

Basilica Activities

DEAR VISITORS: All are welcome to attend Mass at the Basilica and visit during our new visiting hours as shown below in our Schedule of Activities and Fr. Arnsparger's weekly article.

LIVE STREAMING: Masses that are being live streamed and/or recorded for upload to our YouTube channel are notated with an "*" in the schedule below.

CONFESSIONS—Church Vestibule as directed by Greeters—shown below.

HOLY HOUR—EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & BENEDICTION—shown below.

Mass Intentions

* denotes Live Streaming

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14 -

*5:00pm *Vigil* Weissman Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15 - *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

*9:00am Pro Populo
12:00pm Special Intention
4:00pm *Español* Special Intention

Choir Warm Up, 8:15am, LCR

MONDAY, AUGUST 16 - *St Stephen of Hungary*

12:10pm † Robert Dettelbach by Gerri Dettelbach
Private Prayer & Visits, 11:00am-12:00pm, B
Coro Prayer Group, 6:30pm, Basilica

TUESDAY, AUGUST 17 -

*7:30am † John Weth Dale by Jane Jaskevich
Private Prayer & Visits, 11:00am-1:00pm and 3:00pm-5:00pm, B

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18 -

7:30am † Thomas Hansen by Gwen & Julian Hobson
Private Prayer & Visits, 11:00am-1:00pm and 3:00pm-5:00pm, B

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19 - *St John Eudes*

*7:30am † Anthony & Eva Lorenzetti by Emily Wimberly
Secular Franciscans, 10:00am, Laurentine Hall
Private Prayer & Visits, 11:00am-1:00pm and 3:00pm-5:00pm, B
Choir Practice, 7:00pm, LCR

FRIDAY, AUGUST 20 - *St Bernard*

12:10pm † John Zachrich by Myra Zachrich
Adoration & Benediction, 11:00am - 11:45am, Basilica
Confession, 12:45pm - 1:30pm, Basilica

SATURDAY, AUGUST 21 - *Pope St Pius X*

*5:00pm *Vigil* Pro Populo
Confession, 8:30am - 9:30am, Basilica

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22 - *The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*9:00am † Charles Dickson by Suzanne Harter
12:00pm Special Intention
4:00pm *Español* Special Intention
Choir Warm Up, 8:15am, LCR

Week Day Readings for Mass

AUG 15:Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 (621); Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56 (622) Pss Prop

AUG 16:Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22 (419) Pss IV

AUG 17:Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30 (420)

AUG 18:Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16 (421)

AUG 19:Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14 (422)

AUG 20:Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40 (423)

AUG 21:Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12 (424)

From the Pastor

Sunday, August 15, 2021, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Dear Parishioners,

Out of an abundance of caution and due to the Coronavirus Delta Variant, we will return to the protocol of wearing masks at Mass, parish meetings, and activities. This is an act of charity toward all.

Thank you to all who helped organize and celebrate our Patronal Feast last Sunday. It was good to have Bishop Jugis with us. And how blessed we were to have three of our Diocesan seminarians from St. Joseph College Seminary with us to serve Mass and visit with us. Pray for them and all our seminarians. In a particular way, I also want to thank the staff for the great and dedicated service to our parish in helping with the Feast Day but likewise in all they do; we are blessed with them.

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary, body and soul, into Heaven. Pope Pius XII declared this dogma an infallible tenet of the Christian Faith. Mary's role in the redemption is one of complete cooperation. God specifically chose, as St. Louis de Montfort reminds us in his book, Total Consecration to Jesus through Mary, to reveal Himself through the cooperation of the Blessed Mother. In the Assumption, we see the end of the earthly service of Mary to the plan of Redemption. Everything she did leads to this moment when we celebrate her entrance into Heaven. Where she has gone, we likewise hope to go.

