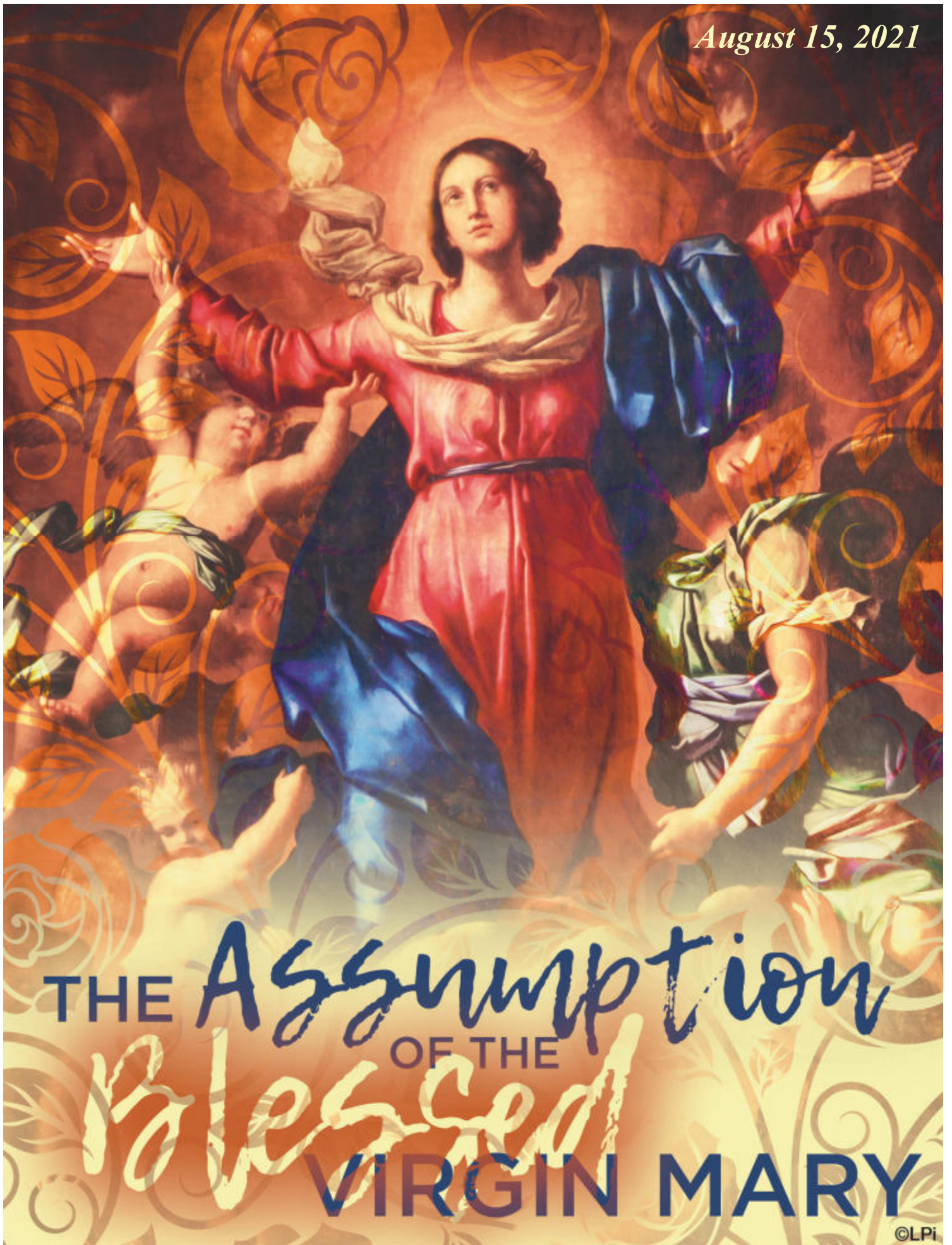


August 15, 2021



THE *Assumption*
OF THE
Resurrected
VIRGIN MARY

Praised be Jesus Christ!

I know that there were no bulletins delivered last week (so I invite you to take both with you this week), but I mentioned at the end of last week's column that I would include some answers to "Why do you do that?" or "What's going on with such and such?" types of questions that I know some people have been asking. I'll probably do a few more editions of this sort of column in the future.

Why the bells?

