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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021



May You Find Christ Here...May You Bring Christ to the World!

Mass Schedule:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, 8:30 a.m.

Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, 12 noon

Friday, 9:00 a.m.

Confessions:

Saturdays, 3:00-3:45 p.m.

Weekdays, 30 mins. prior to Mass

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Bulletin Deadline:

Wednesday, 12 noon

Sunday Reflection – Assumption of Our Lady

The Feast of the Assumption is one of the most important feasts of our Lady. Catholics believe in the Assumption of the Virgin Mary into Heaven. That is, we believe that when her earthly life was finished, Mary was taken up, body and soul, into Heavenly glory where the Lord exalted her as Queen of Heaven. The Assumption is the feast of Mary's total liberation from death and decay, the consequences of original sin. It is also the remembrance of the day when the Church gave official recognition to the centuries-old belief of Christians about the Assumption of their Heavenly mother. In the Orthodox Church, the *dormitio* ("falling asleep") of the Virgin began to be commemorated on August 15 in the 6th century. The observance gradually spread to the West, where it became known as the feast of the Assumption. By the 13th century, the belief had been accepted by most Catholic theologians. It was on November 1, 1950 that, through an Apostolic Constitution (*Munificentimus Deus*), Pope Pius XII officially declared the Assumption as a Dogma of Catholic faith.

What is meant by "Assumption?" "Assumption" means that after her death, Mary was taken into Heaven, both body and soul, as a reward for her sacrificial cooperation in the Divine plan of Salvation. It is our faith and a dogma of the Catholic Church today. It gives us hope that all those who believe in Jesus Christ will also be resurrected and will have eternal life with Jesus and Mary and with other saints in heaven. On this feast day, let us thank the Lord for the gift of this heavenly Mother, and let us pray to Mary to help us find the right path every day. I wish you all a Happy Feast!!!

Readings for Sunday,

August 22, 2021

Joshua 24:1-2a,15-17,18b

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69



Saint of the Week ... St. Pius X

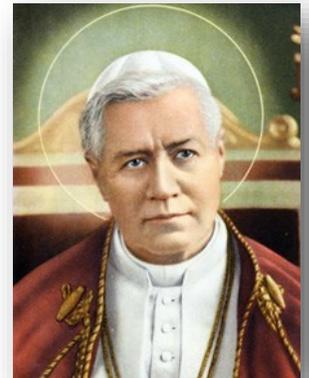
Pope Pius X was born Giuseppe Sarto in 1835 to a poor Italian family, the second of 10 children. In 1903 at the age of 68, he became Pope Pius X—the 257th pope of the Catholic Church and one of the 20th century's greatest popes.

Pius was particularly devoted to Mary; his encyclical *Ad Diem Illum* expresses his desire through Mary to renew all things in Christ, which he had defined as his motto in his first encyclical. Pius believed that there is no surer or more direct road than by the Virgin Mary to achieve this goal.

Pius rejected modernist interpretations of Catholic doctrine, promoting traditional devotional practices and orthodox theology. His most important reform was to publish the first Code of Canon Law, which collected the laws of the Church into one volume for the first time. He was a pastoral pope, encouraging personal piety and a lifestyle reflecting Christian values. Saint Pius also placed renewed liturgical emphasis on the Eucharist, saying, "Holy Communion is the shortest and safest way to Heaven." To this end, he encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion. Pius X's devotion to the Eucharist would eventually earn him the honorific of "Pope of the Blessed Sacrament."

On the 11th anniversary of his election as pope, Europe was plunged into World War I. "This is the last affliction the Lord will visit on me. I would gladly give my life to save my poor children from this ghastly scourge." He died a few weeks after the war began, and was canonized in 1954.

Source: franciscanmedia.org and stpiousparish.net



Feast Day: August 21



Bethlehem Wood Carvings will be available for purchase outside the church following today's Mass.

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Today we will display beautiful handmade olivewood carvings from the Holy Land. The Christians of the Holy Land have been suffering and continue to live in difficult economical situations.

