

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

PMASS PMASS PMASS PMASS
INTENTIONS INTENTIONS INTENTIONS INTENTIONS

Saturday August 14, Vigil Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

4:00pm Helen Schultz Req. Daughter Maryann & Jim Davis

Sunday August 15, Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30am For the Intentions of All Parishioners of the Parish

10:30am Milton T. Burton Req. Daughter

Monday August 16, Weekday

8:00am Kaleigh Schmidt Req. Kathleen & Michael Bernavage

Tuesday August 17, Weekday

8:00am Theresa & James Bagliore Req. Family

Wednesday August 18, Weekday

No Mass

Thursday August 19, St. John Eudes, Priest

8:00am Laurene Nuzzo Req. Janice & Bill Brayne

Friday August 20, St. Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church

8:00am Jim Hines Req. Patriotic Rosary Group

8:30am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Saturday August 21, St. Pius X, Pope

8:00am Bruce Soucie 1st Anniv.

Saturday August 21, Vigil Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm Dr. Toby J. Kimm Req. Maryann & Jim Davis

Sunday August 22, Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30am For the Intentions of All Parishioners of the Parish

10:30am Emma Wichrowski Req. Son

WEEKLY OFFERTORY

Due to an earlier than usual deadline for this week's bulletin, the offertory will be printed

August 22, 2021

Please use the Donation Boxes at the Entrances of the Church.

Thank You for Your Continuous, Generous Support & May God Bless You!



Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Take a walk through a cemetery and what do you see? You probably will notice memorial stones standing or flush to the ground. You also may notice flowers that people have planted or left in the places where their loved ones are buried or entombed. These flowers speak of love and longing.



When we visit the resting place of a loved one, the memories of the person return to us. We for a time feel connected with that person. It is a powerful experience.

Where is the tomb of the Blessed Virgin Mary? There is not one, as today's Solemnity reminds us. She was assumed body and soul into heaven by the power of her Son, Jesus Christ. Mary, assumed into heaven, is the Mother of God and our mother, who is always there for all of us. She is a sign of what we hope for, eternal life.

God Bless, Fr. Ray

Photo Credit: Direct from Lourdes

The Tabernacle Lamp...
is lighted for the Greater Glory of God and in recognition of the Real Presence of Christ. This week the candle is flickering *for Peace in Our Nation.*



Congratulations!
To Joshua & Jennifer Hinrichs on their marriage on August 14th. May the Lord Jesus bless their marriage and allow them to grow more and more in love with each other and the Lord throughout their lifetime together!



This Week This Week This Week

Sunday August 15

10:30a AA, Room 107

Monday August 16

9:30a Legion of Mary, Room 104

Tuesday August 17

7p NA, Room 107

Wednesday August 18

7p NA, Room 107

Saturday August 21

8:45a Altar Society Team #3, Church

7p AA, Room 107

Sunday August 22

9:30a Coffee & Donuts, Near Mary's Statue

10:30a AA, Room 107

Noon – 5p Steubenville Reunion, Gym



Welcome to Our Lady of Mercy!

If you are new to our parish and wish to become a member of OLM, we

invite you to introduce yourself to our pastor, Fr. Raymond Smialowski, and to register. Registration can be completed by stopping by the parish office, completing a short registration form which can be found on our home page at www.olmct.org under the heading "New to Our Parish?", or calling the Parish Office at 860.747.6825 and we can fill it out with you over the phone. Please return the hard copy to the office by dropping it off at the Parish Office, the collection box, or mailing it to 19 S. Canal St., Plainville.



Sacrament of Baptism

We look forward to welcoming you and celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism of your child. You may

begin preparation even before your child is born. To begin the process, call Sue at 860-747-5451.

The date of the Baptism is scheduled after attending the Parent Preparation Program. Please note that Godparents must be confirmed and obtain a *Sponsor Certificate* from their own Catholic parish.



August is Dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

For more information please visit:

[https://anastpaul.com/2020/08/03/august-the-month-of-the-immaculate-heart-of-mary-](https://anastpaul.com/2020/08/03/august-the-month-of-the-immaculate-heart-of-mary-2/)

2/

OLM Parish Picnic

Sunday, Sept. 5th, 12 – 4pm

Norton Park Blue Pavilion

You are Invited!

This year our Parish Picnic will honor First Responders and

will welcome New Parishioners. If you are a First Responder, our parish wants to honor you for your service during the pandemic. Also, we want to welcome our New Parishioners in a special way during the picnic. If you fall into either of these categories and are planning to attend the picnic, please call the Parish Office at 860.747.6825 so that we can make appropriate preparations. A great picnic is being planned. A sign-up sheet for those planning to participate will be found in the Gathering Space after Mass. Hamburgers and Hot Dogs will be offered at a nominal price. Kielbasa Dogs, Beverages and Sides will be provided at no cost. You may bring a dessert if you'd like to share.

There will be participation prizes for the children for playing games. Bingo will be held for the adults. There will be different Raffle Prizes offered. Sign up after Mass or RSVP by August 29th at 860.747.6825. All parishioners and friends are



OLM Parish Feast

Our Parish Feast in honor of Our Lady of Mercy will be held on Sunday, September 26th with a festive Mass at 10:30am. A reception will follow in the Parish Center gym. During the Feast, we will celebrate the 140th anniversary of the founding of

our parish. Please plan ahead to be a part of the celebration. Please join us for the next Parish Feast Meeting on Thursday, September 9th at 7pm.

Would you like to help your child enjoy a deeper relationship with God?

