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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021



CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturday Evening 5:30 PM
Sunday.....8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM
Mondays thru Thursdays.....9:00 AM

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Every Saturday4:00 to 4:30 PM

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My Dear Parishioners,

The Catholic World celebrates the solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary annually on the 15th of August. The word assumption comes from the Latin word *assumere*, which means to take to (one) self, and the Webster Dictionary cites an example of the use of the word in the case of assuming a new position. Therefore, the assumption could be interpreted as an action of God changing the position of Mary from the world to heaven, in other words taking Mary home to himself.

The belief that God took Mary to himself after her life here on earth is based on the fact that even though she died like any other creature, there is no historical record or place where she was buried. Although the Bible does not explicitly mention the assumption of Mary, there are scriptural records about God taking up holy people, body and soul to heaven. Among those mysteriously taken to heaven are the Old Testament Enoch (Genesis 5:24) and the prophet Elijah (2 Kings, 2:1, 11). Having been convinced about the truth of Mary's assumption, Pope Pius XII, moved by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit formally defined the dogma of the assumption in 1950 to make it a statement of faith.

The book of Revelation (11:19a, 12:1-6) provides some insight into the assumption of Mary into heaven. It says, "God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple." As we know, the Ark of the Covenant is the holy box that contains, among other things the sacred book and it symbolized the presence of God among the people of Israel. Likewise, many sacred writers describe Mary as the Ark of the New Covenant because her womb contained the child Jesus – the word made flesh. The book of Revelation went further to speak about the great sign that appeared in the sky, which was a woman, clothed with the sun and with the moon beneath her feet. The sun and moon are symbols of her purity. The crown of twelve stars around her head reminds us of the twelve apostles with whom Mary prayed on the day of Pentecost. "Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns and on his heads were seven diadems." This story gives us a graphic image of the terrific nature of Lucifer, also known as Satan or the Devil. Its tail swept a third of the stars and hurled them down to earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. The devil presented here, as the dragon, was ready to scuttle the plan of God even before Jesus the child of Mary was born. This story of the dragon also expresses the destructive nature of Satan, whose function the scripture says is to steal, kill and destroy.

That dragon that went after this wondrous woman and her glorious child is still alive today as he was in the past. There is more to the world than what we see at first

glance. The signs of the time clearly indicate that, the devil, the dragon is at work 24 hours a day, seven days a week in the subtlest ways. He is working against the spiritual, material and physical well-being of every individual, against the good of the children of God, against the existence of love in families, against the church, and against peace in the world. The increasing rates of divorce, the scandals that are rocking churches, and the terrible diseases that are destroying members of our families are indicators of the work of this same terrific dragon. Furthermore, the violence, the wars that surround us, the news of terrorists that cripple us with fear and the growing number of occult societies and the break-down of a strong sense of morality are all indicators of the evil one at work. Little wonder, St. Paul says, we are not fighting against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against authorities, against, the universal lords of this darkness, against spiritual powers and wickedness.

We need to pray daily against the work of the devil in families, in the church and in the world. Let us revive that prayer against evil composed as far back as 1903 by Pope Leo XIII. The Pope composed the prayer after he had a terrible vision in which he saw a glimpse of what will happen in the future, the advent of misleading powers and raving devils fighting against the church. The Pope then saw the archangel Michael appearing promptly to cast Satan and his legions back into hell. It was after this vision that the Pope composed this prayer that is still relevant to the church today. The prayer is: **St. Michael, the Archangel, defend us in the day of battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil, may God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O prince of heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all other evil spirits that prowl through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

A strong reason why we venerate the Blessed Virgin Mary is because in the first book of the holy scriptures, Genesis, God said to the serpent: "At this moment the wrath of the omnipotent is about to fall on thee; a woman, the descendant of Adam and Eve, shall crush thy head, and the sentence which was pronounced against thee in the heavens, and afterwards in the terrestrial paradise is about to be accomplished." (Genesis 3:15). In crushing the head of the serpent, the Blessed Virgin Mary helps us in the battle against evil. As the Queen of Heaven, she frantically pleads for us in the same way that Abraham pleaded for Sodom and Gomorrah. In her various apparitions in Fatima, Guadeloupe, Lourdes and other renowned and remote places around the world she asks us to pray fervently for ourselves and for many souls that are constantly destroyed by this terrific dragon called the devil. She asks us to pray in the same way that her beloved son Jesus Christ enjoin us to pray without ceasing.

In conclusion, the feast of the Assumption is a feast of hope – we are reminded that those who live and die in Christ will be united in heaven with Mary and with all the angels and saints.



Peace,

Fr. Monteleone

PARISH NEWS

AIR CONDITIONING

I am so happy to announce that the church air-conditioning is fixed and running smoothly. Both compressors were replaced, and a transformer was added. The old system was installed in 1989 and did not owe the parish any money. The cost of the new system not including the transformer was \$75,000. Also, the air conditioning system in the school auditorium which dates back to 1977 also needs to be replaced. This will be done later in the month. Both have impacted parish finances, but I am hopeful that the new systems will last for many years. Thank you for your patience in moving to the auditorium for weekend and weekday Masses.

