

The feast of the **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** which is celebrated on August 15, is typically a Holy Day of Obligation, but it is also one of those several “Holy Days” which if it falls on a Saturday or a Monday has the obligation to participate at Mass abrogated. Even though there is no *obligation* to do so many people have the *desire* to attend Mass on this very special day. To accommodate this wish we will have an (atypical) Saturday morning Mass at 8:00 to which all who wish to pay special honor to our Blessed Mother are invited. Perhaps it needs to be noted that the regular Saturday 4:30 Mass remains (exclusively) as the anticipatory Mass for the Twentieth Sunday in the Ordinary Time.



Mon. 08/10 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Cancer**
 Feast Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
 8:00 AM Mass Jerome Fox, *Mary Ann Branic and Family*

Tues. 08/11 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Heart Diseases**
 Feast Saint Clare, Virgin
 8:00 AM Mass Rose Marie Simanski, B/day Ann, *Bob Simanski*

Wed. 08/12 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Arthritis**
 Feast Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
 8:00 AM Mass Merle Hirt, *Jim and Stephanie Kilcoyne*

Thur. 08/13 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Nervous Disorders**
 Feast Saints Pontian, Pope, and Hippolytus, Priest, Martyr
 8:00 AM Mass Joe Milliron, *Randy and Mary Ellen Green*

Fri. 08/14 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Emotional Disorders**
 Feast Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
 8:00 AM Mass Tom Byrne, *Kevin Roesch*

Sat. 08/15 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Diabetes**
 Feast **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 8:00 AM Mass Michael F. Zaczek, *Dr. and Mrs. Phillip Hall*
 Feast Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:30 PM Mass Chris and Kelly Keagy *W. Ann, Carol Smith*

Sun. 08/16 **A Day of Prayer for Victims of Addictions**
 Feast Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00 AM Mass Our Lady of Fatima Parish Family
 11:00 AM Mass M/M Joseph Milliron, *W Ann, Nancy and Mike Zeak*

*Lord
 Jesus
 Christ
 Son
 Of
 God
 Have
 Mercy
 On
 Me
 A
 Sinner*

Happy Birthday:

08/11 Kerry Byrne, Patty Flanagan
 Elizabeth Stitt

08/12 Kathleen Koeck, Rick Summers,
 Bernadette Weakland

Wedding Anniversaries :

08/12 Mary Ann and Stanley Krish II

08/15 Kelly and Christopher Keagy

08/13 Adam Duraso

08/17 JoAnn Kyper



**Our Lady of Fatima
 Pleaded That we pray the Holy Rosary Daily
 At O.L.F. before each Mass
 and privately from 8:30 am to 7:00 pm**

MONEY MATTERS
(Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 2, 2015)
 193 people Celebrated Liturgy at O.L.F. contributing \$ 2,182.75 of which \$ 171.75 accounted for non-envelope contributions.

# Envelopes In Circulation	179	# Used	68	# Unused	111
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Collection One Year Ago = \$ 1,970.00



ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

Amount Assessed = \$15,100 Amount Pledged to date = \$11,965
 Shortfall (at present) = \$3,135.

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Elsewhere in the bulletin we indicate that there are 179 boxes of envelopes in circulation. We use that figure to suggest the number of regular givers to our collections. So far only 68 of those regular contributors have made pledges to this year's Annual Catholic Appeal. Consider this note as a gentle reminder to fellow procrastinators that "Now is the time for all good men and women to come to the aid of their parish."

**** The Asterisks beside the donor's names means that they have made additional pledges to help Our Lady of Fatima make its goal.**

Out and About . . .

Society of St. Vincent de Paul are looking for volunteers to help at Their store at 1215 Seventh Avenue, Altoona. Call 814-943-1981 if you have the time to help. All proceeds benefit Emergency Financial aid program.

St. Catherine of Siena, Old Rt 22, Duncansville is having their annual Birth of Mary Celebration on **Tuesday, September 8, 2015**. Masses on that day are 7:45 AM, 12:05 PM, and the 6:00 PM mass with be celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak. .

Our annual "Save Around" books will soon be here. Sign up now so you can have yours as soon as they arrive and start saving.

September co-op tickets are now on sell. Sell some to your family and friends it all helps the parish.

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Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the Assumption of Mary to be a dogma of faith: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.” The pope proclaimed this dogma only after a broad consultation of bishops, theologians and laity. There were few dissenting voices. What the pope solemnly declared was already a common belief in the Catholic Church.

We find homilies on the Assumption going back to the sixth century. In following centuries the Eastern Churches held steadily to the doctrine, but some authors in the West were hesitant. However, by the 13th century there was universal agreement. The feast was celebrated under various names (Commemoration, Dormition, Passing, Assumption) from at least the fifth or sixth century. Today it is celebrated as a solemnity.

Scripture does not give an account of Mary’s Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. Many see this woman as God’s people. Since Mary best embodies the people of both Old and New Testament, her Assumption can be seen as an exemplification of the woman’s victory.

Furthermore, in 1 Corinthians 15:20 Paul speaks of Christ’s resurrection as the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

Since Mary is closely associated with all the mysteries of Jesus’ life, it is not surprising that the Holy Spirit has led the Church to belief in Mary’s share in his glorification. So close was she to Jesus on earth, she must be with him body and soul in heaven.

In the light of the Assumption of Mary, it is easy to pray her Magnificat (Luke 1:46–55) with new meaning. In her glory she proclaims the greatness of the Lord and finds joy in God her savior. God has done marvels to her and she leads others to recognize God’s holiness. She is the lowly handmaid who deeply revered her God and has been raised to the heights. From her position of strength she will help the lowly and the poor find justice on earth, and she will challenge the rich and powerful to distrust wealth and power as a source of happiness.

“In the bodily and spiritual glory which she possesses in heaven, the Mother of Jesus continues in this present world as the image and first flowering of the Church as she is to be perfected in the world to come.

Likewise, Mary shines forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come (cf. 2 Peter 3:10), as a sign of certain hope and comfort for the pilgrim People of God” (Vatican II, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, 68).

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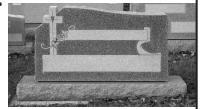
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