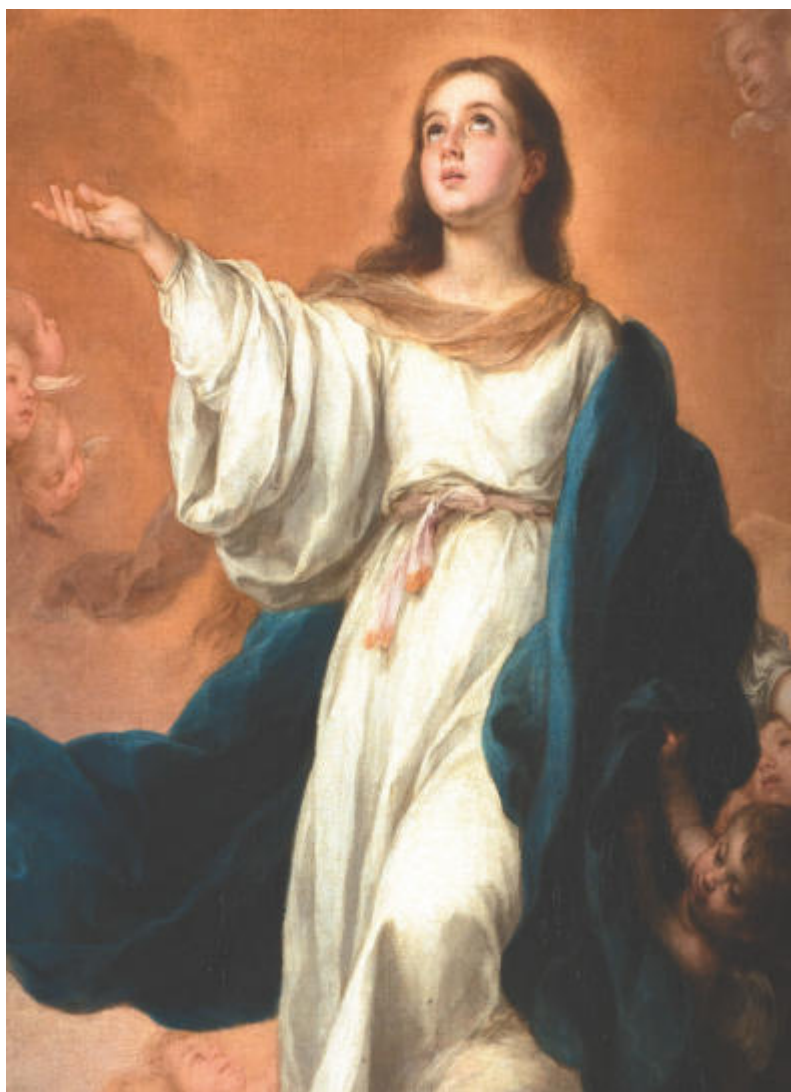




The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



"From this day all generations
will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great
things for me
and holy is his Name.
He has cast down the mighty
from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly."
- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 14

8:00am: Living & Deceased
Parishioners of Immaculate
Conception

5:00pm: Judy Cullen
Angelo Facciponti
Susan Mayfield

Sunday, August 15

8:00am: Parishioners of Immaculate
Conception Parish

10:30am: Otto Cortesi
James & Patricia Hauer
Gaspere De Luca

Monday, August 16

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of
Immaculate Conception Parish

Tuesday, August 17

8:00am: Domenico Bommarito

Wednesday, August 18

8:00am: Rugero Pieracci
Caterina Bernardi
Domenico Bommarito

Thursday, August 19

8:00am: Agustina Aragon
William & Maria Vena

Friday, August 20

8:00am: Rosemary Ann Casey
Brundage

Saturday, August 21

8:00am: Deceased Parishioners of
Immaculate Conception

5:00pm: Patrick C. Shields
Ray Geraci
Yolanda & Michael Bernardi

Sunday, August 22

8:00am: Maria Vena De Rose
Richard & Violetta Lattanzi

10:30am: Parishioners of Immaculate
Conception Parish



R E S T I N P E A C E

Bruna Menoni

September 13, 1927 - August 8, 2021



Father Mike's Homiletter – August 15, 2021 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Scripture: Revelation 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Psalm 45:10-12, 16; 1 Corinthians 15:20-27; Luke 1:39-56

As a parish dedicated to Mary, the Mother of God, under the title of her Immaculate Conception, we should be welcoming this Sunday's celebration of our patroness. It isn't often that a specific feast which falls on a Sunday replaces the Sunday readings, and when it does, it should be a clue that the Church thinks the feast is very, very important. And the feast of the Assumption of Mary is very important, but since it comes during the busiest part of the summer/back-to-school season, usually on a weekday when we are squeezing Mass into an already packed schedule, we may not appreciate the feast as much as we should.