Olivewood carvings are part of a tradition handed down from generations. Our mission is to support our fellow Christians in the Holy Land by selling their carvings which is a major source of their income. Your purchases will enable approximately 200 families to remain in the Holy Land.

Please stop by our tables and get your gifts direct from the little town of Bethlehem. Thank you all and God bless you!

Bethlehem Gifts from the Holy Land



Mary is taken up to heaven; a chorus of angels exults!

Let us pray:

Father in heaven, all creation rightly gives you praise, for all life and all holiness comes from you. In the plan of your wisdom, she who bore the Christ in her womb was raised body and soul in glory to be with him in heaven. May we follow her example in reflecting your holiness and join in her hymn of endless love and praise. Amen.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Date	Time	Intention	Offered by
Saturday, August 14	4:00 p.m.	Soul of Marianna Daskal.....	Jim Daskal
Sunday, August 15	8:30 a.m.	Brent & Meredythe Barrick's intentions.....	Howard & Karen Barrick
Monday, August 16	No Mass		
Tuesday, August 17	No Mass		
Wednesday, August 18	6:00 p.m.	Fr. Phillip Szabo's Intentions	Assumption Parish
Thursday, August 19	12 noon	Soul of Tom Melody and Deceased Members of the Melody Family.....	Sharon Melody
Friday, August 20	9:00 a.m.	Souls of James DeMasi & Paul Shannon.....	Mary Shannon
Saturday, August 21	4:00 p.m.	Souls of George & Jennie Ebner.....	Assumption Parish
Sunday, August 22	8:30 a.m.	Soul of James Fairall.....	Nancy Starcher

To schedule a Mass intention, please contact the Parish Office.



Assumption Parish



Thank you to all those who have already contributed! Remember, since we are past the 50% mark, all dollars now received come back to our parish!

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Collections & Attendance August 7-8, 2021

Offertory

Offertory Envelopes.....	\$3,480
Loose Donations.....	\$590
Poor Box	\$185
Votive Candles.....	\$93
Total.....	\$4,348

Attendance

Saturday 8/7.....	76
Sunday 8/8.....	71
Total.....	147

Upcoming Faith Formation Courses

The Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston sponsors courses through the University of Dayton's Virtual Learning Community for Faith Formation (VLCFF) program just for folks in this diocese! You can take these courses for catechetical certification or as opportunities for adult faith formation. Each course is five weeks long and combines online resources with a once a week live (Zoom) discussion.

The Diocese will cover the cost of the course. There is no book associated; all of the materials are online. The next session - "Images of Jesus" - will run from August 22 through September 25, with live lectures on Thursdays at either 1-3 pm or 7-9 pm. The facilitator is Dr. Rodica Stoicoiu. If you are interested in taking this course, please contact Jeanne McKeets at jmckeets@dwc.org.



Spaghetti Dinner on September 1

The Knights of Columbus famous spaghetti dinner will return on Wednesday, September 1!

Serving times are 4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at St. Mary's Hall. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children. Contact any Knight to purchase tickets.

Liturgical Minister Schedule

Saturday, August 21

Lector: Kerri Wittman
Servers: Alan Taylor & Sue Harber
EM: Meredythe Barrick
Cantor: Linda Marsh
Greeters: Tom & Kathy Finnell

Sunday, August 22

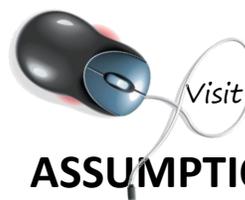
Lector: Paul Bogdan
Servers: Mike Landis, Jane Placka, Nick McKenzie
EM: Mike Landis
Cantor: Nancy Starcher & Haleigh Welch
Greeters: Tina Stephen & Melissa Stanislawczyk

Saturday, August 28

Lector: Celia Cole
Servers: *to be named*
EM: Kathy Finnell
Cantor: Julie Alt
Greeters: Kelli & Kerri Wittman

Sunday, August 29

Lector: Alan Taylor
Servers: Beverley Iser, Sommer & Micah Alt
EM: Rosie Landis
Cantor: Haleigh Welch
Greeters: Doug & Jane Placka



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