Lori Francescani,
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Joe Sala, & Michael Strebel

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- Cane 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 12:00pm 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 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11;
Mt 28:8-15
Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
Jn 20:11-18
Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9;
Lk 24:13-35
Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-21; Mk 16:9-15
Sunday: Acts 5:12-16; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24;
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19; Jn 20:19-31

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading: Peter is an eyewitness: The Lord is risen (Acts 10:34a, 37-43).

Psalm: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad (Psalm 118).

(1) Second Reading: All who are baptized, set your hearts in heaven (Colossians 3:1-4) *or* **(2) Second Reading:** Christ our Passover is sacrificed; therefore let us celebrate (1 Corinthians 5:6b-8).

Gospel: Three witnesses, Mary, Peter, and John; each responds to the empty tomb (John 20:1-9) *or* Luke 24:1-12 (*or, at an afternoon or evening Mass, Luke 24:13-35*).



All Parish Offices are
CLOSED
Easter Monday
April 21st
Happy Easter!

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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WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Due to early bulletin submission requirements, the weekly collection figures from April 13 will be reflected in a future bulletin. Thank you.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday	April 19
8:00pm	The People of the Parish (Fr. Ken)
Sunday	April 20
8:00am	Margarita & Epifanio Mercader (Fr. Peter)
9:30am	(Church) Deceased Members of the Merkel & Santo Massimo Families (Fr. Ken)
9:30am	(PC) Michael James Merlo (Fr. Peter)
11:00am	(Church) Rev. Pat Fitzgerald (Fr. Ken)
11:00am	(PC) Michael James Merlo (Fr. Peter)
6:00pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Jose)
Monday	April 21
9:00am	Frank Joseph Tumminello
Tuesday	April 22
9:00am	Intentions of Barbara Rowker (Happy Birthday)
Wednesday	April 23
9:00am	(Guild Mass) Pauline DeBrita; Ralph Nobisso
Thursday	April 24
9:00am	Victoria Mirro
Friday	April 25
12:00pm	Joseph E. Taylor, Jr.
Saturday	April 26
4:00pm	Confessions
5:00pm	The People of the Parish (Fr. Peter)
Sunday	April 27
8:00am	Erin Hines (Fr. Ken)
9:30am	Richard Hill (Msgr. Mirro)
11:00am	Peter Gambino (Fr. Ken)
6:00pm	Poor Souls in Purgatory (Fr. Jose)

WE REMEMBER YOU, O RISEN LORD

We remember you, O risen Lord,
New Covenant at the feast of the cross.
Your resurrection dresses the table
for the bread of heaven and the cup of salvation.
Blessed are you!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

The 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal

The 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal is happening 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	\$ 17,820.00
Payments Received	\$ 14,452.00
Donors: 45	% of Goal: 28.70%

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.

CONFIRMATION DAY

Angel Algua Reynoso

Omar Alvarenga

Max Aju Andrade

Ella Anthony

Tyler Bennett

Lily Bonawandt

Ava Borruso

Liam Brand

Aiden Calamita

William Castro Tipaz

Jonathan Chamale

Jude Dawson

Lucy DeVito

Carol Noemi Estrada

Jaynelle Fernandez

Cayden Garafola

Jasmin Garcia Barrientos

Abigail Halloran

Filippa Halvorsen

Harry Heberd

Ricardoantonio Hernandez Lopez

Winter Hinck

Brady Hudson

Finn Kelly

Abigail Law

Oliver Laynez

Michael Litjens

Emma Luzim

Maria Macario

Lindo

Mia Mastropierro

Lily Mensch

Ava Michalowski

Amanda Michne



Connor Minihane

Madeline Montgomery

Marcos Moran

Noah Murphy

John Nuzzi

Maeve O'Connor

Erik Olsson

James Ostensen

Caden Padavan

Jeremy Perez Xiloj

Benjamin Presutti

Luca Presutti

Megan Raber

Riley Raber

Bella Ruggiero

Joseph Ruiz Estrada

Katelyn Salerno

Liam Sarian

Sage Scappatore

Daniel Schumacher

Nicholas Simone

Jeffrey Smith Jr.

Joshua Smith

Samuel Snyder, Jr.

Ava Sommer

Carter Trelease

Rodolfo Vargas Sanchez, Jr.

Pablo Velez, Jr.

Rosario Vicente

Valentin Vicente

Dolores Vicente-Set

Juan Vicente Set

Olivia Walsh

Sophia Zaleski



CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION

Our Level 9 & 10 teens received their Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 5th. We congratulate them as they are endowed with the Holy Spirit. Please pray for them as they continue their journey in our Catholic Faith!

THANK YOU!!

