

Church of the Holy Angels

August 15, 2021, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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MASSES OF OBLIGATION: SATURDAY 4:00PM, 5:30PM
 SUNDAY 8:30AM & 10:30AM

CONFESSIONS: HALF HOUR BEFORE WEEKEND
 MASSES OR BY APPOINTMENT

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THRU THURSDAY 9:00AM-4:00PM

OFFICE CLOSED FRIDAYS

Rev. Andrew Stahmer, Pastor

Deacon Thomas Conlin

Sister Teresa Catherine, Pastoral Assistant

Mary Kay Bartol, Administrative Assistant

Joseph Fesniak Organist, Choir Director

Joette Foris, Director of Religious Education, Guitarist

Robert Balonis, Maintenance

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Charles Kaminsky, Chairman, Mary Ann Daya,

Kathy Nolan, Frank Mirarchi, Peter Avellino

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 14

8:00am Ann Yanchuck

4:00pm People of the Parish

5:30pm Rose Sando

Sunday, August 15

8:30am Ronald Procopio

10:30am Aaron, Bertha, Walter, Robert,
 Wanda & Donna Ziegler

Monday, August 16

8:00am Michael Galaida, Jr.

Tuesday, August 17

8:00am Donna Davis

Wednesday, August 18

8:00am Frances Deppen

Thursday, August 19

8:00am Special Intention of Holy Angels
 Benefactors

Friday, August 20

8:00am Special intention of Diana Mae Jago

Saturday, August 21

8:00am Richard Cafferty

4:00pm People of the Parish

5:30pm Geraldine Shimko

Sunday, August 15

8:30am Bruno, Louis, Anthony and James
 Scicchitano

10:30am Rose Bango

Mass intentions are available for the remainder of the year. Please call or stop by the parish office if you would like to schedule a Mass.

Parish Mission Statement

We, the family of Holy Angels Parish, a diverse community of ethnic and cultural backgrounds, are united through the Holy Spirit to proclaim the Word of God to all peoples by following the teachings of Jesus Christ.

Working together in wisdom and love we commit ourselves in the following ways: protecting the unborn; fostering faith development in our youth; planting new seeds of evangelization throughout our parish family through prayer, spiritual works, education and outreach activities; ministering to the needs of our aging parishioners; promoting holiness through celebration of the sacraments, worship in liturgy, communal prayer, and our faith traditions.

Through these actions rooted in charity and mercy, we pledge to pass on our customs and beliefs to future generations, thus preserving our faith traditions for the greater glory of God and as a sign of Christ's love.

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Jim Nolan, Chairman, Joe Meyer, Vice-Chairman,
 Jeanne Avellino, Pat Bingaman, Sherry Bozza, Maria Foris, Teresa McCabe, Juliann Wanzie, Kathy Pupo,
 Jeff Kruleski, Alex Clayberger, Lena Leaveck

Sacrificial Offering

Weekend of August 8

Number of registered households 864

Sunday Offering (182 Households) \$4,296.00

Loose Cash \$116.00

Youth Offering \$26.00

Shortfall- Debt Reduction & Plus One \$49.00

Votive Candles \$101.00

Energy \$65.00

Amount Budgeted \$8,333.00

Amount Contributed \$4,653.00

Weekend of August 8 -\$3,680.00

Improvement Fund

Previous Balance \$23,116.00

Weekend of August 8 +\$205.00

Balance \$23,321.00

Air Conditioner Replacement Campaign

Goal \$60,000.00

Donations to date \$29,550.00

Balance \$30,450.00

HALO Meeting

Thursday, August 19 at 6:00PM
 in the Activity Center. All women of the parish are invited to attend!

Back to School Party

Students of Holy Angels Parish are invited to the Parish Back to School Party on Sunday, August 29 at 1:00PM in the Activity Center. School supplies will be given to each student and all can enjoy some goodies!

K of C Wine Fest

Tickets are available at Holy Angels Parish Office for the K of C Wine Fest which will be held Saturday, October 16, 2021, 1:00-5:00PM on Holy Angels Picnic Ground. Donation \$20.00 pre-sale. (\$25.00 at the gate)

Welcome to All!

This church is our heavenly Father's house, a place of solace and grace, so feel at home here. Enter reverently, pray quietly, sing joyfully, listen attentively, give cheerfully and come back gladly. Remain in the church after Mass for some personal quiet time with the Lord and come early before Mass to pray the Rosary with others. If you ever feel unwelcome-let the pastor know! And if the pastor makes you feel unwelcome, let him know!

