

Our Lady Queen of Angels Parish

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August 13, 2017

Fourteenth Sunday
In Ordinary Time

Worship Sites

Church (Sacred Heart)

738 Sunshine Avenue

Chapel (St. John)

162 Wheeler Street

Confessions:

Church (Sacred Heart)

Saturday 3:00 PM – 3:45 PM

Chapel (St. John)

Sunday 10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Anytime upon Request

Holy Masses:

Daily

Church (Sacred Heart) 8:00AM

Saturday Vigil

Church (Sacred Heart) 4:00PM

Sunday Morning

Church (Sacred Heart) 8:00 AM

Chapel (St. John) 10:30 AM

Mass Intentions

August 14 8:00 AM	<i>Saint Maximilian Kolbe</i> Helen Gruber, 30 Day Remembrance, Month's Mind (Req. The Gloviak Family) - Church
August 15 NOON 7:00 PM	<i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holyday of Obligation</i> For the Parish (Missa Populo) - Church Mike Knapp (Req. Joe and Grace Svonavec) - Chapel
August 16 8:00 AM	<i>St. Steven of Hungary</i> Margaret Hudak (Req. Family) - Church
August 17 8:00 AM	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> Margaret Matey (Req. Estate of Margaret Matey) - Church
August 18 8:00 AM	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> For the Poor Souls in Purgatory (Req. the John Eger Family)
August 19 4:00 PM	<i>Vigil of the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Catherine Haggerty - In Honor of her 90 th Birthday (Req. Family) - Church
August 20 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	<i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Carl & Rose Sprock, in honor of their 57 th Wedding Anniversary (Req. Family) - Church For the Parish (Missa Populo) - Chapel

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING - If your child plans to attend the trip to Rome in November 2018 their Memorandum of Understanding **MUST** be received by August 15th. This is an absolute deadline, failure to return the form by that date will mean that your party will be responsible for the full payment for your child. If you lost or did not receive this document (sent by mail to all parents who indicated their serious interest) please phone the rectory as soon as possible to receive a copy of the memorandum.

WEDDING BELLS - Our parish family offers prayerful congratulations to Stephen Renzi and Chin-Yi Una-Linn who were married this past weekend at our parish. Please remember the newly married couple in your prayers as they begin their lives together as a married couple.

MAY PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON HER – Our parish family offers heartfelt condolences to the family of Antoinette “Toni” Bloom (Andrews) who was buried from our parish this weekend. Please remember Toni and her family in your prayers. May she rest in peace!

HOLYDAY MASSES – This Tuesday (August 15) is a HOLYDAY OF OBLIGATION, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses at the parish will be on the holyday itself at Noon (Sacred Heart site) and 7:00 PM (St. John site). If these times do not work with your schedule Fr. Aron will be having Masses at New Baltimore on Monday (vigil) at 7:00 PM and 8:00 AM on the feast day itself.

ROME MEETING – Tuesday evening following Mass for the Assumption there will be a meeting at the St. John site of all parents and students who plan on going on the trip to Rome and have submitted their Memorandum of Understanding form. Please remember, as has been made clear many times, the form must be turned by Tuesday’s meeting. If you wish to attend your form must be turned in by Tuesday at 8:00 PM.

WELL, WHAT WOULD YOU DO? – What would you do if you won the lottery? After winning \$429.6 million in a Powerball jackpot last year, Trenton, New Jersey resident Pearlie Mae Smith and her seven adult children decided to do something else entirely: they’re using their prize money to help those who need it most. As a result of their good fortune, the Smiths have established a charitable foundation to help the poor in Trenton’s drug- and crime-afflicted South Side. “I could have gotten a yacht and never come back, but we just have a heart and mind to do this work,” Valerie Arthur, one of Smith’s children, told the *Times of Trenton*. The Smith Family Foundation will work with Trenton-based organizations, “one grant at a time” to “empower the community, cultivate leaders and transform lives through leadership development programs,” according to the Times. Pearlie Smith, who worked in Trenton public schools, shares her philosophy of giving back with her children. One daughter, Katherine Nunnally, heads a program that mentors young women, and the others have volunteered with their church and local soup kitchens. “I think that seed has always been with us ... but after winning the lottery, we’re able to do it on a much larger scale now than we have in the past,” Arthur told the *Times*. The Smiths attribute their good luck (they spent \$6 to buy the winning ticket at a neighborhood 7-11) to “divine intervention.” Their decision to use their windfall to help others is an inspiration to us all. As an editorial in the *Times of Trenton* put it: We’d say it was an act of divine intervention that brought the Smiths to our midst, allowing all of Trenton to bask in their generosity and civic spirit.