The striking image of the Blessed Mother in today's first reading from the book of Revelation reminds us that she is the new "Ark of the Covenant". We see her crown of twelve stars indicating the fullness of the 12 tribes of Israel and the 12 Apostles. She is truly the Mother of the Church who brings us Christ. In the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, we see our Lady evangelizing: she brings Christ to Zechariah and to Elizabeth who is carrying the pre-born baby, John the Baptizer. The baby leaps in the womb at the Presence of Christ! The Mother of the Lord doesn't keep the Messiah to herself but shares the Divine Presence. Joy is brought to the House of Zechariah and Elizabeth and to all of Israel and the world that day.

Mary's "Magnificat" in our Gospel today begins with "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation..." Then our Lady recalls the history of God's saving acts for the Israelites leading up to the Messiah Who is with her. She says: "He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever." In this "Magnificat" Mary is a "catechist"; she hands on the tradition of God's promises which is fulfilling in Christ.

Mary's entire life was one of evangelizing, catechizing – proclaiming the Good News which had been entrusted to her care. She can then be properly referred to as – Mary, the Star of Evangelization; she points the way to the Truth. Let us thank our Lord for "Our Lady of Revelation" who leads us to Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life.

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Parish Announcements for Sunday, August 15, 2021

For more information contact the parish office at 828.252.6042 or visit saintlawrencebasilica.org

2021 DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL UPDATE

This year's DSA campaign is underway. Our assessment is \$80,665. At present 128 households have pledged a total of \$63,880.08. We are gaining ground! ***We still have a balance to be pledged of \$16,784.92 to meet our assessment.*** Online donations may be made at charlottediocese.org/dsa on behalf of the Basilica. Thank you to all who have already pledged. Watch for more updates in the weekly bulletin. *(There will be an update next week.)*

FEEDING THE HUNGRY

Catholic Charities is still working to serve households in need during this difficult time. For more information about services, visit ccdoc.org. We are accepting donations at 50 Orange Street on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 – 4:00 p.m. If you have questions or need to make alternate drop-off arrangements, contact us at 255-0146.

Items Most in Need: Food: Canned Veggies, Dried Beans, Rice, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Flour, Cooking Oil, Sugar, Canned Tuna, Kid-Friendly Snacks and Easy-to-Prepare/Dried Meals. Non-Food: Bar Soap, Toothpaste, Laundry Detergent, Personal Hygiene Products, Toilet Paper. We are assisting households with nonperishable food as well as meat, produce, baby diapers, and more via our drive-thru food distribution services. **Our biggest needs right now are diapers, wipes, toiletries, and feminine hygiene products.**

The Catholic Charities Food Pantry at 50 Orange Street in Asheville has been one day a week on Wednesdays from 11-1 during COVID-19, but we're expanding to add Thursdays from 10:00 a.m.-Noon.

Catholic Charities is in need of volunteers throughout western North Carolina. Volunteers are needed to help in our office, with our Food Pantry, and with special projects at 50 Orange Street in Asheville, but we're also looking for volunteers to help with events and food distributions throughout the 12 westernmost counties of North Carolina. We're in need of volunteers to coordinate efforts at your church and to lead donation and supply drives.

Catholic Charities wishes to provide **school supplies to children in need** this year, and we are accepting school supply donations at the Western Region Office at 50 Orange Street in Asheville. A collection container is outside the front entrance of the building for safe and easy drop off Monday-Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Please call 828-820-5153 with questions or to schedule a drop off outside of normal business hours. If you know of children in need of school supplies in your church or community, please contact Catholic Charities Western Region Director Jesse Boeckermann at jdboeckermann@rcdoc.org or 828-820-5153 to see how Catholic Charities can help those in need.