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based, hands-on approach to the religious formation of children, rooted in Sacred Scripture, Liturgy, and respect for the child's rich relationship with God beginning at 3 years of age. The program will be instructed on Thursdays from 4:30 – 6:00pm. To learn more about the spiritual life of the child, and how your child fits into the formation, contact Michelle Batista @ OurLadyofMercyAtrium@gmail.com

**Registration for
Religious Education
Classes**

2021 – 2022

***Classes start the week
of September 13th!***

Registration for
Religious Education
classes continues for

children in grades 1 - 10. If you did not
receive a registration form, please call the
Parish Office or email Donna at
ourladyofmercyym@gmail.com.



**Faith Formation
Registration**

The New Britain Council of Catholic Women...
will be holding their first meeting of the new
membership year on Wednesday, August 25th, at
6:00 PM in the church hall at the Saint Peter's
Campus (98 Franklin Square, New Britain). This
initial meeting will be our MEMBERSHIP kick-off for
returning and new members, followed by a
business meeting and re-introduction of "Meet
Your Representative". The meeting will end with
delicious ice cream floats! Masks will be required.



Coffee & Donuts

Let's gather for some
fellowship and goodies near
the statue of Mary across the
parking lot after the 8:30am
Mass next Sunday. If raining, we will meet in
the Gathering Space.

Waking up on Aug. 15

"Our Advocate rose up to heaven, so she will
arrange for our salvation as Mother of the
Judge, the Mother of Mercy." —St. Bernard

It's 6 a.m. on Aug. 15, and you are faced with
a stark choice. There are two different routes
you can travel until evening, and no one is
forcing you to take either way.

If you choose the first route, you would go
back to sleep, and then drag your earthly
body out of bed by 7 a.m., and carry on, life as
usual. You would go to work, sip a decaf

cappuccino and down a granola bar for lunch,
grab your paycheck, go home, hug the kids,
watch Jeopardy, say a few night prayers and
launch into your bed early. You would have
made money, and enjoyed life — at least a
little.

If you're a stay-at-home mom and you decide
to choose the first route, you'd wake the kids
up, get breakfast on the table, do some fun
summer school things, and get a whole lot of
housework done like you always do (without
feeling like you did much), make a nice
supper for your husband and watch the
Waltons with the kids before you tuck them
in bed with a blessing.

By traveling this first path, you would treat
Aug. 15 like just another
ordinary day.



Or, you can take the second
route. You can get out of bed
with a joyful heart, and get the
family ready to go to Holy Mass
(which is a major effort if you have kids) to
show your love and devotion to Our Lady.
After Mass, you can let the feast day come
alive for your children by making ice cream
floats with them in memory of the Blessed
Mother rising up to Heaven. You can also
spend time reading a meditation about the
Assumption, and dwell in the sacred silence
of this mystery of mysteries. You can savor
this glorious dogma, put your hand in Mary's,
and surrender your life to her once again.

With a little effort, you may live and breathe
the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
and honor your Heavenly Mother as she so
deserves. If you do so, she will surely bless
you in return, in more ways than you can
imagine. Your soul will be touched by grace
because you opened it to be so.

Besides, you never know if this may be the
last Feast of the Assumption you are
privileged to celebrate, or the last one you get

to celebrate with others. And if you are a parent, you will make an impression on your children that they will never forget. You will teach them that Holy Days are holy, and that life must stop for a day, in order that God may be placed in the center of our lives and



our hearts, where he belongs. You will show them how to rest in awe of Mary, the Queen of Heaven, and crown her with acts of piety all throughout their lives.

Since about the fifth

century, the Catholic Church has held implicitly the belief in the Assumption of the Blessed Mother, body and soul, into heaven. This can be safely concluded by looking at the Holy Mass, pious documents and the writings of the Fathers and Doctors of the Church. The dogma was officially promulgated by Pope Pius XII in 1950.

As we pray the Rosary on the Feast of the Assumption, we may contemplate Mary's ethereal beauty, meditating on the words of St. Josemaría Escrivá, who once preached on this feast day:



Assumpta est Maria in coelum: gaudent angeli! God has taken Mary body and soul to Heaven: and

the Angels rejoice! So sings the Church. And so, with that same outburst of joy, do we begin our contemplation in this decade of the Holy Rosary: The Mother of God has fallen asleep. Around her bed are the twelve Apostles. Matthias in the place of Judas. And we, through a grace respected by all, are also at her side. But Jesus wants to have his Mother, body and soul, in Heaven. And the

heavenly Court, arrayed in all its splendor, hails Our Lady. You and I, children after all, take the train of Mary's magnificent blue cloak, and so we can watch the marvelous scene. The most Blessed Trinity receives and showers honors on the Daughter, Mother, and Spouse of God... And so great is Our Lady's majesty that the Angels exclaim: Who is she?

<https://www.ncregister.com/blog/waking-up-on-aug-15-njv0eqqs>

Did Mary Die Before the Assumption?

This is a matter of debate. Some believe Mary did indeed die, like all humans do, and was then transported to heaven. Still others believe she simply "completed the course of her earthly life," which leaves open the possibility that she ascended to heaven before actually dying. Pope Pius XII, in the text explaining his definition of the dogma of the Assumption, refers repeatedly to the Blessed Virgin's death before her Assumption, and the consistent tradition in both the East and the West holds that Mary did die before she was assumed into Heaven. However, since the definition of the Assumption is silent on this question, Catholics are not bound by dogma to believe that Mary either did or did not die before her Assumption. They must only believe in the Assumption itself.

ThoughtCo. "The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary."

Learn Religions, Aug. 27, 2020,

learnreligions.com/assumption-of-the-blessed-virgin-mary-542464

THE ASSUMPTION OF OUR LADY INTO HEAVEN BODY AND SOUL



The Assumption of Our Lady is the teaching that the Blessed Mother was taken up, body and soul, into Heaven after her time here on earth. Her body was not subjected to any corruption or decay.