We were so blessed to have Bishop Luis M. Romero to celebrate this special day for us! Thank you Bishop, for your beautiful thoughts and words of encouragement. Also, a big thank you to our Pastor, Fr. Ken Grooms, for all his support throughout the year as the children prepared for this sacrament. We also extend our thanks to Fr. Peter Garry and Deacon Mark Herrmann for a joyous celebration during our Confirmation day.

We are so grateful to our Level 9 & 10 Catechists: Skyler Arrasate, Vincenzo Ciolino, Craig Ferrantino, Marisa Michalowski, Sandy Nuzzi, Carol Thorne, and also our Monitors: Amabilia Estrada & Marina Perez, whose help, support and teachings during the past 2 years have ensured that the teens were ready to receive the Holy Spirit. Thanks also to the families whose commitment helped prepare the teens for this special Sacrament.

We can't forget our Sacristan Shawn Pinson, for preparing our Altar for the Sacrament and making everything look so beautiful. Our musicians: Robert Peterson, John DeRicco, Laura Laureano, Kari Mancuso-Cates & Shawn Pinson who all sounded amazing. Our Altar Servers: Gabe Dawson & Logan Rice. Our Greeters: Chris Cordella, Joe Sala & Diana Waldron who saved the day! Luis Vicente for his tireless help with setup for rehearsal & Confirmation and Georgia Joyce for her exquisite calligraphy done on our Confirmation Certificates.

This Confirmation day would not have been so special without ALL your help and commitment! May God bless you all!

~ Donna & Anne



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

Christ is Risen! Alleluia!

As we gather in the joyful spirit of Easter, we celebrate the triumphant resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. This sacred season reminds us that even in the darkest hours, God's light prevails, offering us hope, renewal, and everlasting life.

Easter is not merely a day on the calendar—it is a profound invitation to deepen our faith and to embrace the love and mercy of Christ. His victory over sin and death is the foundation of our salvation, and it calls each of us to be bearers of His light in our communities, in our homes, and in our hearts.

In this world that often faces trials, uncertainty, and suffering, may we find strength in the empty tomb, knowing that the same power that raised Christ from the dead is at work in us. Through prayer, service, and acts of kindness, let us share His love with those in need, bringing His message of peace and hope to all we encounter.

May this Easter season renew our spirits and inspire us to walk closer with Christ, trusting in His unending grace and mercy. May His resurrection bring peace to our homes, joy to our hearts, and a deeper commitment to His Church.

Wishing you and your families a most blessed and joyous Easter.

~ Fr. Ken



As you may recall, on December 4, 2024, the Federal Bankruptcy Court confirmed a plan ending the Bankruptcy Case for the Diocese of Rockville Centre, all our parishes, and related ministries. At that point the only remaining step was for each of the Parishes to make an abbreviated Chapter 11, Bankruptcy filing. On March 31, 2025 the court issued a Final Decree closing those cases for our Parish as well as many others. As a result, this matter and the associated claims it represents are fully resolved and closed.

This closes a difficult time for all Catholic Parishes in the Diocese of Rockville Center. At this Easter Time, a time of resurrection- a new beginning, we can be comforted that those who were harmed have received some measure of healing and that the mission of our Church on Long Island and our Parish will continue.

May the blessed promise of the risen Christ bring joy to all your days, and peace to your heart.

Our weekday morning Mass schedule
has returned to
8:00am

QUESTION OF THE WEEK



How do I see my life and my world differently
with eyes of faith?

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter

Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter

Friday: Friday within the Octave of Easter

Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter

BEGINNING AND END

Faith is the beginning and the end is love.
~ St. Ambrose

MEDITATION with Deacon Joe

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

PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Aurora Antunes, Deacon Joseph Byrne,
Kevin Chisholm, Rev. Simplicio D'Sousa,
Alexa Dalton, Brian Dalton, Lisa Falcone,
Blythe Fickenwirth, Catherine Heffernan,
Richard Hewes, Young Katie Kennedy, Rosanna,
& Daniel Standing.

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

PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Ethan Bentley (Navy)
Julia Blake (Navy)
Joseph Ferraro III (Air Force)
Thomas Hellman (USSF)
Lt. Col. William Robesch
RJ Ruggiero (Navy)
Lt. Cameron Worden
Lt. Matthew Worden (Navy)

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

PARISH SOCIAL MINISTRY



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS

Toiletries (shampoo & soap), Juice Boxes,
Cereal, Pasta, Tuna, Peanut Butter, Jelly,
Hearty Soup, & Condiments.

The Pantry is in NEED of:

Peanut Butter, Jelly, Juice, & Vegetables (all
varieties), Rice, & Beans, size 6 Diapers.

REFLECTIONS

Living Stewardship

As we begin this Easter season, renewed
by the prayers and practices of Lent,
remember that Jesus is our Lord and our
God. Turn to Him in all your troubles,
temptations and victories. Let the Holy Spirit lead
you to Him. And remember your baptismal promises,
as you spread the Good News.