FERIA COMUNITARIA RURAL

The WNC Rural Immigrant Services Collective is hosting the region's first community resource fair fully in Spanish. Feria Comunitaria Rural will take place on Sunday afternoon, August 15 from 12:00-4:00 p.m. at Bridge Park (76 Railroad Avenue) in Sylva. The goal of this event will be to provide access to much needed health and education resources before the new school year. The event will be set up much like a cultural festival, where local nonprofit organizations will have tables to provide information about services and resources available to the community. Backpacks and school supplies will be available. There will also be a mobile clinic on site to administer the COVID-19 vaccine. For more information, email collectivewnc@gmail.com or check out the event on Facebook at www.facebook.com/alianzaWNC.

WHAT ST. LAWRENCE IS DOING TO

ADDRESS MITIGATION OF COVID-19 TRANSMISSION

- Out of an abundance of caution and due to the Coronavirus Delta Variant, masks are required at Mass, parish meetings and activities.
- Sign placement to encourage masks, 6-foot social distancing, and frequent hand sanitization, if necessary.
- All hymnals and missalettes have been removed.
- Offertory baskets are available as you enter and leave the church - not passed down the pews.
- Communion offered under one species - consecrated host.
- The Sign of Peace, which is an optional rite, is suspended.
- Touchless Holy Water Fonts.
- Limited supplies of disposable masks are available for those who need one and forgot to bring their own.
- Parishioners are asked to bring their own hand sanitizer; an extra supply is on hand if needed.
- Continued monitoring of Diocesan, Federal, State, and Local Covid-19 recommendations and apply as needed.

FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open Tuesday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

- **Appointments:** To request an appointment, please complete the online form at: <https://saintlawrencebasilica.org/appointments> or call the office at 828-252-6042.
- **Phone Calls to Office:** If your call is not answered, please leave a detailed voicemail with your full name and reason for calling. Staff will return your call.
- **Bulletin:** The weekly bulletin continues to be published in digital format only. It is typically uploaded to the parish website on Friday afternoon.
- **Covid-19 Updates:** Please visit the parish website for any Covid-19 Updates we may need to post.
- **Mass Reservations No Longer Required:** While reservations are no longer required to attend Mass, we ask that everyone please follow all current CDC guidelines. We ask that those attending Mass make their own decisions on wearing face coverings, but anyone who is vulnerable or not vaccinated is encouraged to continue wearing a face covering and to follow social distancing norms.
- **Mass Intentions:** To schedule Mass Intentions, please use

When that which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? ...thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. ~ 1 Cor 15

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2021 DIOCESAN SUPPORT APPEAL

Your pledge to the Diocesan Support Appeal is shared with the educational, multicultural, vocational, housing, and social service ministries of the diocese. Thousands of people depend on your generosity. You may complete a pledge envelope and return it to the Parish Office or make a gift online at: charlottediocese.org/dsa, text "DSA" to 704-389-2096, or scan the QR code:



DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO NEEDS HELP?

 If you or someone you know is experiencing financial difficulties, please remember that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul wants to help. Over the past 23 years we have helped with rent, utility bills, auto repairs, bus passes, emergency food and other needs. You may leave a message for the St Vincent de Paul volunteer team at 828-775-1933 on Monday mornings. State your phone number very clearly and a Vincentian will return your call. Be assured, all calls are held in strict confidence.

¿CONOCES A ALGUIEN QUE NECESITE AYUDA?

Si usted o alguien que usted conoce tiene dificultades económicas, recuerde que la Sociedad de San Vicente de Paúl desea ayudarle. Por los últimos 23 años hemos ayudado con renta, servicios de utilidades, reparaciones de carro, pases de autobús, comida y otras necesidades. Por favor llámenos al 828-775-1933. Deje su número de teléfono bien claro y una persona que hable español le retornara su llamada. Le aseguramos que todas las llamadas son confidenciales.



John 14:27 "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid."

Catholic Charities Diocese of Charlotte Western Regional Office in Asheville is pleased to provide bilingual professional mental health counseling for couples and adults in English or Spanish. During COVID-19, all counseling sessions are being held remotely through a safe, confidential, and virtual platform. Appointments are required. If we can help, please call us at 828-820-5148. Peace is just a phone call away.

THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK

By the sacred anointing of the sick and the prayer of the priests the whole Church commends those who are ill to the suffering and glorified Lord, that he may raise them up and save them and indeed she exhorts them to contribute to the good of the People of God by freely uniting themselves to the Passion and death of Christ. [Catechism of the Catholic Church 1499](#)

Active Parishioners should make an appointment to schedule the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick before going to the hospital or a care facility. The Anointing of the Sick is normally celebrated before or after a Sunday or daily Mass. Please call the office at 828-252-6042 or request an appointment for an Anointing by completing the online form located in the side bar to the left.

ST. LAWRENCE PARISH IS A SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Our Diocese and Parish have been blessed for over 20 years of having a very good program for education on making our parishes safe for all who participate and visit. To continue with that goal, we require all volunteers at St. Lawrence Parish to participate in our "Safe Environment Program" to protect all members of our Parish Family, in particular children and vulnerable adults. This program consists of each volunteer:

1. Completing a Volunteer Profile Form (to be kept at the Parish Office)
2. Having a Background Check run and renewed every 5 years (paid for by the Parish)
3. Reading the Diocesan Safe Environment Policies and signing electronically that you have read: "The Diocese of Charlotte Code of Ethics/ Conduct" and "The Policy of the Diocese of Charlotte Concerning Ministry-Related Sexual Misconduct by Church Personnel."
4. Attending one VIRTUS program of "Protecting God's Children Workshop" (online or in person)
5. Reading and staying current with the online Monthly VIRTUS training bulletins

After the Volunteer Profile Form (#1) is complete, the other elements of our Safe Environment Program (#2-#5) are now done online through Virtusonline.org. If you do not have a VIRTUS account, please call the Office so that we can help you set it up and arrange for the background check. Thank you for helping us keep St. Lawrence Parish a safe and welcoming parish!

People to Pray for . . .

• PARISHIONERS:

Amy Treverton, Fanny Forteza, Otis McIntosh, Linda & Michael LaFlamme, John Kabel, Johnny Moss, Alexander Adams, Patricia Streeto, Sophia Brooks, Dick Berlage, Robert Aucremanne, Richard & Rosemary Barcelou, Mary Booth family, Richard & Anna Bruder, Nancy Dixon, Martina Duckett, Ralph & Mary Keil, Paul Nealon, Philip Pritchard, William Reilly, Albert & Rosemarie Czarnecki, Linda Godcharles, Sharon Manogin, Carmela Mandala, Benita Esposito, Tom Girton, Joshua Townsend, Mary Fanslow, Larry Moderno, Perry Coe, Jr., Joanne Coates, Margaret Malone, Rosemary Franklin, David Wellmon, Pat Lepore, Ginny Dack, Veronica Sartor, Jim Peacock, Rupert Muana, John & Kristy Ledford, Matthew Bodosky

• HOMEBOUND:

Emily Aiken, Marian Bogdanowicz, Dolores Kane, Bob Niedzwicki, Phillip Organ, James & Vel Pauls, Barney Raffield, John Wenta, Annie Wilson, Betty Zalewski

• NON-PARISHIONERS:

Kathy McGuire, Lauren & Patty Crompton, Ashley V. Paxton, Kayce Edwards, David Jones, Adam Powers, Tony Sellers, Ron Thompson, Bernie Thompson, Trent Johnson, Martha Johnson, Jennifer Martin, Swede Oppermann, Robert Walther, Dori Barrett, Donald Pickeral, Cecile Pearsall, Martha Gunn, Gary Bunzer, Katie Searles & family, Bill Ribell, Tony Case, Jank & Susie Ellege, Cheryl Ocaly, Annie & Nicolas Gullet, Elizabeth Pitts-Madonna, Shirley Bryant, April Moore, Wilma Blackmon, Stacey Folwell, John Lewis, Janet Frye

• MILITARY PERSONNEL:

Christopher Balot, Vincent Camarata, Joseph Houston, Steffan Pixler

Continuation from Pastor

Sunday, August 15, 2021, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Estimados feligreses,

Con el propósito de ser lo suficientemente cuidadosos debido al Coronavirus y Variante Delta, regresaremos al protocolo de ponerse máscaras durante la Misa, reuniones y actividades parroquiales. Esto es un acto de caridad hacia todos.

