

The Assumption of the *Blessed Virgin Mary*

August 15, 2021



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Parish Information

Joining the Parish

New Parishioners are always welcome. Call your Parish Office for a Census Form.

Planning a Baptism

The birth of a child brings joy to the family. Through Baptism, that child is joined to the family of God, which brings great joy to the church. Parents seeking Baptism are asked to contact the Parish Office.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is administered yearly to all 8th Grade students in our Religious Education Program and students attending Catholic Schools. Students wishing to receive Confirmation must be enrolled for at least two years before they are eligible to receive Confirmation.

Scheduling Weddings

Couples contemplating marriage are asked to contact the Parish Office and schedule the date before making any other plans. An appointment with the Pastor should be made at least 6 months prior to the Wedding Date. Couples must be registered parishioners and active practicing Catholics.

Anointing of the Sick

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick may take place at any time, especially if one is seriously ill. Please contact the office to schedule a time for a priest to visit.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(RCIA) is the process the Catholic Church uses to welcome adult members into the faith. Anyone interested in becoming a part of this process or in obtaining more information about it, please call the Parish Office to speak with a priest.

Funeral Preparations

The loss of a loved one is a particularly difficult time for those who are bereaved. Our parish community collaborates with local funeral directors in assisting families during their time of grief.

Bequests to the Parish

Please remember your Parish with Memorial gifts at the time of death or with a bequest in your will. Make a return to the Lord for all the good He has given you.

SPONSOR OF THE WEEK:

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Welcome to St. Robert Bellarmine and Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parishes.

If you are new to our church or just visiting, please stop and introduce yourself. We are pleased to have you share in this celebration of the Eucharist. If you do not have a church home, or your church is not home to you, we invite you to become a part of our parish family. Both churches are open to anyone looking for a spiritual home. You may register at the Parish Office or call us and we'll send you a form. We are glad that you are here and hope that you will come back again for Mass or become a parishioner.

THEMES FROM CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING CONTINUED

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society. Modern Catholic social teaching has been articulated through a tradition of papal, conciliar, and episcopal documents. The depth and richness of this tradition can be understood best through a direct reading of these documents. In these brief reflections, we highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of our Catholic social tradition.

OPTION FOR THE POOR AND VULNERABLE A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable members are faring. In a society marred by deepening divisions between rich and poor, our tradition recalls the story of the Last Judgment (Mt 25:31-46) and instructs us to put the needs of the poor and vulnerable first.

THE DIGNITY OF WORK AND THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS The economy must serve people, not the other way around. Work is more than a way to make a living; it is a form of continuing participation in God's creation. If the dignity of work is to be protected, then the basic rights of workers must be respected—the right to productive work, to decent and fair wages, to the organization and joining of unions, to private property, and to economic initiative.

SOLIDARITY We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Blessed Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice."¹ The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environmental challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored. **SOLIDARITY** We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic, and ideological differences. We are our brothers' and sisters' keepers, wherever they may be. Loving our neighbor has global dimensions in a shrinking world. At the core of the virtue of solidarity is the pursuit of justice and peace. Blessed Pope Paul VI taught that "if you want peace, work for justice."¹ The Gospel calls us to be peacemakers. Our love for all our sisters and brothers demands that we promote peace in a world surrounded by violence and conflict.

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Put it in an envelope marked with the cemetery's name on the envelope and drop it in the collection basket. Remember these donations are tax deductible!

PARISH MEMBERSHIP FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____

Please check one:

I am new in the parish & wish to register

Change of Address

Moving out of Parish

Please drop Membership Form into the Offertory Basket or mail to the Parish Office.

St. Robert Bellarmine Parish

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Phone Number: (570)823-3791 email address: stalschurchw@staloyusiuswb.com

Weekend & Daily Masses in: St. Aloysius Church
August 16-22, 2021

Mon.	8:00am	No Mass	
Tues.	8:00am	Joanne Wolinsky	Ron & MaryAnn Zaledonis
Wed.	8:00am	In loving memory of Richard Flora	Loving wife, Barbara
Thurs.	8:00am	No Mass	
Fri.	8:00am	No Mass	
Sat.	4:00pm	Murphy Family	Family
Sun.	7:00am	Budinas Family	Family
Sun.	11:00am	Charles Degavage	The DeMetro Family



*Thank You and
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for your
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August 8, 2021

Offertory	\$ 3,159.00
Online Giving	\$ 366.00
Loose	\$ 110.00
Dues	\$ 501.00
Maintenance	\$ 30.00
Capital Improvements	\$ 336.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 595.41
Perquisites	\$ 350.00
Candles	\$ 59.00
TOTAL	\$ 5,506.41



The Bread and Wine

offered at all masses this weekend
are in loving memory of Richard Flora
requested by Barbara & Family



Blessed Mother Candle

This week is in Loving Memory of the
Living & Deceased Members of our Parish.

