

## The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary August 15th, 2021

8/14 Sat 4:30PM- Patricia Reynolds (H)- Kester Family  
 8/15 Sun 9:00 AM-Robert Coniker (D)-Mary Coniker  
 8/15 Sun 11:30 AM-Mary Novogrodsky Elchyshen (D)-Theresa Harris  
 8/16 Mon 8:50 AM – In Honor of Son Rocco-Vittoria Torrillo  
 8/17 Tues 8:50 AM- Intention Available  
 8/18 Wed –8:50 AM- No Mass  
 8/19 Thurs 3:00 PM-Saint John Eudes-Agnes Yonker – Mary Coniker  
 8/20 Fri 8:50AM-Saint Bernard Abbot-Intention Available  
 8/21 Sat 8:50AM-Saint Pius X and Father John Maher (D)  
 8/21 Sat 4:30PM- George Perrello(D)-Lori Lindridge  
 8/22 Sun 9:00 AM-People of the Parish  
 8/22 Sun 11:30 AM-Patricia Cummins(H)-Pat Cummins

### Weekly Reflection

Take some time to reflect on all the good things the Lord has done for you. As you look over your life, can you see where things that seemed so bad led to good things you had never anticipated? Can you see where your failures have taught you so that you have become a better person? What blessings have you received? Give thanks to God for all he has given you and pray to be more open to his grace in your life.

### Plaque Dedication

The beautiful plaques for the dedication are ready for placement. We will have a dedication ceremony in early September. Thank you so very much to those who supported this very special way to honor your loved ones. The first pew on each side will be a plaque dedicated to the members of Immaculate Conception and the other the deceased members of Immaculate Conception.

Pew Cards-Have been placed in the missile holders in each pew. Since we do not have missiles back in the church yet, these pew cards will be an aid for participating during the mass. We ask after the mass that the pew cards be placed back in the missile holders.

**A Special “Thank You” again to Paul Kelly for his continued generosity of time and expense to keep our equipment running for the maintenance of the church grounds, God Bless You!**

**Keep Them In Your Prayers::**  
 Our Country’s Armed Forces, Father John J. Lynch, Adidlid Nunez, Kevin Kingsley, Anthony Blackwood, Patricia Coniker, Heather Brown, Jim Lund, Regina Wagner, Jeanne DePuy, Alyssa Bivins, Robert Huggins, Stephen Moses, Nestor Derkach, E & J Zysk, Joe Lao, Helen & Irving Ruffin, Norman Feig, Rosalie Siegel, Deneje Weyman, Stephanie Pullon, Janet Davis, Susan Giangiacomo, Cesare Silvestro, Brenda Hay, Sara Marie Ward, James Rose, Barbara Boncek, Joe Marranta, Brenda Distel and ALL our first responders & several special intentions.

**Dear Parishioners,** My favorite litany in honor of the blessed mother, the litany of Loreto, is a beautiful and ancient collection of titles of Mary. I came to love this litany because as novices we sang it every Saturday evening. As we knelt in a candlelit in front of statue of blessed mother, name after name of Mary cascaded over our bowed heads. When I first heard the litany sung, some of the titles were familiar to me and made immediate sense. The easily recognizable phases “Mother of Christ”, “Mother of Mercy”, and Mother of the Church” were paired with others that required some investigation and reflection. Among the latter category I discovered the title “Foederis Arca (Ark of the Covenant). Why is the Virgin Mary hailed as the Ark of the Covenant? When the Ark of the Covenant (the golden vessel of ancient Israel which contained Manna from the desert, Aaron’s staff, and the tablets of the ten commandments was brought into the temple, the cloud of god’s presence settled there. The Virgin Mary became in her own flesh, the dwelling place of God. Overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, she carried the word, who himself would be the new manna, the high priest, and the new lawgiver. She who bore the presence of God into the world would herself be taken into His presence once and for all. **Mary, the Ark of the Covenant: Pray for us**

**Thank you very much for your wishes and prayers. I had a wonderful vocation. God Bless.**

### Religious Education News

**I hope you are all enjoying these warmer summer days! Religious Education will be in person this year. Students, at the advice of the DOH will still be required to wear masks. There will be a registration on Sunday, August 29<sup>th</sup> 10 - 11:30 am and again on Monday August 30<sup>th</sup> – 4 -7 pm. Please invite any and all students that would like to join our program to come to registration or call me at 914-799-1190 to express interest. We are very excited about the upcoming year!!**

**Next week the second collection is for the Religious Education Program.**

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>1680.00</b>	<i>Candles</i>	<b>171.00</b>
<i>Fuel / A/C</i>	175.00 0.00	<i>Pastoral Solidarity</i>	<b>367.00</b>

### Memorial or Intercessory Gifts

*All are invited to offer one or more of the items we use in worship for the intention of loved ones, living or deceased. Donations for your intentions (listed here for **two weeks**) are: altar bread \$15, altar candles \$20, altar wine \$10, the sanctuary lamp \$15, the children’s leaflets \$10. You can reserve one by placing a plain white envelope in the collection listing 1) your name, 2) the person remembered, and 3) the object donated.*

*God who is mighty has done great things for me.*

*Luke 1:49*