WEEKLY OFFERING August 5th and August 6th – Adult Envelopes - \$2,877.25; Loose - \$747.70; Fuel - \$217; Student Offering - \$39.25; Assumption - \$15; Misc. Donations - \$35; Total - \$3,931.20 – Thank You!

FLOWER MEMORIALS – This weekend the flowers at the Sacred Heart site are dedicated in honor of the marriage of Stephen Renzi and Chin-Yi Una-Linn by their parents and grandparents Stanley & Cecilia Tomaszewski. The flowers at the St. John’s site are dedicated in honor of The Blessed Mother by Bill and Judy Knapp.

FREE AS LONG AS YOU TAKE THEM THIS WEEK – There are a number of artificial plants that were formerly displayed in the activity center up for grabs. If you want them please phone the rectory this week (they are free) – they will be they will be discarded on Saturday.

YOU ARE NEVER TOO OLD TO BE A FORCE FOR THE GOOD – Harold Hager, who turned 100 years old this past week, was recognized for extraordinary service – it gives us something to consider. For the last two years the centenarian has donated 20 hours a week to work for Habitat for Humanity – over 2,000 hours, which is more than any other Habitat for Humanity worker. This is only the latest in a lifetime of charitable works. Harold served in the Navy during World War II and began charity work by delivering supplies to his community during floods in 1972. In a recent interview Harold’s son, who recalled how he would visit his wife every day when she had to be moved to a nursing home stated “When my mother had to actually go to the home in 2007, every day during visiting hours, during the week and through the weekends, seven days a week, he went at eleven o’clock in the morning and stayed with my mother until eight o’clock at night.” After his wife passed away, in 2010, Harold threw himself into charity work. He spent several years building homes on a construction team for Habitat for Humanity. He has spent the last six years working at Habitat’s ReStore in Corning, a second-hand shop that sells donated housing materials and supplies. USA today spoke with ReStore manager Jon Wylie, who explained the value Hager brings to his work, “Without Harold, I don’t think we could do as much as we do now. People come in just to visit him, talk with him, and he gives us so much of his time. We’d need a lot more volunteers just to equal the amount of hours he gives us each week.” Happy Birthday, Mr. Hager. May the first year of your second century bring you as much joy as you have brought to others.

INTERESTED IN ENTERING THE CHURCH – Any person who has an interest in entering the Catholic Church, be it through baptism or from another religious background, is encouraged to speak to Fr. Aron; he is very happy to reflect and support anyone who is discerning this matter. If this is something you have been prayerfully considering please give Fr. Aron a call or email him at maganudo@yahoo.com. If you are a Catholic who has never received the

Sacrament of Confirmation or First Holy Communion you are invited to contact Father as well – he is very happy to meet with those who have a faith that seeks greater understanding.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - The K of C will clean the classrooms in the activity center on August 19th at 8:00 AM. If you belong to the K of C you are asked to help assist with this much needed project. Questions can be directed to Ken Skone 525-0216 or Joe Eiginger 703-477-5424.

SANCTUARY CANDLE INTENTIONS - The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Church in loving memory of the Yurkow and Haggerty families. The Sanctuary Candle burns at the Chapel in loving memory of the deceased family members of the John Kotus family by the John Kotus Estate.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS -

August 15 - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holyday of Obligation

August 20 - All You Can Eat Breakfast at the St. John's site from 9:00 AM until Noon.

August 28 - Parish Council Meeting, 6:30 PM - Activity Center

ALTAR SERVER SCHEDULE -

August 19 Church 4:00 PM R. & C. Pongrac, A. Knapp

August 20 Church 8:00 AM A. & C. Mauger, M. Topka

August 20 Chapel 10:30 AM A. Dabbs, E. Spinelli, C. Coleman

CCD REGISTRATION - If you have a child who is entering Kindergarten through Eleventh Grade this upcoming school year it is asked that you please complete the CCD registration form below and return it no later than August 27th (you may place it in the collection basket).

Name (s) and grade levels of Child/Children _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Relevant Health or other Concerns _____

Signature _____ Date _____

WHAT IS THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY - In the event you forgot what you learned in catechism class about the Assumption, this week's Holyday of Obligation, here are seven things to know and share.

