

# 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY in Ordinary Time

## JESUS: A CAUSE OF DIVISION

Our Lady Star  
of the Sea  
Catholic Church



*"Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division."*

Luke 12:51

Dear OLSS Parishioners,

Monday is August 15th! Why is that significant? It is the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, traditionally a Holy Day of Obligation in our country. However, some time back the Bishops decided that if certain holy days fall on a Monday or a Saturday, we were not required to attend Mass. It doesn't mean that it is no longer a holy day, but that we do not have to celebrate it by participating at Mass. My understanding is that this decision was to help people who had just attended Mass for Sunday to not have the burden of having to "get there" again so soon or so close if it is Saturday. I must confess I don't really understand this decision.

Holy Days have some historical roots in that the Church tried very hard to help the poorer classes and vulnerable people in olden days who were put upon by the wealthy ruling classes. The Church, as powerful entity, tried to ensure that people had some time free of work and so no work could be done on Sundays and then, by extension, on Holy Days. These days honored special saints or occasions in the Church calendar and are different in each country. That we are not required to attend mass is okay since it is the Church rules that said we had to in the first place and all man made rules can change. What is important is that we not forget that something special happened that we, as Church, honor on Holy Days.

The Assumption of the Blessed Mother into Heaven is unique and special. Our belief is that since she was conceived without original sin, she did not have to suffer death and corruption of her body, ergo, God assumed her at the end of her life into heaven. This is a foreshadowing of our own hope of salvation when we too will be welcomed into eternal union with God. It is nice to honor Mary, the patroness of our Nation and our Parish, and it is great to know that we have union with God to look forward to. Although not bound, I hope that many of us will share this celebration on Monday at Mass either at 7:30am or 7pm.

*Msgr. Mike*

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### OUR LADY STAR OF THE SEA FAITH FORMATION

**Faith Formation** starts Sunday, September 11th, 2016 from 9:15 am—10:30 am. If you have not already completed registration, turned in a copy of your child(s) Baptismal certificate, please do so by August 15th. Due to shipping costs, a late fee of \$15 will be applied for each child.

Please contact Mrs. Pensenstadler with questions at 240-925-3034.

**Attention Parish Catechists and Religion Teachers**, through a grant from Catholic Charities, our parish now has the Loyola Press adaptive learning materials for use in your classes. These resources are specifically designed for teaching children with special needs. Now is the time to become very familiar with the religious education materials now available for you during the coming year. Sr. Paula will be in the parish office on all the following Sundays at 9:15 a.m. to help you "get a handle on" what we now have in the parish. The session will last about one hour. The remaining dates are : August 14 & 21.

#### MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm  
Sunday: 8:00am and 10:45am  
Daily Mass: As noted.  
Headsets are available in the Church for the hearing impaired.

#### PARISH OFFICE

Mon. -Fri: 8:00am-4:00pm  
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## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### MASS SCHEDULE ~ week of August 8th

#### MONDAY- Feast of the Assumption

7:30 a.m. Mass in Historic Church  
7:00 p.m. Mass in Historic Church

#### TUESDAY

9 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Adoration in Convent Chapel  
5:30 p.m. Mass in Historic Church  
6-6:30 p.m. Confessions in Historic Church

#### WEDNESDAY

7:30 a.m. Mass in Convent Chapel

#### THURSDAY

5:30 p.m. Mass in Historic Church

#### FRIDAY

7:30 a.m. Mass in Convent Chapel

#### SATURDAY

9:00 a.m. Mass in Convent Chapel (as noted\*)  
3:00 - 3:45 p.m. Confessions in Parish Church  
4:00 p.m. Mass in Parish Church

**First Saturday of the month—ASL interpreter at 4 p.m.**

#### SUNDAY

8 & 10:45 a.m. Mass in Parish Church  
The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is prayed every Sunday after the 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Masses

#### MASS INTENTIONS

† Indicates deceased L Indicates living  
August 16, Doug Alder †  
August 17, Sr. Carolyn Marie (L)  
August 18, Deacon Jack Etzel †  
August 19, Ray Lankford †  
August 20, Virginia Chandler †  
August 21, Deacon Jack Etzel †

#### MASS ASSIGNMENTS ~ August 20th-21st

4:00 p.m.                      8:00 a.m.                      10:45 a.m.

#### LECTORS

F. Briggs	B. Boufford	J. Moore
M. Romney	TBD	G. Moore

#### MASS SERVERS

C. Capristo	J. Oster	S. McKenzie
J. Capristo	A. Pensenstadler	C. Moore
A. Gerber	E. Weakley	M. Moore

#### EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

J. Capristo	A. Gagnon	J. Crane
L. Capristo	T. Gagnon	K. Crane
G. Murphy	K. King	G. Dickinson
P. Murphy	S. King	M. Gault
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JR Mathers	T. Heibel	J. Hamilton
B. Zwissler	G. LeDoux	J. McCoy
D. Zwissler	G. Miedzinski	M. Posey

#### GREETERS

Smith Family	Johnson Family	Ballmann Family
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#### GIFT CERTIFICATES

S. Clow	S. Cole	S. Stump
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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

M. Lake	A. Dreiser	F. Gallagher
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### Readings for August 21st

#### Isaiah 66:18-21

I come to gather nations of every language to see my glory.

#### Hebrews 11:5-7, 11-13

All discipline...brings the fruit of righteousness to those trained in it.

#### Luke 13:22-30

"Lord, will only a few people be saved?"

