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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

**Mass Intentions**  
FOR THE WEEK



**SATURDAY, August 14**

4:00PM † James Allund by Anna Maria & Anthony Maritato  
 † Lawernee Keefe by Tom & Pat Kelly  
 † Ann Maloy by The Family  
 † John Groak by Maryellen & Chuck Wojtusik

**SUNDAY, August 15**

8:00AM † Frances & Paul Reader by Dottie & Warren Roberts  
 † Richard F. Barretta by Memole Family  
 10:30AM † Lois Graber by Jack & Karen Grabe  
 † Preziosa Carusone by Siobhan & Brian Dwyer  
 † Richard Burns by The Family  
 Tim Nash (Living) by Mary Theresa Abriel

**MONDAY, August 16**

7:00AM Celebrant's Intention

**WEDNESDAY, August 18**

7:00AM Celebrant's Intention

**FRIDAY, August 20**

7:00AM † Souls in Purgatory by Danuta

**SATURDAY, August 21**

4:00PM † Angela Cello by Grandson's  
 † Margaret Hilton by Lawrence Clarke  
 † Angeline & George Abraham by daughter, Judy  
 † Joseph Cahill by Arthur Fealey

**SUNDAY, August 22**

8:00AM † Marty, Mary Ellen & Brian Hughes by The Family  
 † Jack Maloy by The Family  
 10:30AM † Raeann Dinardi Mc Elveen by The Dinardi Family  
 † Thomas Amato, Sr. by The Family

**ST JOHN'S (SCHENECTADY) CLOTHING SALE**

If you are thinking about cleaning out your closets this summer/fall and getting rid of those gently used clothes, please consider donating them to the St. John the Evangelist's Rosary Society's Clothing Sale being held on Saturday, September 25, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. They are asking for your donations of clean clothing (men, women, children), shoes, accessories and jewelry. Donated articles may be dropped off at the Parish Center (806 Union St) between 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday, September 20, through Thursday, September 23, and Friday, September 24, from 9:00 AM to 12 noon. Please enter through the parking lot Gym door. Questions? Contact Maureen Adamek – 377-8497 or Kathy Carney – 377-7444.

**DIOCESAN MARRIAGE JUBILEE CELEBRATION**

The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Diocesan Marriage Jubilee Celebration will be held Saturday, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 2:00 PM at The Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Albany. Couples celebrating their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> or other special wedding anniversaries are invited to attend this celebration. Bishop Edward B. Scharfenberger will celebrate the Mass at 2:00 PM and greet couples and their guests at a reception in the gathering area at the Cathedral immediately following Mass. Please register through our parish office or by email to Marriage.Jubilee@rcda.org.

**ST. MARY'S FALL FAITH FORMATION**

Please call Holly in our Parish Office if you wish to enroll your child in the Fall Faith Formation Program we jointly sponsor with Blessed Sacrament Church on Central Ave.



**ASSUMPTION OF MARY**

The Blessed Virgin Mary, whom we contemplate today assumed body and soul into heaven, reminds us very definitely that our permanent abode is not on earth but in heaven where she, with her divine Son, has preceded us in all the fullness of her human nature.

This is the dominant thought in today's liturgy. "O Almighty and everlasting God, who hast taken up body and soul

into heavenly glory the Immaculate Virgin Mary, Mother of Thy Son: grant, we beseech Thee, that, ever intent upon heavenly things, we may be worthy to be partakers of her glory" (Collect)

The Feast of the Assumption is a strong appeal to us to live "ever intent upon heavenly things," and not to allow ourselves to be carried away by the (things) of the world. Not only was our soul created for heaven, but also our body, which, after the resurrection, will be welcomed into our heavenly home and admitted to a participation in the glory of the spirit. Today we contemplate in Mary, our Mother, this total glorification of our humanity. That which has been wholly realized in her, will be realized for us, as well as for all the saints, only at the end of time. This privilege was very fitting for her, the all-pure, the all-holy one, whose body was never touched by even the faintest shadow of sin, but was always the temple of the Holy Spirit, and became the immaculate tabernacle of the Son of God. It is a reminder to us to ennoble our whole life, not only that of the spirit, but also that of the senses, elevating it to the heights of the celestial life which awaits us.

"O Mother of God and of men," exclaims Pius XII in his beautiful prayer for the Assumption, "we beg you to purify our senses, so that we may begin to enjoy God here on earth and Him alone, in the beauty of creatures."

Mary has been taken up to heaven because she is the Mother of God. This is the greatest of her privileges, the root of all the others and the reason for them; it speaks to us, in a very special way, of intimate union with God, as the fact of her Assumption speaks to us of the beatific union of heaven. Mary's Assumption thus confirms us in this great and beautiful truth: we are created and called to union with God. Mary herself stretches out her maternal hand to guide us to the attainment of this high ideal.