At some of the Sunday and daily Masses, I've slowly been incorporating the use of bells at the moment when the priest extends hands over the vessels, and at each of the moments of consecration.

The *General Instruction of the Roman Missal*, which gives all the rubrics and instructions for the celebration of Mass, includes the following line:

A little before the consecration, when appropriate, a server rings a bell as a signal to the faithful. According to local custom, the server also rings the bell as the priest shows the host and then the chalice (GIRM #150).

It has been my experience that the majority of parishes in our Diocese follow this practice, and it is also the custom at all Diocesan Masses that take place at the Cathedral. In the scheme of things, this is certainly something incidental to the essence of the Mass itself, but it is my experience it is just one of a number of things which helps to "signal" the holiness of that central consecratory moment when Christ is made really and truly present upon the altar. We are creatures with both a body and a soul, and so we need these bodily cues (sounds, smells/incense, candles, vestments, postures of kneeling and standing, etc.) to assist our minds to hold more firmly to what we know by faith is actually happening at the liturgy.

It is also my experience that altar servers love the opportunity and privilege to help with the bells, and it is often one of the memories that they maintain about serving when they look back on it later as adults.

Additional Priest Assistance?

For the past several years, Fr. Bob Kennedy, a "senior priest" of the Diocese-assisted here at the Cathedral at the invitation of Fr. McKenna. "Senior priests" do not receive a formal assignment, but offer their assistance at parishes, as needed. Under the previous Mass schedule, an additional priest was required.

At present, our Cathedral Mass schedule is very "do-able" by one priest—which is increasingly important at all parishes given the number of available priests in the foreseeable future and the actual number of faithful who are present at Mass each week.

Noting this, before my arrival, Fr. Kennedy and I decided that we would let the summer go by with me saying all the Masses so that I can get to know the community, and that we would reassess the needs after a period of time. We've done that, and I think that it makes the most sense for his needs, for the needs of our parish and that of our budget for me to continue to offer the majority of the Masses. Additionally, it is always a privilege when Bishop Matano is able to offer Mass stopping in from time to time in his capacity as Pastor of the Cathedral, and I hope that his schedule permits this when he is not visiting other parishes throughout the twelve counties.

Please see Fr. Kennedy's kind note in the bulletin and join me in thanking him for the priestly ministry he rendered to the Cathedral over the past years.

What about altar servers?

The short answer—Yes! I'm going to be slowly integrating servers back into Masses over the next several weeks. But since it has been so long since we have had them at Mass, I'll be doing training for servers along the way to make sure that we are all on the same page. If there are any servers who have previously served and would like to go through this re-training, please let me know.

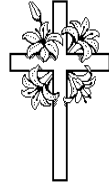
In the hearts of Jesus and Mary,

Fr. Peter Van Lieshout

PRAY FOR OUR DECEASED

In your charity, please pray for all of our deceased.

Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon them.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

*Dominic Chinelli & Adriana Infantino
John Eisemann & Gina Viavattene*

Please keep their future happiness in your prayers.



**Sacrament of Matrimony Mass
With Bishop Salvatore Matano**

Please join The Most Reverend Salvatore R. Matano Bishop of Rochester and couples celebrating anniversaries of Matrimony, on Sunday, August 29, 2021 at 2:00 pm at Sacred Heart Cathedral.

All married couples and their guest are welcome to attend and renew their vows with Bishop Matano. Those celebrating milestone jubilees will be given special recognition.

Please help us plan by letting us know you are coming by registering online at <https://conta.cc/3vjYs7x> or emailing donald.smith@dor.org or Katey.bourne.@dor.org

Please note, we will be following all safety protocols associated with Covid-19 and details will be emailed to registrants prior to the celebration.



Holy Water

We continue to follow Diocesan guidelines and we still are **NOT** permitted to have our font filled with Holy Water. For those who would like Holy Water, you can bring your own small container to the cathedral and we can supply this to you.



