

# St. Boniface

Catholic Church

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Also Serving St. Martin of Tours, Geneseo and Sts. Peter & Paul, Cayuga

## Weekend Mass Schedule

### Saint Boniface

Saturday - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday - 8:30 a.m.

### Saint Martin of Tours - Geneseo

Sunday - 10:30 a.m.

### Saints Peter & Paul - Cayuga

Sunday - 7:00 pm

(Even Numbered Months)

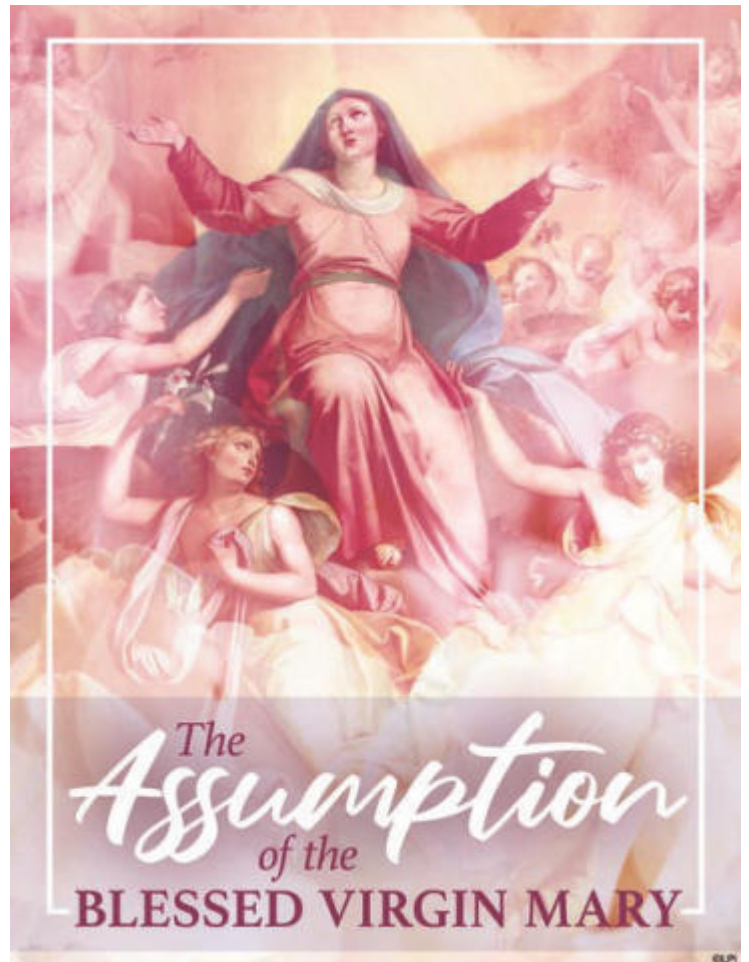
## August 15, 2021 - The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

### **Q What is the history behind Mary's Assumption, and what does this feast mean for me?**

**A** There is a tradition among some of the tribes in Africa that when one tribal member gets a good paying job in the government or in the army, all of his clan shares in his money. The success of one is shared by all.

Today's feast of the Assumption of Mary carries with it the same dynamics. Mary, because of her special union with her divine Son, gives witness to Jesus' complete victory over death. In Jesus and through Mary, we share in the graces that come from that triumph.

The feast of the Assumption is a very ancient one. It was initiated in the fifth century and was celebrated at the site in Jerusalem where Mary was believed to have rested as she journeyed from Jerusalem to Bethlehem. At that time, the feast was called *Theotokos* (which means "God-bearer"), and was celebrated on August 15. Later, the feast was celebrated at the basilica where Mary's tomb was venerated. By the end of the sixth century, the feast came to be called the *Dormition* (Mary's "Falling Asleep"). By the end of the seventh century, the name of the feast was changed to the Assumption. Throughout this time, the celebration of this feast of Mary increased and devotion to her deepened. In 1950, Pope Pius XII placed the official stamp of recognition and doctrine on the ancient feast. This decree brought a sense of holy sanctioning to the devout belief surrounding Mary that had been celebrated for centuries.



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

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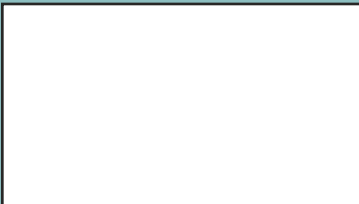
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