**BE A PRAYER PARTNER WITH POPE FRANCIS**

For those who have made the commitment to pray every day for the monthly intentions of Our Holy Father, Pope Francis: -. For August he asks that we pray for **The Church**: Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.

**ST. MARY’S OUTREACH REPORT**

Summer has arrived in Albany and the rain in July did not deter us. The Outreach Center continues to provide pantry meals for those we serve and provide for the many needs of the homeless of Albany who pass through our doors each day. During the month of 522 meals were given to our families. We continue to see new families coming to us. We are happy to report that the Outreach Center will now be open 3 days a week. Out of an abundance of caution, we still require all who come to us to wear a mask. The weekly donations brought to Church are always welcome. Unfortunately, at this time, we are not accepting clothing. We will let you know when this starts up again. Thank you for your continued support of this important Ministry at St. Mary’s.

**SUMMER FILM FESTIVAL**

The parishes of Blessed Sacrament and St. Vincent de Paul are sponsoring a summer film series, Faith on Film, at the Madison Theatre. Each of the films offers a message or insight into the values of our faith as well as being entertaining. The remaining film will be shown on Tuesday evening at 7:00 pm: My Italian Secret- 31 August  
You can park on the street or in St. Vincent’s lot but not in the Price Chopper lot. Admission is free but you are asked to bring a donation to their food pantries.

**PARISH FINANCES**

**Thank you to all who continue to make their donations. It is a HUGE help. Please do what you can to assist the parish financially during this pandemic crisis. Over the past 6 months our collections are down significantly. Please do whatever you can to assist. Even though some cannot meet on a weekly basis at church, the bills must be paid and payroll must be met. Your contributions may be sent to the parish office or you may participate by using our “on-line” giving program (located on our parish website: [www.histmarys.org](http://www.histmarys.org)). Your help is greatly appreciated!**

**ALBANY CATHOLIC WORKER/EMMAUS HOUSE**

Is looking for school supplies, except crayons, or monetary donations to purchase school supplies. Supplies should be dropped off before Noon, Thursday, August 19, Emmaus House, 45 Trinity Place, Albany, NY 12202. Donations may be mailed to this address as well.

**COMMUNITY OF GIVING BLOOD DRIVE**

The American Red Cross partners with churches and faith groups across the country for a faith-based program called **Community of Giving**. Christ the King Church in Westmere, in partnership with Knights Council #3357, is sponsoring a Community of Giving blood drive on August 21st from 9AM to 3PM, in the Knights Chapel. The goal is to collect 48 blood donations. To schedule your appointment go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) using sponsor code: **churchchristking**, or contact John Risler at [jrisler61@gmail.com](mailto:jrisler61@gmail.com).

**CURRENT COVID PROTOCOLS**

The Diocese recently issued new recommendations from the Bishop’s Office that state: “Regrettably, several of the counties of our diocese are experiencing a substantial uptick in COVID cases. Out of an abundance of caution, and consistent with CDC recommendations, our parishes may want to consider re-instating masking protocols. At the Pastoral Center (Bishop’s Office) we are asking all personnel to wear a mask upon entering the building, in all common areas, and when social distancing is not possible, regardless of one’s vaccination status. We further encourage all to do their part to stop the spread by washing their hands frequently, sanitize their workspace regularly and social distance when possible.”

**Respectfully, we ask that all follow the recommendations of the Diocese that strongly recommend and encourage the wearing of face masks (by all—including those who have been fully vaccinated) whenever we are inside church. In addition, we encourage the use of hand sanitizers and ask that all continue to follow the directions of the ushers.**

Unless you are arriving with a group or are part of a family we ask that you choose your seating in order to maintain a respectful distance from others. When possible, try to maintain a safe distance by leaving an empty pew between groups. Ushers will be glad to assist you in locating appropriate seating (this may include utilizing seats upstairs).

For the distribution of communion— all should proceed in lines down the aisles toward the front of the church beginning with the front pews and moving toward the back. Please try to maintain a safe distance. Fully vaccinated people (including Eucharistic ministers, if they desire) need not wear a mask. Those wishing to receive “in the hand” should approach the Eucharistic minister who will be standing at the head of the aisle, reverently receive communion and then return to your seat. Those wishing to receive “on the tongue” - upon reaching the head of the aisle may step to one side and proceed to the altar rail where they may kneel and wait for the Eucharistic minister assigned to the altar rail to approach them to offer communion. Reverently receive communion and then return to your seat. Move slowly, respecting others, and maintain as safe a distance as possible given the width of the aisles. This process may take a bit longer. We want everyone to stay safe and healthy.

**SENIOR PROGRAM AT ST. MARY’S**

**Please call our Parish Office if you know of a Parishioner who is sick, hospitalized or has moved to an assisted living facility or nursing home and would like prayers or to receive Holy Communion.**

**Welcome New Parishioners!**

Please complete and drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory Office:

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

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