When we think about the end of Mary's life, it is worth giving some thought to the practical realities she faced on earth. We know she was a relatively young girl when the angel Gabriel brought God's message asking her to become the mother of Jesus Christ. Since Jesus lived thirty-three years, we can assume Mary was probably no more than 50 when she saw her Son executed in the most horrendous way the Roman Empire could find. She lived on after his death, with the disciples at first, but in the care of St. John for the balance of her life, in accordance with Jesus' last instruction – "Son, behold your mother." Knowing the plight of a widow without a male to care for her, Jesus shared His mother with John, who could protect her – and who represents all of us.

Our first reading from Revelation presents a collection of surreal images which are difficult to understand individually, but together present a picture of salvation history. In our second reading, Paul explains that when Adam sinned, one man brought punishment on the entire human race, and thus, when Christ suffered and died, offering His life for humanity, one man, fully human as well as fully divine, brought salvation to all of humanity. The bare fact of Jesus' death on the cross should stun us into shock at how much God must love us – there is no human logic which would cause a divinity to become human, with all its disadvantages, in the first place, let alone die a terrible death for humanity's sake. Our Gospel records Mary's visit to Elizabeth, Mary's cousin and mother of John the Baptist. Since Gabriel had said Elizabeth was six months pregnant, and Mary stayed with Elizabeth three months, Mary may have stayed to help Elizabeth when John was born. When Mary arrived, Elizabeth knew something "out of this world" had come, and their greetings indicate they both knew God was with them, though they didn't know what that would mean.

Most images of Mary portray her as young, beautiful, sheltered, innocent, almost fragile. Yet, if we examine the realities of Mary's life which we know, few as they are, we find a very different person. Her reaction to Gabriel's appearance is wise beyond her years. In agreeing to Gabriel's – God's – plan, she demonstrates an extraordinary ability to trust in the unknown, to trust God's providence, without knowing where it would lead. Her willingness to agree to bear a child in her circumstances undoubtedly subjected her to some not-so-innocent speculation and gossip when she was found pregnant. She sets off to visit her cousin Elizabeth, also with child – that's a roughly 70-mile journey from Nazareth - quite the trek for a pregnant young woman. After returning to Nazareth three months later, she makes another 70-mile journey with Joseph to Bethlehem when she was days from giving birth. Then came the flight into Egypt to avoid Herod's murderous search for the child. After raising her child to adulthood, with all the normal challenge that presented, she follows his journeys as an itinerant preacher – and by then she was no longer young by the standards of the time. Finally, Mary stands at the foot of the cross until the bitter end. Reading the realities which lie between the lines of Mary's life, we have to come to the conclusion that Mary is not fragile – she is one tough cookie!

Yet she lives quietly, patiently. She endures what comes, what God sends her, without complaint, though there must have been times when she wondered how it all was going to end. Not well, in human terms, as we know. Yet, through it all, Mary trusted in God's Providence, letting it lead her, not knowing where, but somehow confident that it would go where God wanted it to go. And in the end, it led back to God. Mary, representing all of us, returned to God – assumed *body and soul* into heaven after her death, to be with her Son once more. She provides the ultimate example to us of where it will all lead – back to the God who made us, who loves us, who keeps watch over us, who guides us, and who is waiting for us to come home to Him. What a wonderful ending – and what a wonderful feast!

Peace , and Happy Sunday! Father Mike



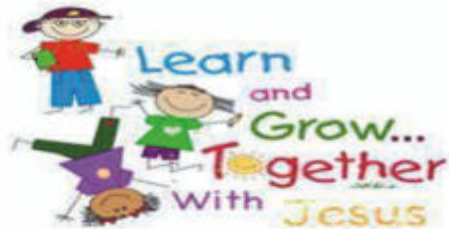
Liam Emanuel Byrum
was baptized into the Catholic faith on
Sunday, August 8, 2021.
Congratulations to his proud parents
Alyssa and Victor.