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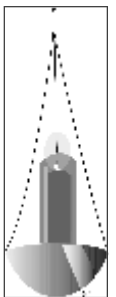
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This Week's Sanctuary Candle

*In Memory Of— William Brown
Requested by— Toni Carfagna*

*In Memory of— Tom Petrillo
Requested by— Capone Family*

*In Memory Of— Mary Stanley
Requested by— Alice Proia*



PRAY FOR OUR SICK



Le Roy Ange, Bernie Beisheim, Celeste Bernardini, Bishop Matthew Clark, Ann D'Amato, Marilyn Hare, Louise Herring, Karen Hyland, Pat LaPlaca, Lucas Marone, Kathleen Meisenzahl, Artie Melendez, Ruth Nettles, Jeff Piazza, Rosemary Piazza, Nancy Prinzing, Kaia Linh Rohr, Tom Sawnor, Jim Schell, Shayne Shackelford, Barbara Sojka, Barbara Stifter, Bentley Vega



MASS INTENTIONS

Consider requesting a Mass for a deceased loved one. The offering is \$10. Weekend and weekday masses are available for 2021. Please call or stop by the office to request a mass intention.

Dear Brothers and Sisters of The Cathedral Community

It is both the blessing and the curse of a “senior priest” (aka “retired”) that he pack up his tent and move from place to place. No longer assigned to a parish by the Bishop, he is free to go where he seems to be needed and his gifts welcomed.

I became an assisting priest at The Cathedral Community because Father McKenna needed help managing the weekend schedule of liturgies. To my delight, I found a vibrant liturgical life and an active pastoral vision of outreach to the parish and neighborhood. You generously welcomed me to be a part of it all, and I have benefitted greatly from my association with you.

The needs of The Cathedral Community have now changed – partly because of the pandemic (e.g., a reduced Mass schedule) and partly because of the change of parish leadership. Consequently, I have decided it is time for me to pack up my tent and move on to wherever I am needed next.

As I say “farewell,” I thank you for your weekly hospitality and support of me. More importantly, I thank you for your inspiring commitment to serving Christ in the hungry, the homeless, and the stranger in our midst. I have been humbled and enriched by your faith and faithfulness.

Father Bob Kennedy



Mass Intentions

Saturday, August 14, 2021—Saint Maximilian Kobe, Priest and Martyr

Jos 24:14-29; Mt 19:13-15

4:00 pm Karen Berndt—Sabatini Family

Sunday, August 15, 2021—The Assumption Of The Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab, 1Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

7:00 am Jeanne Benedict—Greg Benedict

9:15 am Lee Reh—Family

Rev. Ed Salmon—Peggy & Lynn Kershner

Intentions of Hosea & Lebron—Mom

11:15 am For the people of the Cathedral Community

Monday, August 16, 2021

Jgs 2:11-19; Mt 19:16-22

12:10 pm Intentions of Loretta

Tuesday, August 17, 2020

Jgs 6:11-24a; 19:23-30

12:10 pm Special Intention

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

Jgs 9:6-15; Mt 20:1-16

12:10 pm Stephan Ganze—Family

Thursday, August 19, 2021

Jgs 11:29-39a; Mt 22:1-14

12:10 pm Intentions of Loretta

Friday, August 20, 2021

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Mt 22:34-40

12:10 pm Special Intention

Saturday, August 21, 2021

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Mt 23:1-12

4:00 pm William Brown—Helen Walters

Sunday, August 22, 2021—Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b, Eph 5:21-32, or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

7:00 am Michael McGarry—Susan Frederick & Jim Forger

9:15 am David J. Pilaroscia—Family

11:15 am Joe Rivera—Tom & Cheryl Tomasso



Rita Ann O'Brien

We welcome our newly baptized into our parish community!



Missionary Sunday August 21 & 22

Fr. Mike Hoban, a Columban Missionary, is from New York City and was ordained on Dec. 12, 1970. He was assigned first to Peru in 1971 and then to Chile in 1972. He served on the Columban General Council from January 1983 until November 1988. After receiving a master's degree from Fordham University, he returned to Chile in January 1991 and has continued to serve there since then. He was one of the Episcopal Vicars of the Archdiocese of Santiago for eleven years and has been the Regional Director of the Columbans during two periods. He is a diehard fan of the New York Mets!

About the Columbans: The Missionary Society of Columban, also known as the Columban Fathers, is a Catholic missionary society that was founded in 1918 to proclaim and witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ. The Society seeks to establish the Catholic church where the Gospel has not been preached, help local churches evangelize their laity, promote dialogue with other faiths, and foster among all baptized people an awareness of their missionary responsibility. The Society's U.S. headquarters are based in Bellevue, Neb., which is south of Omaha.