Active Parishioner Status

We receive many requests for parishioners to be godparents or sponsors for the Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation and to rightfully enjoy the number of services offered at Holy Angels Parish. Part of the request is to be able to verify that a person is an "active member"

An "Active Member" is:

1. Properly registered on the parish rolls.
2. Faithfully attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days.
3. Participates in parish activities/ministries when possible.
4. Uses the parish envelope system for donations. These are the main factors that will be considered in making the determination that someone is an "active member." Other criteria are also taken into consideration when requesting a sponsor certificate.
5. Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist
6. If single, should not be co-habiting with significant other.

Couples Planning Marriage

For couples who are planning to marry, please check the availability of our church prior to arranging venues.

Adoration at the St. Pauline Center

Fridays and Saturdays 10:00AM- 4:00PM.

With Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at the St. Pauline Center, join us Fridays at 3:00 pm for praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet followed by recitation of the Rosary. Prayers are lead by one of the BF Associates of Holy Angels. All are welcome.

Vigil Lights

August 15 thru August 21

Sanctuary Light: *Special intention*

St. Anthony: *Special intention of Pauline Mirarchi*

St. Anne: *Special intention*

St. Casimir: *In loving memory of*

The Deceased of the Roberts Family by Joan Roberts

St. Theresa: *In loving memory of*

The Deceased of the Mattis Family by Joan Roberts

St. Kateri: *Special intention*

St. Marziale: *In loving memory of*

Elaine Duran by husband, Michael

Sacred Heart: *In loving memory of*

Diane White by Cathy Lacroce

Parish Council Meeting

September 2, 2021 at 7:00PM
in the rectory

Finance Council Meeting

September 9, 2021 at 7:00PM
in the rectory

Adult Choir

Practice will be held on Wednesday, September 1,
2021 at 7:00PM.

Mount Carmel Area

Ministerium Food Pantry

Wednesday, August 18, 1:00-3:00PM

Tuesday, September 7, 4:00-6:00PM

Wednesday, September 23, 1:00-3:00PM

Each household may visit the pantry once each month.

PREP INFO

Registration forms for PREP Classes 2021-2022 are in the vestibule of the church. Anyone that has not registered, please complete a form and return it to the rectory ASAP. A student cannot be admitted without a completed registration. Also, remember that prior to First Communion a child must have 2 years of instruction. Any questions, call J. Foris at 570-490-0099.

St. Pauline Society Annual Purse + More Raffle and Homemade Food Sale

Friday, September 10, 2021, 12:00 Noon-6:00PM

Saturday, September 11, 2021, 11:00AM-4:00PM

St. Pauline Center

1150 Chestnut Street, Kulpmont, PA

\$20 for a sheet of 26 tickets. After initial purchase, additional sheets of 26 tickets can be purchased for \$10.

Need not be present to win

Homemade food will be available for purchase as well as baked goods. Handicap accessible, parking in rear.

Manna For The Many

Manna For The Many is a food pantry located at St. John's U.C.C. Church, 117 North 8th Street in Shamokin. This food pantry will now be serving the residents of the Mt. Carmel Area School District in addition to the Shamokin Area, Southern Columbia Area and Line Mountain Area School Districts. If you know of a person or family in need please share this information with them. The schedule is:

August 17th, 9:00-11:00AM

August 18th, 1:00-3:00PM

August 19th, 6:00-8:00PM

Baltimore Crab Feast Trip:

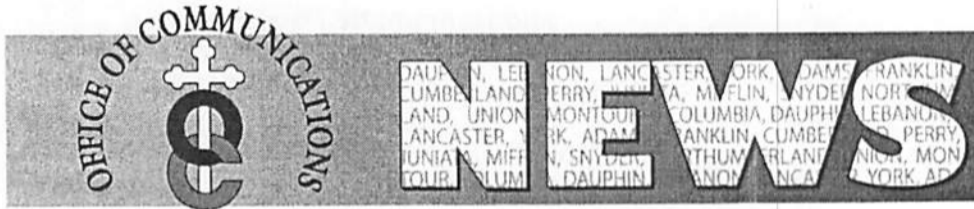
Enjoy Maryland Steamed Crabs?!?

Save the date. . . St. Casimir Parish in Baltimore is planning to resume their annual crab feast on **Sunday, October 3rd**. The new venue for the crab feast is: Rosedale Gardens, Rosedale, MD (health conditions permitting). Ticket price is \$75 which includes admission and round trip bus transportation from Shamokin. **Tony Stadnicki is organizing the trip and may be reached at 570-495-0229 to make your reservation.** Don't delay if you are interested in this Baltimore tradition. **"First come, first served!"** A 10AM Sunday Mass opportunity will be available at St. Casimir Church upon arrival in Baltimore. More details to follow.

The Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women invites all women of the Diocese to join us at the Fall Mini Retreat on Saturday, September 25, 2021 at Saint Catherine Laboure Church, 4000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111. The theme is "Joined in Our Faith". The day begins with registration at 8:15 a.m. Mass will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. followed by 2 morning workshops, lunch and 1 afternoon workshop. The day will end with the Divine Mercy Chaplet and closing prayer. Register by contacting Brenda Wolf at 717-658-8191 or email: brendaangel.musicwithmama@gmail.com. Please make checks payable to: "Seton District Council of Catholic Women" Registration deadline is September 15, 2021. Please bring a Rosary and bible. See the HDCCW website, hdccw.webs.com for additional details and other Diocesan CCW information.

To all the Parishioners of Holy Angels Parish who helped to make our Parish Picnic a huge success: Whether you helped with preparations and set-up, worked during the picnic, donated a basket, donated a baked good, made a monetary donation or simply came and had a wonderful time, I say thank you. Each one of you have contributed to make this picnic a success. The love you have for Our Lord and Holy Angels Parish shines thru every day. I will keep you in my prayers daily. May our Blessed Lord shower His blessings on each of you and keep you and your loved ones safe.

"We give thanks to God always for all of you, remembering you in our prayers, unceasingly calling to mind your work of faith and labor of love and endurance in hope of our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father" (1Thessalonians 1: 2-3) *Reverend Andrew J. Stohmer*



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Catholic Bishops of Pennsylvania Prioritize Safety as Mass Obligation Resumes

HARRISBURG, Pa. – Jesus commanded his followers to care for the sick and to bring physical and spiritual healing to everyone. In that spirit, the Catholic bishops of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have issued this statement:

Caring for the health, safety and spiritual wellbeing of parishioners and their communities is a priority of all the bishops of Pennsylvania. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, dioceses have made every effort to implement best practices in public health for every aspect of parish life. Each diocese is continuously re-evaluating coronavirus mitigation efforts, frequently consulting with state and federal healthcare experts and constantly monitoring data. Diocesan leaders are listening to input from parishioners, including those with medical expertise, as cases of the Delta and other new variants are surging.

It now seems evident that this global health crisis could linger for months or years to come. Our call as shepherds is to provide the Eucharist in a safe environment. To that end, each diocesan bishop will communicate to the faithful, asking them to prioritize their own health and the health of their neighbors and faith communities.

As previously announced, the bishops are reinstating the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and holy days beginning on Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021. However, by longstanding Church law, this obligation does not apply to those who are:

- Sick
- Have a serious health risk
- In a household with those at risk
- Primary caregivers to those at risk
- Have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID-19
- Unable to attend Mass in person

As an act of charity, anyone who believes they might have COVID-19 or one of its variants or have been exposed should stay home.

Those who are legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days are encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ. They are also encouraged to investigate the numerous options to view broadcasts and streams of Mass, which are continuing across the state.

While masks are not currently mandated, each parishioner is strongly encouraged to make a responsible decision about the use of masks and vaccinations following in the examples of all Pennsylvania Bishops, Pope Francis and Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI who have all been vaccinated for the common good.

Our coronavirus mitigation efforts will continue to evolve, based on the most up-to-date public health information. Each bishop will continue to communicate with the faithful as changes become necessary.

Dear Padre,

Why do Catholics believe in Mary's assumption into heaven?

Mary's assumption to heaven is a belief shared by Eastern Christians and Roman Catholics, although the explanations of this dogma have different emphases in the two traditions. While there is no biblical or historical record of this event, the first explanation of this doctrine is found in a document from the late 300s.

Mary's assumption was considered a pious opinion until 1950, when Pius XII defined it as dogma (an official Church teaching). The Pope made the declaration after bishops and he found overwhelming consensus throughout the Church.

The definition of Mary's assumption—body and soul—to heaven reaffirmed that God had not only created humans, but also redeemed and claimed them. Mary's assumption reminded the world of the goodness of God's creation and that Christ redeems us from the evil around us (and in us) and made us a new creation.

Perhaps the best explanation can be found in St. John Paul II's 2004 homily at Lourdes. "And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be," he said, quoting John 14:3. He explained that Mary's assumption is the pledge that Christ's promise will be fulfilled. The Pope's words echo the teaching of bishops at the Second Vatican Council, which described this dogma as "a sign of sure hope and solace" (Dogmatic Constitution on the Church [*Lumen Gentium*], 68).