Food for Thought...

God does not come in extraordinary events, but works amid the apparent monotony of our daily life, in the frequently dull rhythm of our activities, in the little things that, working with tenacity and humility, we achieve in our efforts to do his will.

Pope Francis
@Pontifex



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PREP

**REGISTRATION
IS OPEN !**

2021-2022 classes begin for students in grades K-8 on 9/19/21 at 9 a.m.
Please use the link below to register and view the class calendar.

<https://www.icparish.org/Prep-Registration>

Any questions, please contact Barb via email at PREPOffice@icparish.org

We are excited to see all our new and returning families this fall!



Do you have a Canopy?

IC would love to borrow it for our “Pop-Up”
Rummage Sale on August 26-28.

If so, please contact Adele.McCarty@icloud.com or
call the Parish Office at 847-433-0130!

Thank you!

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Missionary Cooperation Plan

Last weekend we held the summer Missionary Cooperation Plan collection to support the 104 participating mission causes that represent the work of our Church to minister to those on the peripheries around the world. Thank you to all those who gave and offered prayers. If you still wish to offer a contribution, please place a donation to support the 104 participating mission causes in the collection basket (with checks made payable to the parish, and “Mission Coop” in the memo), or you can make a donation online at WeAreMissionary.org/give

Please be aware that no emails or texts would ever go out from Fr. McMahon or any Parish staff “asking for a favor”, so please beware should you ever receive something like this.



Should you receive something, and are unsure of the originator, please contact Natalie in the Parish office (nhennigan@icparish.org) rather than directly replying to the email or text.

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LUKE 1:37



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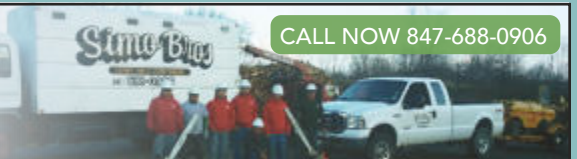
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“Pop-Up” Rummage Sale



Following Archdiocesan and City of Highland Park Health & Safety Guidelines,

we are pleased to now announce that we will host a

**“Pop-Up” Rummage Sale on Friday, August 27th 7:00am— 5:00pm
and Saturday, August 28th 7:00am—3:00pm**

In the IC Gym and Garages

To be successful with this mission, we need everyone’s help!

Donations of Accepted Items are still being accepted!!!

Accepted Items for the Sale

This year we can accept select items:

- **Furniture***
- **Tools/Sports equipment**
- **Outdoor garden and patio**
- **Household/ Kitchen Items/ Lamps**
- **Children’s Toys/Games/Clothing**
- **Electronics**
- **Treasures**
- **Shoes**
- **Gently Used, Clean Clothing:
Men, Women, Children**

Please See Exclusions

Note: *We cannot pick-up Furniture this year. It can be dropped off at the Garage.

Exclusions

We cannot accept the following:

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| X | No | China Cabinets |
| X | No | Entertainment Centers |
| X | No | Sofa Beds |
| X | No | Upholstered Furniture that is torn, ripped or stained |
| X | No | Car Seats that do not meet current Safety Guidelines |
| X | No | Cribs not meeting current Safety Guidelines |
| X | No | High Chairs not meeting current Safety Guidelines |
| X | No | Mattresses |
| X | No | Tube TV’s |
| X | No | Commodes |
| X | No | Linens |
| X | No | Art |
| X | No | Books |
| X | No | Holiday |

Please help us get ready for the Sale by volunteering individually or as a family.

Sorting Schedule

Daytime: Monday – Friday 9am-12

Evening: Tuesday and Thursday nights 6pm-8pm

**WE NEED YOUR HELP ON THE
DAYS OF THE SALE!!**

Furniture donations, please contact Annie at 847-323-2950 or damzmack@aol.com

To volunteer or if you have any questions please reach out to Adele at

Adele.McCarty@icloud.com or call the Parish Center.

Thank You for your support!