Fr. Monteleone

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

MEDITATION HOUR

"Hands of the Potter"

Join us for *prayer, guided meditation & reflection*

**Thursday, August 19, 2021
7:00 PM in Church**



ADORATION AND EXPOSITION

Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Friday following the 9 AM Mass beginning September 10th.



PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

ONLINE GIVING

Our Online Giving is getting an upgrade to a newer, easier-to-use platform! If you currently give online, you will soon be receiving an email with instructions on how to log into the new system. Best of all, your existing payment and donation information will be migrated over so you will not have to set up your gifts again! Keep an eye on your email for more information coming very soon.

DAILY MASS

Beginning September 10th and 11th (The Friday and Saturday after Labor Day) the 9 AM Daily Mass will return on Fridays and Saturdays.

On Saturday, September 11th, we will remember the tragic events that occurred 20 years ago as we pray for peace.



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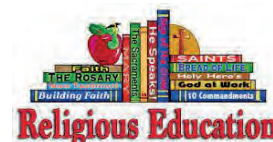
Returning Altar servers are invited to serve at the Weekend Masses! Father Nico will be glad to review and run through the Mass with you. To continue serving and confirm your availability for scheduling, please contact Linda in the Parish Office at 973-779-6200.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & CONFIRMATION

Registration for our Religious Education and Confirmation Programs is now open!

We hope you will register your child and continue with us on this faith journey. For details, please visit our parish website! If you have any questions, please email us at: reled@stphilip.org.



Have you ever considered sharing your faith with the youth of our parish? We invite you to prayerfully consider if God is calling you to share the Good News as a catechist in our parish Religious Education or Confirmation Programs. If you are interested, please email us at: reled@stphilip.org.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The St. Philip the Apostle Knights of Columbus Council 11671 is thrilled to announce we are now back to in person meetings on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8pm in Marian Hall. We are working on hybrid meetings which should be ready soon. All Catholic men of the parish age 18 and up are invited to become Knights or just attend our meetings as invited guests. To be invited simply sent an email or text to Grand Knight Mike Cervine michael.cervine@gmail.com (973)220-3095.

PRIME-TIMERS

The St. Philip Prime-Timers will begin meeting again in October. Stay tuned for more details.

KID'S KORNER



Gospel Today
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary | Luke 1:39-56

Mary went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. Upon greeting, Elizabeth's baby jumped in her womb. Elizabeth proclaimed, "most blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb." Luke 1:42

Year B

Mary lived a loving, obedient and devoted life. At the end of her life, Mary, blessed among women, was taken soul and body by angels to God. On August 15, we celebrate the Assumption of Mary into Heaven.

~ DRAW ANGELS TAKING MARY TO HEAVEN ~



Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with you.

Jesus, Holy Mary Mother of God pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen

Complete the prayer by filling in the words spoken by Elizabeth to Mary in today's gospel (**bolded above**).



Rosary Trivia

- 1) The Assumption is the 4th mystery of which rosary?
 - 2) Mary visiting her cousin Elizabeth is the 2nd mystery of which rosary?
- a) Joyful b) Sorrowful c) Glorious d) Luminous

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MARRIAGE Banns

The following couples will be exchanging wedding vows:



II. Victor Prieto & Sasha Cordero
 II. Trevor Bodnor & Quinn Fohlinger
 II. Michael Boeri & Francesca Variano

MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15, 2021

- 8:00** All the People of the Parish
10:00 Mary Shashaty
 Joseph Dewland
 Msgr. Eugene Boland
 Margaret and George Dikdan
12:00 John N. Russo- 5th Anniversary
 Ann Downie

MONDAY, AUGUST 16, 2021

- 9:00** Theodore Czapla
 Sandy Fecko

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2021

- 9:00** Vincenzo Mazzara- 3rd Anniversary

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18, 2021

- 9:00** Hugh & Eleanor DeGhetto
 Edward Ray

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2021

- 9:00** Deceased members of the Sadvary and Furesz families
 Estan and Rosario Llamas

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21, 2021

- 5:30** All the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22, 2021

- 8:00** John Satkowski
 Michael Gimon
10:00 Joseph Dewland
 Lena Rean
 John Greco
 Jack McSweeney
12:00 John Dalton
 Ambrosia Cruz and Larry Kosek

OFFERTORY CANDLE-WEEK OF AUGUST 15, 2021

In memory of Marino "Mario" Sciancalepore
 from Maria and Paul Engel

WE PRAY FOR...

THE DECEASED: Roselinda F. Kits, Nicholas Storms,
 John Weis

THE SICK: Christine Kessler, Luca Ataide

PARISH GIVING

SUNDAY COLLECTION: AUGUST 9, 2020	\$ 17,090.00
SUNDAY COLLECTION: AUGUST 8, 2021	
Weekly Collection	\$ 13,716.00
Online giving donation	\$ 6,946.00
Total	\$20, 662.00
Second Collection	\$ 1,505.00

PRIESTS' SCHEDULE

AUGUST 21, 2021

5:30 PM Fr. Monteleone

AUGUST 22, 2021

8:00 AM Fr. Nico

10:00 AM Fr. Monteleone

12:00 PM Fr. Jared

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