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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY, PAVIA CATHEDRAL, ADAM JAN FIGEL / SHUTTERSTOCK



A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Mary is assumed into heaven: small and humble, she is the first to receive the highest glory. She, a human creature, one of us, attains eternity in soul and body. And there she awaits us as a mother waits for her children to come home. Indeed, the people of God invoke her as the Gate of Heaven.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION, AUGUST 15, 2019

Calendar

Monday
AUGUST 16
Weekday
Jgs 2:11–19
Mt 19:16–22

Tuesday
AUGUST 17
Weekday
Jgs 6:11–24a
Mt 19:23–30

Wednesday
AUGUST 18
Weekday
Jgs 9:6–15
Mt 20:1–16

Thursday
AUGUST 19
Weekday
Jgs 11:29–39a
Mt 22:1–14

Friday
AUGUST 20
St. Bernard, Abbot and
Doctor of the Church
Ru 1:1, 3–6, 14b–16, 22
Mt 22:34–40

Saturday
AUGUST 21
St. Pius X, Pope
Ru 2:1–3, 8–11; 4:13–17
Mt 23:1–12

Sunday
AUGUST 22
Twenty-first Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Jos 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b
Eph 5:21–32 or
Eph 5:2a, 25–32
Jn 6:60–69

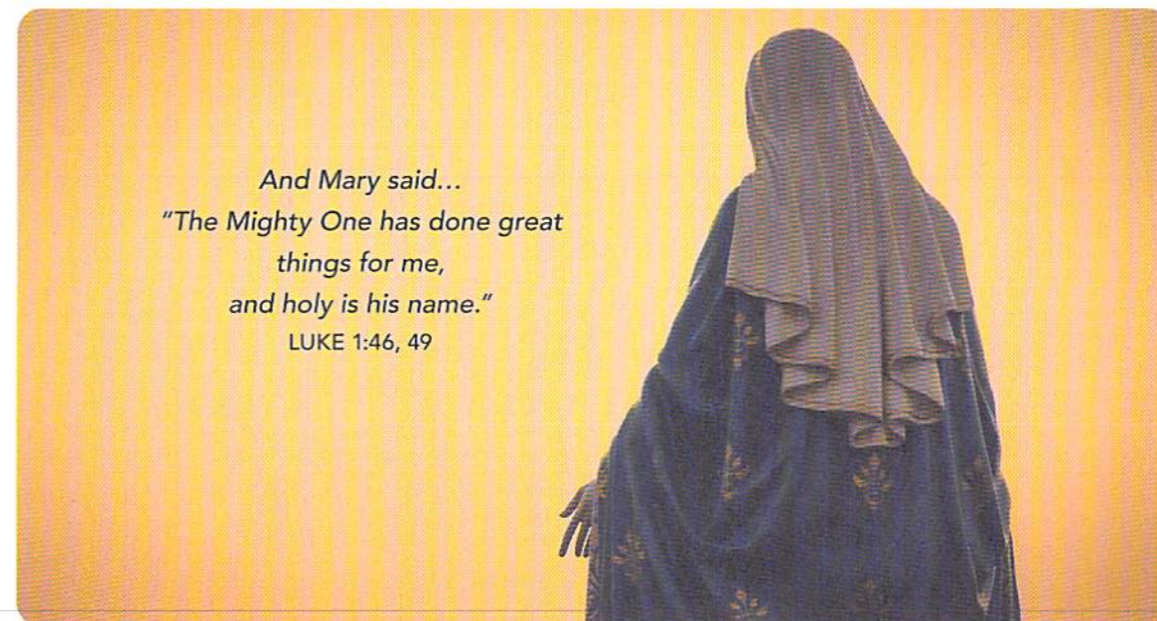
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a question
for the Padre?

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Our Parish COMMUNITY

August 15, 2021

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B)
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56



And Mary said...
"The Mighty One has done great
things for me,
and holy is his name."
LUKE 1:46, 49

"All Generations Will Call Me Blessed"

Today's readings help us see why Mary should be called blessed. The first reading depicts a woman as gloriously "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet" (Revelation 12:1). This image is captured in well-known Marian statues. However, this woman is wailing "aloud in pain as she labored to give birth" (12:2). In fact, here and in the Gospel, women are depicted as pregnant.

When a woman is in labor, she is both at her most vulnerable and her strongest. When giving birth she faces the real possibility of death. Yet, she places herself in such jeopardy to bring another to life. Her steely inner resolve is matched with remarkable physical strength when she is called upon to "Push!" The labor pains that precede birth became a striking metaphor, in both ancient Israel and the early Church, for the struggle experienced in bringing forth the reign of God (see Isaiah 21:3, Matthew 24:8, Mark 13:8, and Romans 8:22). Such suffering came to be known as "the birth pangs of the Messiah."

Certainly, Mary is blessed because of her physical birthing of the Messiah. However, the Magnificat, her revolutionary prayer in the Gospel, describes the birthing of the reign of God when the powerful are brought down and the lowly uplifted, the hungry filled and the rich "sent away empty" (Luke 1:53). This is not a feast of a plastic statue but of a woman willing to give her life for the reign of God. She certainly deserves to be "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet."

St. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ Where does the Magnificat throw light on issues in our own society?
- ★ Pray for the courage you need to be faithful to your calling in life.