St. Joseph Candle

This week is in Loving Memory of the
Living & Deceased Members of our Parish.



Interested in Online Giving?

Would like more information on what it is? Call the
Parish Office at 823-3791 ext 2 between 9AM & 3PM
Monday – Thursday for all your questions.

Calling all

Eucharistic Minister, Lectors and Altar Servers!

If you have never served in one of these ministries and
would like to do so please contact the Parish Office at
570-823-3791 ext 2 for more information.

BASKET RAFFLE



Basket Raffle

If you have time check out the great baskets.
They are on display in the back of the church.
You can see them before and after all masses.
For more information please call or text Phyllis
at 570-606-8139 or Mary at 570-877-1135.



Mass from St. Aloysius Church is Live-Streamed on
Facebook on Saturday at 4pm and on YouTube on
Sunday at 10am. Look for us on Facebook at St. Robert
Bellarmine Parish at St Aloysius Church.

Did you miss the meeting this past week for our:

**Fall Food Festival,
Flea Market & Craft Vendors
Saturday, Oct. 16th from 9am-6pm
in the Church Parking Lot.**

Do you have some gently used items at home that you
don't know what to do with? If so, you can rent a space
for the day for \$25 to sale your treasures.

More information will be coming shortly but if you have
questions feel free to contact the Parish Office or come to
our next meeting.

**The next meeting will be on
Wednesday, August 18th at 6pm in the cafeteria.**

Please remember Fundraisers are an important part of
St. Aloysius Church-St. Robert Bellarmine Parish to remain
fiscally stable. It is up to you if you want your church to
remain stable or not.

Your Church needs you so please say yes to your Church
remaining financially stable and come out and help with this
upcoming fundraiser!

Thank You to all who have bought/sold Raffle Tickets.

**Our Parish Raffle is based on the Pick 3
Evening Lottery Number-STRAIGHT ONLY**
The payouts are:

\$25.00 on Monday through Saturday
\$50.00 on August 1, 8, 15 & 22
\$250.00 on August 29
\$1,000.00 on August 31

This past weeks winners are:

Date	#	Amt	Name
8-2	897	\$25.00	Betty Hagenbaugh
8-3	450	\$25.00	Sharon Draht
8-4	274	\$25.00	Janet Cirko
8-5	702	\$25.00	Bill Kunec
8-6	302	\$25.00	Sharon Comitz
8-7	901	\$25.00	Donald/David Rother
8-8	524	\$50.00	Joan Cunard



Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish

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August 16, 2021 thru August 22, 2021

Mon.		Rose Marie Grescavage	Bob & Arlene Osborne
Tues.		No Mass	
Wed.		No Mass	
Thurs.		No Adoration	
Fri	8:00 am	Rosalie Jane Materna	Martin (deceased) & Joan Basar
Sat.	5:30 pm	Malek Family	Frank & Mary Malek
Sun.	9:30 am	Michael Galaida, Jr.	Tony & Susan Pointek

Sunday	\$ 1,766.00
Sunday - Online	\$ 650.05
Dues	\$ 300.00
Dues - Online	\$ 101.05
Loose	\$ 140.00
Candles	\$ 76.00
Air Conditioning	\$ 10.00
Maintenance (inc. Online)	\$ 25.00
Utilities - Online	\$ 20.00
Donation	\$ 50.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,138.10



*August 8th,
Thank You and
God bless you
for your
Contributions!!!*



**Bread & Wine for the weekend of 8/14 & 8/15 are offered for:
In Memory of Michael Kulmatiski (75th Anniversary)
by Maday/Niezgoda Families.**

Candles are lit for 1 week beginning August 22nd

Sanctuary Candle: In Memory of Chotka & Kempinski families by George & Christine.

Blessed Mother Candle: In Memory of Ellen Bujnowski by Stan & Jean.

Infant of Prague Candle 1: In Memory of Doreen Piscotty Family.

Infant of Prague Candle 2: In Memory of Catherine & Rita by George & Christine.



Congratulation's!!
To the Sauerwine & Tencza families
on the Baptism of Jarrod & Jasper.



Back to School Supplies Drive

New back-to-school supplies can be placed in the donation bin in the vestibule. These items will help those in need right here in our community.



Potato Pancake Fest & \$100.00 Raffle Tickets

The Men's Club is again selling \$100.00 Raffle Tickets. Drawing will be Sunday, September 26th. There will be 9 prizes. The Big prize of \$10,000, 2 - \$5,000, 4 - \$1,000 & 2 - \$500 prizes.

