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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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*To learn anew the Gospel:
The Good News that God loves us—Then to live it and share it.*



From the Deacon's Bench

Brothers and Sisters,

Today, August 15, is the Feast of the Assumption. Today we celebrate and reflect on the Blessed Virgin Mary being assumed, taken up body and soul, into heaven at the end of her earthly life. "Assumption" is different than "ascension." It was by the power of God that Mary was assumed. Jesus ascended by His own power.

The Assumption of Mary is a very old belief in the Church. Christians have believed for more than a millennium that the Blessed Virgin was assumed into heaven. We find it in the writings of many early Church fathers. In 1950, Pope Pius XII officially defined the [Dogma](#) of the Assumption. This means that the Church officially recognizes this belief as a true and necessary part of our Catholic beliefs about Mary. Like all beliefs about Mary, they help to enlighten our beliefs about Jesus, her Son. The Assumption illustrates to us in a special way the truth about Christ's promise of eternal life and the resurrection of the faithful.

The Assumption is always a holy day of obligation. This year it just happens to fall on a Sunday. Today, let's reflect on the important role Mary played in salvation history and on the role she continues to play interceding for us in prayer. Let us pray:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee, O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me. Amen.

Peace, Dcn. Kerry



Please remember the following in your prayers...

Lynn Allen (*Vivian Allen's daughter*)
 Vivian Allen
 Fred Arnold
 Thea Barrett
 Ollie Benberry (*Gracie Benberry's husband*)
 Phil Bradshaw (*Peggy O'Connor-Campbell's brother-in-law*)
 Roscoe Campbell (*Jerria Jones' nephew*)
 Brenda Chaney
 Morgan Craig (*Diane & Charlie's granddaughter*)
 Mynelle Gardner
 Morris Gardner
 Carla Gerton
 Catherine Hall (*Gloria Ellis' mother*)
 Andrea Hill (*Jerria Jones' sister*)
 Flossie Hill
 Betty Jones
 Beverley Jones
 Gwendolyn King
 Mary Martin (*Myrle Dulaney & Myrna Martin's sister*)
 Martha Mayes (*Thelma Mayes' mother*)
 Ray Owens (*Marie Owens' husband*)
 James Patton (*Karen Martin's father*)
 Adolph Peterson (*Evelyn Peterson's husband*)
 Rita Prince (*Lorenza Prince's sister*)
 Jim (Rookie) Reynolds (*Terri Cuellar's brother*)
 Stanley Young (*Wanda Barrett's brother*)

Please contact Deacon Kerry if you would like to add or remove someone from this Prayer List.



Widow & Widower Support Group

A group for those grieving the death of their spouse or life partner.

Join with others to explore issues experienced by widows and widowers and find ways to cope.

The group meets every 1st and 3rd Monday of the month from 1:00 - 2:30 pm.

The meetings are in person at 8450 N. Payne Road, Suite 100, Indianapolis. Please call 317-982-3577 if you have any questions.

“The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.” John 10:10

It’s easy to get lost in all the things that are wrong in life. Pain tends to overshadow joy. You will have troubles in this life – it’s a fallen world. But God has given you His promises to keep your faith focused upon truth, not the lies the world presents you.

Don’t be deceived by your feelings and emotions, and don’t allow yourself to give in to despair. You will have to make a choice in your most difficult moments as to whether you will live within God’s joy or yield to discouragement and depression. There is always a positive route and a negative route when it comes to your thinking. When you are overwhelmed with negative circumstances, God’s truth will enable you to think positively with hope.

You always have a reason to hope if you’re placing your trust in God. As He perfects your faith through trials and troubles and works in and through you to accomplish His purposes, He wants you to enjoy life. He wants you to live each moment to the fullest focusing on His promises to you, assured that He will provide and protect you in every way. Live in His peace and let His joy be your strength.

—Cherie Hill

Divorce & Beyond Support Group

For those who are recently divorced or have already filed for divorce.

The group explores the feelings of stress, anger, blame and guilt that come with the experience of divorce. Coming from a Catholic-Christian perspective, the group walks with participants to process their experience, tell their story, seek God in the midst of suffering, and find a home in the Church. Group leaders are peers who have gone through the process of divorce and have made progress on their road to healing.

The 2021 Fall Sessions will be held from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center (1402 Southern Ave., Beech Grove, IN, 46107) on the following Tuesday evenings:

- August 31
- September 7
- September 14
- September 21
- September 28
- October 5

The cost is \$20. You can contact Gabriela at gross@archindy.org or (317) 592-4007 with questions or to register.

The Our Father—A New Perspective

Discover a fresh perspective on the Lord’s Prayer and unlock the power of the words Christ used when he taught you to pray. Using the rose symbol in the center of the Labyrinth as a springboard, you will explore: acknowledging your faith; surrendering thoughts and behaviors that are roadblocks on your spiritual journey; service to God, self and others; recognizing your abundance made possible through God’s grace.

This retreat will be held on Saturday, August 21, from 9:00 am—3:30 pm at the Benedict Inn Retreat and Conference Center. The cost is \$60 and includes lunch. Call (317)788-7581 with questions or to register.



Schedule of Events

Sunday, August 15

10:30 Mass

Wednesday, August 18

8:30 Communion Service

Sunday, August 22

10:30 Mass

Monday, September 6

9:00 Tri-Parish Mass at St. Lawrence

Sunday, September 12

10:30 St. Peter Claver Day
City Celebration at St. Andrew

Sunday, October 24

10:30 75th Anniversary Celebration Mass
(with Archbishop Thompson)
11:30 Brunch

Ministers in Service - August 22

Ushers: Pamela Stallworth (c), Don Szeszycki

Lectors: Howard Singleton, LaBrentha Anderson

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, August 15

10:30 am: Harold Reilly (d)
by Charles Schisla

Sunday, August 22

10:30 am: Eddie Robert Stallworth (d)
and Isabel Stallworth-Williams (d)
by Pamela Stallworth

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Do you know of anyone who is interested in learning more about or joining the Catholic faith? RCIA sessions will begin on Wednesday, September 8th, at 7:00 pm. We will be working with St. Mathew and St. Lawrence Parishes as this allows us to form a larger community as we journey toward the Easter Vigil. Weekly sessions will meet at St. Lawrence. For more information, please contact Deacon Kerry.

**DO YOU STILL NEED TO TURN
IN YOUR CENSUS FORM?**



St. Vincent de Paul Opportunities

Can you spend 2 hours a week on Wednesdays feeding the sick, disabled, and/or homebound?

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry needs volunteer drivers for their home delivery program. Contact Mary Shanley at 317-921-1403 ext. 240 if you have questions or are interested in volunteering.

Thank you for your consideration!

May your week be filled
with good thoughts,
kind people, &
many blessings.

