

## The Church of the Ascension

Rockville Centre, New York

Hello Everyone!!

It is true....March came in like a lion and is going out like a lamb.

Lent was full of learning in Sunday School. We heard the stories that lead us up to Holy Week and talked about focusing on what we can do better and be more like Jesus. The kids were asked to set a goal for themselves or give something up for 40 days. We will also spend time each week during Lent learning the 10 Commandments.

We then kicked off Holy Week with a very special Palm Sunday this year. We had a very special guest, Lolita the donkey, join us to apart of the service. She brought some friends with her that the kids were able to ride and enjoy! The kids were able to be a part of the procession of the service and then went to class to learn about what Holy Week was going to be about. On Maundy Thursday, several of our children participated in the Ascension Agape Supper/Service, by doing the readings, ushering, and acolyting. They also participated in the foot washing. And Easter, well, Easter was just beautiful and fun with our visit from the Easter Bunny. A special shout out goes to the Acolytes who did an outstanding job during Holy Week!

So now what? I'm glad you asked... we continue to celebrate Easter and prepare for Pentecost!! We will begin our Holy Communion instruction for any children in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade or higher in April. The instruction will be given during the Sunday School classes on Sunday April 14<sup>th</sup> and 21st, and May 5<sup>th</sup> and 12th. The children must attend <u>all</u> classes. There will be homework for this preparation. Communion Sunday will be on Sunday, May 19th during the 10:30am service. Please let me know by Sunday, April 7th if your child will be participating.

We will not have Sunday School or Childcare on Sunday, April 28th.

Blueberry will continue his adventures, please be sure to email pictures of your kids with him so we can add them to our Instagram Wall.

Please be sure to follow the church on Facebook (Church of the Ascension-Rockville Centre), on Instagram (ascensionrvc) and check out the new website <u>http://www.ascensionrvc.org/</u> for updates and pictures.

As always, if you have any questions, please let me know. If you have any suggestions for fun or would like to volunteer, please feel free to contact myself or Father Kevin.

Sincerely,

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