- 1) **What is the Assumption of Mary?** - The Assumption of Mary is the teaching that: The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory [Pius XII, *Munificentissimus Deus* 44].
- 2) **What level of authority does this teaching have?** - This teaching was infallibly defined by Pope Pius XII on November 1, 1950 in the bull *Munificentissimus Deus* (Latin, "Most Bountiful God"). As Pius XII explained, this is "a divinely revealed dogma" (ibid.). This means that it is a dogma in the proper sense. It is thus a matter of faith that has been divinely revealed by God and that has been infallibly proposed by the Magisterium of the Church as such.
- 3) **Does that mean it is an "ex cathedra" statement and that we have to believe it?** - Yes. Since it is a dogma defined by the pope (rather than by an ecumenical council, for example), it is also an "ex cathedra" statement (one delivered "from the chair" of Peter). Pope John Paul II explained: The definition of the dogma, in conformity with the universal faith of the People of God, definitively excludes every doubt and calls for the express assent of all Christians [General Audience, July 2, 1997].
- 4) **What are the earliest surviving references to Mary's Assumption?** - John Paul II noted: The first trace of belief in the Virgin's Assumption can be found in the apocryphal accounts entitled *Transitus Mariae* [Latin, "The Crossing Over of Mary"], whose origin dates to the second and third centuries. These are popular and sometimes romanticized depictions, which in this case, however, pick up an intuition of faith on the part of God's People.
- 5) **What Scriptural basis is there for the teaching?** - John Paul II noted: Although the New Testament does not explicitly affirm Mary's Assumption, it offers a basis for it because it strongly emphasized the Blessed Virgin's perfect union with Jesus' destiny. This union, which is manifested, from the time of the Savior's miraculous conception, in the Mother's participation in her Son's mission and especially in her association with his redemptive sacrifice, cannot fail to require a continuation after death. Perfectly united with the life and saving work of Jesus, Mary shares his heavenly destiny in body and soul. There are, thus, passages in Scripture that resonate with the Assumption, even though they do not spell it out.
Spouse who has been lifted up to the courts of heaven with the divine Bridegroom [*Munificentissimus Deus* 26].
- 6) **What are some specific New Testament passages?** - Pius XII: The scholastic Doctors have recognized the Assumption of the Virgin Mother of God as something signified, not only in various figures of the Old Testament, but also in that woman clothed with the sun whom John the Apostle contemplated on the Island of Patmos (Rev. 12:1ff). Similarly they have given special attention to these words of the New Testament: "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you, blessed are you among women" (Luke 1:28), since they saw, in the mystery of the Assumption, the fulfillment of that most perfect grace granted to the Blessed Virgin and the special blessing that countered the curse of Eve [*Munificentissimus Deus* 27].

7) **How can we apply this teaching to our everyday lives?** - According to Pope Benedict XVI: By contemplating Mary in heavenly glory, we understand that the earth is not the definitive homeland for us either, and that if we live with our gaze fixed on eternal goods we will one day share in this same glory and the earth will become more beautiful. Consequently, we must not lose our serenity and peace even amid the thousands of daily difficulties. The luminous sign of Our Lady taken up into Heaven shines out even more brightly when sad shadows of suffering and violence seem to loom on the horizon. We may be sure of it: from on high, Mary follows our footsteps with gentle concern, dispels the gloom in moments of darkness and distress, reassures us with her motherly hand. Supported by awareness of this, let us continue confidently on our path of Christian commitment wherever Providence may lead us. Let us forge ahead in our lives under Mary's guidance [General Audience, August 16, 2006].

PRAYER LIST - Jennie Sielczak, Frank Murawski, Constance Gruca, Lillian Koleszarik, Marie Metsker, Sandy Wechtenhiser, Eihan Rohlf, Rachel Moslak, Ann Guyer, Alice Zelenski, Shirley Taylor, Carol Hancharik, Kay Hintosh, Charlie Field Jr., David P. Bonus, Lauren Barnes, Andrew Straka, Joe Zeigler, Fern Lasut, Agnes Palya, Roger Black, Trish Rullo, Mike Stefanik, Stanley Carl Tomaszewski, Patrick Munro, Ron Rayman, Tom Hudak, Quincy Oglie, Charles Field Sr., Ron Delasko, Mike Dixon, Mya Polito, Madelain Mauger, Sue Frank, Caroline Amato, Richard Birely, Joseph Shelko, Shirley Roman, Mary Ethel Sanzo, Leon Bonus, Joyce Delasko, Larry Krestar, Harriet Konitsky, Andrew Muha, Andrea Sesack, Ricky Gerena, Shelly Delasko, Lionel Berkebile, Jeremy Christopher, Mary-Ann Sgavoo, Mary Ann Naret, Barry Stuft, Mary Ann Lasut, John Harchick Jr., Vincent Bestvina, Izzy Bihun, Jeff Yanosky, Mary Clark, Brie Purdy, Rhonda Bittner, Lydia Wechtenhiser