### Poor Box proceeds for August will go to Southern Maryland Community Resources, Inc.

**Our Mission:** We advocate for individuals with special needs, to recognize the inherent dignity that is theirs because they are members of our one human family. We promote social recreational and educational opportunities where individuals with developmental differences can contribute their unique gifts and develop their potential. [visit www.somdcr.org](http://www.somdcr.org) for more information.

Come see the Papal Fiat on Friday, August 26th at 4pm on the front lawn of the Historic Church. The Fiat is on display for the Opening Ceremonies of the FREE Solomons Island Dragon Boat Festival, presented by SMCR.

[www.SolomonsDragonBoatFestival.com](http://www.SolomonsDragonBoatFestival.com)



### \*Additional Masses are offered by Father Jack:

Mass on Monday mornings at 7:30 a.m. in the Convent Chapel through September 12, 2016.

Mass on the following Saturdays at 9 a.m. in the Convent Chapel August 20; September 3 & 10, 2016.

### Mark your calendars Sunday, September 11th the Annual Our Lady Star of the Sea parish picnic.

If your last name starts with:  
A-L please bring a side salad  
M-Z please bring a dessert



### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS:

We are now forming the RCIA for 2016-2017. If you or anyone you know have expressed an interest in learning the Tradition of Catholicism with no commitment required, you are welcome to join our group of Inquirers. We will begin our weekly sessions the first Monday after Labor Day (September 12th). For more information, please call Joanne McCoy, 410-394-2605.

**The Kalnasy Concert Series 2016-17 season**

Presented by the Southern Maryland Community Gospel Choir. The concert will be held at St. Aloysius on Sunday, August 21, at 3:00 PM. The theme of this concert is "UNITY!" Admission is free and donations are always accepted. For more information contact [gharvey@stalloysiuschurch.org](mailto:gharvey@stalloysiuschurch.org).

**Volunteers Needed** ~ Walk to End Alzheimer's Southern Maryland. Saturday, September 17, 2015 at Asbury Solomons Contact Ben Donnelly [bedonnelly@alz.org](mailto:bedonnelly@alz.org) or 703-766-9007

**Patuxent Habitat for Humanity** ~ Give back to the community - Patuxent Habitat offers many volunteer opportunities throughout the year. See their website for more information: [www.patuxenthabitat.org](http://www.patuxenthabitat.org)

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**

St Paul encourages us to "keep our eyes fixed on Jesus". When we focus on Jesus and continue to develop a deeper relationship with him we become transformed. Let His love transform your marriage. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 11-13 in Gaithersburg, MD. For more information and to apply online visit [welovematrimony.org](http://welovematrimony.org), or call 301-541-7007, or email at [applications@welovematrimony.org](mailto:applications@welovematrimony.org).

**Walking With Purpose (WWP), at Jesus the Divine Word.** WWP aims to bring women to a deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ by offering personal study and small group discussion that link our everyday challenges and struggles with the solutions given to us through the teaching of Christ and the Church. We will be offering "Opening Your Heart," beginning Thursday, 22 September from 9:30 - 11:15 am. We will kick-off our study with a wine and cheese open house on Thurs, September 15, 7 to 9 pm.

**Thanks to all the golfers who participated  
in the OLSS Seahawk Scramble!**



**Mt. St. Mary's 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Maryland  
Catholic Women's Conference.**

Mt. St. Mary's University, Emmitsburg, Maryland.  
You may attend Saturday only for \$60.00 or the weekend for \$75.00. Opening Mass with Archbishop William Lori, wonderful speakers, help with financial scholarships. The dates of the conference are October 7, 8 and 9, 2016. Also the Shrine of Elizabeth Ann Seton is a Holy Door Pilgrim destination (Jubilee of Mercy). Come and visit the shrine and the beautiful Grotto of Lourdes. Make it a Holy Pilgrimage, invite your friends. Please see our website at [www.marylandcatholicwomen.com](http://www.marylandcatholicwomen.com).

**Charismatic Prayer Group** meets Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Upper Room. Call Joe & Sally Hamilton at 410-326-4054 or Lynn Coffey at 410-326-3837.

**OLSS Men's Group** meets Saturdays at 6:30 a.m. in the Historic Church for Mass, then conversation, coffee & donuts. Does not meet in summer.

**The Rosary** is prayed Sunday at 7:30 a.m. If you are interested in becoming a Rosary leader, please contact Mary Sutton 410-610-6740.

**The Chaplet of Divine Mercy** is prayed every Sunday after the 8 a.m. AND 10:45 a.m. Masses in the Parish Church.

**Baptisms** by appointment on Saturdays and Sundays at Mass or individual times. Please call Deacon Chad to arrange a meeting & then schedule the Baptism.

**Weddings** Registered parishioners should contact the pastor at least six months in advance of the planned date which should not be finalized until church arrangements are made.

**OLSS Knights of Columbus:** Please call Mike Kelly for more information: 443-624-3079.

**OLSS Choir** meets every Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. in the church to rehearse. All are welcome. Choir does not meet during summer months. For more information contact Mary McKeon at 410-610-6236.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry** If you would like to join our ministry please call Mary Ann Dale at 301-863-3333. The Prayer Shawl group meets the third Wednesday of each month at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Office. Does not meet during summer months.

**Boy Scout Troop 427** meets Mondays at 7:00 p.m. For information please call Rob McAlister at 301-862-2002.

**Cub Scouts** meet Mondays at 7:00 p.m. Call Beth Oster at 410-394-0944 for more info.

**Solomons Group of Alcoholics Anonymous** meets every Friday at 9:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in the Chesapeake Room.

**Al-Anon** group meets every Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in the Upper Room in the Historic Church.