Bulletin Reflection

Christ is Risen! He Has Risen Indeed!

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.

TEDDY'S CORNER



Teddy was exhausted
after chasing deer and
jumping over fences!



INTRODUCTION TO THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The power of the death and resurrection of Christ draws us into this prayer of thanksgiving. Grateful for all God accomplished in Christ, we lift up heart and voice in joy on this festive day.

INTRODUCTION TO THE LITURGY OF THE DAY

Alleluia! He is risen! Jesus Christ, having made the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of our sins, has been raised from the dead. He has atoned for our sins and conquered death. Neither death nor sin have the final say any longer. We are a people redeemed, pilgrims of hope on a journey to new life. We gather today in joy in this holy place to hear the testimony of his earliest disciples, to renew our baptismal promises, and to partake in the Eucharistic feast and receive the risen Lord. Truly this is the day the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad!



SACRAMENTALS

The **BREAD & WINE** for the week of April 13th was donated in memory of

Mary & Tony Bifulco

and for the week of April 21st

has been donated in memory of

Morgan Evan Leary

The **SANCTUARY LAMP** burned the week of April 13th in memory of

Mary & Tony Bifulco

and will burn the week of April 21st in memory of

Geraldine & Anthony Nobile

(80th Anniversary)

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

Available Dates:

Sanctuary Lamp: April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26

Bread & Wine: April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26

Altar Flowers: May 11, 18, 25, June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Please contact the Parish Office for more information.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION



Fifty years or so ago, it was popular to teach that every Sunday is a “Little Easter.” Today, after several decades of intense liturgical reform, it is more proper to think of today as a “Big Sunday.” On every Sunday of the year, the Church is obliged to assemble, keeping the day holy. In most places, we hardly attain the goal of gathering all who are in Christ by baptism. Look around today and see what a Big Sunday looks like!

Our tradition speaks of remembering, *anamnesis*, as the antidote to “amnesia,” the tragic forgetting of who God is and who we are as God’s most beloved creation. On this Easter day, we are at our very best. We remember who God is, and we remember who we are in God’s eyes: beloved sons and daughters, reborn to eternal life in baptismal waters. We rekindle our candles and reclaim our baptismal promises. As a “Big Sunday,” today also reflects the character of festivity and leisure that should mark every Lord’s Day. We wear “Sunday best” today, and we may take some time, especially in the northern states, to stroll through a budding garden. It is truly a “Big Sunday,” and how different our lives would be if we took its values and traditions forward into all the Sundays of our lives.



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BECOME A KNIGHT!



The Knights of Columbus, Fr. Joseph Slomski Council, welcomed six new Knights. Left to Right Jack Laadt (Program Director), Joseph Sala (Membership Chairman), Luis Garcia, Hector Ambrosio, Kevin Ambrosio, Ramiro Veliz, George Motz (Deputy Grand Knight), and Michael Doyle (Grand Knight). Missing from the photo are new Knights: Guillermo Pillco and Joseph Cosumano.

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APRIL
27
3-6 p.m.

Line dancing with Lady T



at Immaculate Conception Church
Thursday mornings at Our Lady's Hall @ 9:30am
All are Welcome!

The Women's Bible Study is in full swing. This year's study of the "Holy Virgin Mary" leverages scripture, technology and artwork. Come build your faith and fellowship with other ladies of the parish. Enrollment is open all year long. It's never too late!!





Easter Flowers



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

(Envelopes can be found around the Church if you wish to make a donation)

Andres Alvarez
Michael Betjemann
Bossung Family
Intentions of M/M Edward Bugge
Cassidy Family
Deceased Members of the
Colletti Family
Mario Dammacco
Nancy Dammacco
Deceased Members of the
DelDuca Family
Mario S. Delgado
Drago Family
Erasmus Drago
Maria Drago
Duarte Family
Maryann Fink
Robert Fink
Dave Francescani
Deceased Members of the
Franza Family
Grace Gallipoli
Nick Gallipoli
Melly Garcia
Raquel Gonzalez
Ellen Hunt
James Hunt

V. Charlotte "Nana" Kuroski
Anne & Frank Lomaga
Intentions of Antonia Lopez
Carlo & Bess Marino
Louis & Theresa Massaro
Deceased Members of the
Merlo Family
Claire Neppell
Susanne Neppell
Thomas Neppell
Oliveri Family
Pauzer Family
Catherine Pavlak
Edmund J. Pavlak
Eric Pavlak
Intentions of Joseph & Yajaira Pittelli
Raymond Plakstis
Maureen Pollack
Valerie Shaloo
Katherine & Michael Stachnik, Sr.
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Robbie Urban
Epifanio Valey
Weitzel Family
Intentions of M/M Frank Wright



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