We minister in fourteen different countries mainly in Asia and around the Pacific Rim. Despite China government limitations on public worship, they spread the message of Christ in word and deed through education, spiritual formation and service to the disabled. In Pakistan they minister among the deprived Catholics and engage in dialog with Islam. They support the struggling church in Myanmar as that country emerges from decades of military dictatorship, service to the poor, interreligious and intercultural dialog, promoting human rights, care for the environment, serving the disabled and work with the migrants are among their ministries in the Philippines, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, Hong Kong, Fiji, Australia, New Zealand, Chile, Peru, Mexico, Ireland, Great Britain and the United States. They encourage young people to serve on mission as Columban priests, sisters, lay missionaries and associates and to spread the Good News of God's love.

FR. MIKE HOBAN WILL BE PREACHING AT ALL THE MASSES ON AUGUST 21 & 22 IN OUR PARISH.

To learn more about the Columban Fathers, please visit our website at www.columban.org. You can view current videos from the missions, engage in dialogue with the Columbans, read our magazine and sign up for our newsletter.

Your donation to the visiting Missionary may be placed in our collection boxes at each door as you enter the Cathedral. Please place your cash or check made to The Cathedral Community in an envelope clearly marked "Visiting Missionary." Thank you.

HAIL MARY, THE ARK OF THE NEW COVENANT The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Guest article by parishioner Aaron Daniels

In today's gospel we read about the Visitation, where Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth. At first glance, we can observe two major theological points of importance. Firstly, the unborn children within these two wombs are considered human beings, thus proving the Catholic truth that dignifies life from conception to natural death (CCC 2270). Since the first century, the Catholic Church holds that abortion is evil (CCC 2271). Secondly, that Mary is the mother of Elizabeth's Lord, also meaning the Mother of God (CCC 495).

At second glance, we are reminded of a typological event from the Old Testament. Let's compare the events in Luke's gospel to the Old Testament events in 2 Samuel

- David travels to the hills of Judah (2 Samuel 6:2-3), Mary travels to the hills of Judah (Luke 1:39)
- David dances for joy before the Ark (2 Samuel 6:14), John the Baptist leaps for joy before Mary (Luke 1:44)
- David says "How can the Ark of the Lord come to me?" (2 Samuel 6:9), Elizabeth says "How can the mother of my Lord come to me?" (Luke 1:43)
- David shouts in the presence of the Ark (2 Samuel 6:15), Elizabeth shouts in the presence of Mary (Luke 1:42)
- David and the Ark stayed three months (2 Samuel 6:9), Mary stayed for three months (Luke 1:56)
- The Ark returns home and then travels to Jerusalem to God's temple (2 Samuel 6:12, 1 Kings 8:9-11), Mary returns home and travels to Jerusalem where she presents Jesus to the Temple (Luke 1:56, 2:21-22)

Mary is the Ark of the New Covenant, still unconvinced? Let's examine these other parallels

- Inside the Old Testament Ark was the Word of God, inscribed on stone (Exodus 40:20), Inside Mary was Jesus, the Word of God made flesh, Jesus (John 1:1-14)
- Inside the Old Testament Ark was the Manna from Heaven (Exodus 16:33), Inside Mary was Jesus, the true Manna from Heaven (John 6)
- Inside the Old Testament Ark was the rod of Aaron, the high priest (Numbers 17:8-10), inside Mary was Jesus, the true High Priest (Hebrews 4:14-16)

Today's first reading reveals Mary as the Ark of the New Covenant (Revelation 11:19 through Revelation 12:6). The Catechism of the Catholic Church confirms this, "Mary, in whom the Lord himself has just made his dwelling, is the daughter of Zion in person, the Ark of the Covenant" (CCC 2676).

Mary is both the Mother of Christ and the Mother of the Church. Revelation further describes the nature of spiritual warfare that surrounds us. The devil and his angels desire to devour her children, being the Church. Just as ancient Israel brought the Ark of the Covenant into battle to gain victory, we too must bring the Ark of the New Covenant into the Spiritual Battle to gain victory. Let this celebration of the Assumption of The Blessed Virgin Mary encourage us all to pray our Rosaries daily to help us grow in obedience and virtue; and for the Church, that she may defend against all enemies that may desire to destroy her.

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