Tickets can be purchased at the office, by contacting any Men's Club Member or online by visiting www.exhc.org.

The Drive-thru Potato Pancake Fest will be on Saturday & Sunday, September 25th & 26th from Noon-6 PM. Pancakes are \$10.00 for 8. Minimum - 8, Maximum - 40 per car.



The Hanover Township Lions Club are sponsoring a Hometown Hero's Banner Project. If you did not get the flyer from the bulletin, flyers can be found at the entrances of the church.



Please be patient!

The office is in the process of updating our much needed PDS (Parish Data System). If you would like to update any information contact the office at 570-823-6242.



Cemetery

If you would like to donate to our Cemetery, use a plain envelope. Include church & your name & amount given. Thank you!

Family Day @ Knoebel's Amusement Park

Monday, August 23rd

Picnic lunch provided for all attendees.

To make a reservation for lunch and/or ride passes, contact

Stephanie @ 570-814-7794 or visit www.exhc.org.



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Sale is ongoing.
Call Georgette 570 824-5941 or Ann 570 574-8287.





A FRESH PERSPECTIVE ON THE SUNDAY READINGS HIS WORD TODAY

by Rev. William J. Reilly, Most Holy Name Catholic Church, Garfield, NJ

“And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me... Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.”

Our Catholic faith informs us that at the end of her earthly life, Mary was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory. She who was conceived free from original sin, who gave birth to our Savior, was now rewarded as she was reunited with her Divine Son in heaven.

Try to imagine the awesomeness of that meeting. If the conversation between Mary and Elizabeth in Luke's gospel led to the beauty of the Magnificat, perhaps just the gaze of Mother and Son captured it all.

As we pray the rosary or recite the Hail Mary, we too have our conversation with her, as she did with her relative. May we be comforted by the example of Mary. With the horror of the coronavirus, may we devoutly ask her protection as we sinners pray, 'now and at the hour of our death.'

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

First Reading: Revelations 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab

There appeared a woman clothed with the sun, crowned with twelve stars, having the moon beneath her feet. Her newborn son went not to the huge red dragon, but to God and His throne. God's kingdom and the authority of his Anointed One have come.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:20-27

Paul reminds us that in Christ all is brought to life. At Christ's coming, all who belong to Christ will be part of the kingdom handed over to the Father. Christ will destroy all his enemies, the last one being death.

Gospel: Luke 1:39-56

When Mary greets Elizabeth, her child leaps in her womb. Elizabeth calls Mary blessed among women and commends her faith in the Lord's words. Mary praises God for his greatness and mercy, his concern for the lowly and the hungry, his promise of mercy to Abraham and his children forever.

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

**WHAT IS THE ASSUMPTION?**

The first name of this solemnity was the Feast of Mary, Mother of God. Later, its name in the East carried over, the Dormition (or Falling Asleep) of Mary. In the West, it became known as the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This solemnity celebrates the fact that Mary's Assumption is "a pledge of the future participation of the members of the mystical Body of Christ in the paschal glory of the Risen Christ." It shows that the Lord "reserves a munificent reward for his humble Servant because of her faithful cooperation with the divine plan, which is a destiny of fullness, happiness, glorification of her immaculate soul, her virginal body, perfect configuration to her Risen Son" (Directory, no. 180). The Mass has a proper vigil, and the solemnity replaces the Mass of the day when it occurs on a Sunday in Ordinary Time.

What does this all mean?

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, which the Church celebrates every year on August 15. Simply put, the dogma of the Assumption states that at the end of her life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken, body and soul, into Heaven. While this event isn't reflected in Sacred Scripture, it is clearly part of the Church's earliest observance. In the sixth century, St. John Damascene wrote in one of his sermons, "Your sacred and happy soul, as nature will have it, was separated in death from your most blessed and immaculate body, and although the body was duly interred, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay; your most pure and sinless body was not left on earth, but you were transferred to your heavenly throne."

Theologically speaking, death is often understood to be a consequence of original sin. Since Mary was conceived without Original Sin, some theologians have wondered if Mary died or if perhaps, she was taken into Heaven without experiencing death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer this question but simply states, "The most blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven" (no. 974)

The Solemnity of the Assumption reminds us of the unique role that Mary served in the process of our salvation. Although she was without sin, we have the possibility of receiving God's forgiveness for our sins through Christ. Her entry into Heaven prefigures our own hope of experiencing the same eternal life. Ordinarily, the celebration of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation for Catholics, but when it falls on a Saturday or a Monday, that obligation to attend Mass is lifted.

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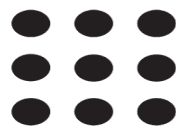


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