Gracias a todos los que ayudaron a organizar y celebrar nuestra Fiesta Patronal el domingo pasado. Fue bueno tener al Obispo Jugis con nosotros. Y cuán bendecidos fuimos de tener a tres de nuestros seminaristas diocesanos del Seminario San Jose con nosotros para servir la Misa y visitarnos. Ore por ellos y por todos nuestros seminaristas. De una manera particular, también quiero agradecer al personal por el gran y dedicado servicio a nuestra parroquia al ayudar con el Día de la Fiesta, pero también en todo lo que hacen; somos bendecidos con ellos.

Hoy celebramos la Solemnidad de la Asunción de María, en cuerpo y alma, al cielo. El Papa Pío XII declaró este dogma como un principio infalible de la fe cristiana. El papel de María en la redención es de completa cooperación. Dios eligió específicamente, como nos recuerda San Luis de Montfort en su libro Consagración total a Jesús por medio de María, revelarse a través de la cooperación de la Santísima Madre. En la Asunción, vemos el final del servicio terrenal de María al plan de redención. Todo lo que hizo nos lleva a este momento en el que celebramos su entrada al cielo. Donde ella ha ido, nosotros también esperamos ir.

La impactante imagen de la Santísima Virgen en la primera lectura de hoy del libro de Apocalipsis nos recuerda que ella es la nueva "Arca de la Alianza". Vemos su corona de doce estrellas que indica la plenitud de las 12 tribus de Israel y los 12 Apóstoles. Ella es verdaderamente la Madre de la Iglesia que nos trae a Cristo. En la Visitación de María a Isabel, vemos a nuestra Señora evangelizando: lleva a Cristo a Zacarías y a Isabel, que lleva al bebé antes de nacer, Juan el Bautista. ¡El bebé salta en el vientre ante la presencia de Cristo! La Madre del Señor no guarda al Mesías para sí misma, sino que comparte la Presencia Divina. Ese día se lleva alegría a la casa de Zacarías e Isabel ya todo Israel y al mundo.

El "Magnificat" de María en nuestro Evangelio de hoy comienza con "*Mi alma proclama la grandeza del Señor; mi espíritu se regocija en Dios mi Salvador, porque ha mirado con gracia a su humilde siervo. Desde este día me dirán bienaventurada todas las generaciones; grandes cosas ha hecho en mí el Omnipotente y santo es su Nombre. Él tiene misericordia de los que le temen en cada generación ...*" Entonces la Virgen recuerda la historia de los actos salvadores de Dios para los israelitas que condujeron al Mesías que está con ella. Ella dice: "*Ha venido en ayuda de su siervo Israel porque se ha acordado de su promesa de misericordia, la promesa que hizo a nuestros padres, a Abraham ya sus hijos para siempre*". En este "Magnificat" María es una "catequista"; ella transmite la tradición de las promesas de Dios que se está cumpliendo en Cristo.

Toda la vida de María fue de evangelización, catequesis, proclamación de la Buena Nueva que le había sido confiada. Entonces se la puede llamar propiamente: María, la Estrella de la Evangelización; señala el camino hacia la Verdad. Demos gracias a nuestro Señor por "Nuestra Señora de la Revelación" que nos conduce a Cristo, Camino, Verdad y Vida.

Que nuestro Señor te conceda bendiciones y que la Virgen te guarde en su tierno cuidado.

- Con mis oraciones, el P. Arnsperger

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