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THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
AUGUST 14/15, 2021

***'And Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.'* (Luke 2:19)**

There is something to be said about the emotion of fear. Even the strongest person can be driven and motivated by fear. That's where the human instinct of 'fight or flight' comes in. Even the apostles hid in the upper room after the resurrection out of fear. However, with fear being a feeling we can all relate to, there is someone we can all admire as a model of courage: Mary.

Picture it: An angel appears to a scared, unwed, teenage girl and tells her she's now pregnant, carrying the son of God. Her town then wants to stone her to death, and after giving birth amongst farm animals, she's forced to flee to a

foreign country because the King wants to kill her baby boy... If that doesn't make you want to hide under the covers, what does?

Through all of this, Mary could have said, "Nope. No thanks. Find another girl." However, she courageously placed her trust in God and said, "yes." ***That*** is commendable.

Thank you to all moms and mother figures who face fear, worry, and sleepless nights like Mary once did. No one knows what the world has in store for the ones they so desperately love and care for. On this Solemnity of her Assumption into Heaven, may our Blessed Mother fill you with courage, strength, hope, and peace.

Our Lady of Knock, pray for us.

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FROM FR. STEVE...

Dear Family,

Today we celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Church sees this feast as so important that when it falls on a Sunday, it supersedes the normal celebration of the Sunday Mass! So why is it so important and why do we believe that God assumed Mary into heaven body and soul? Why would God not just let Mary stay in the tomb like the rest of us? We need to look back to the original Ark of the Covenant. This Ark was constructed by Moses following the exact instructions given to him by God. The Ark contained the Tablets of the Ten Commandments (the covenant), a jar of manna, and the staff of Aaron. God gave strict orders as to who was allowed to touch the Ark. It was considered as being so precious by God that anyone else who touched it would die immediately. This actually happens! Look it up! King David brought the Ark to the **hill country of Judah**. He was **leaping and dancing before the Ark** as it entered Jerusalem! Now let's dig into our Gospel Reading today. Mary has just given her fiat to Gabriel and the Holy Spirit descends upon her and she is pregnant with Jesus, the Son of God, the new covenant! She then goes to the **hill country of Judah** to visit her cousin Elizabeth who with pregnant with John the Baptist. Upon her arrival, John **leaps** in Elizabeth's womb! The new Ark of the Covenant, Mary, has entered and **John leaps for joy!** Mary is the Ark which carries Jesus. Jesus is far more precious than stone tablets (words) and manna (bread)! It is the Word Himself and the Bread of Life! So, if God deemed the Ark of the Covenant as so precious, wouldn't He consider Mary to be even more so?! Our First Reading from Revelation states that heaven was opened and the ark of the covenant was revealed, a women clothed with the sun! Mary is that ark!

Praised Be Jesus Christ...Now and Forever!!!

Father Steve

PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK

**Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland,
 You gave hope to your people in time of distress and comforted them in sorrow.
 You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son,
 remembering His promise, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find."
 Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to Heaven. Fill me with love
 and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me.
 Comfort me when I am sick, lonely, or depressed.
 Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass.
 Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.
 Pray for me now and at the our of my death.
 Amen.**

Our Lady of Knock, pray for us.

DISCIPLES STAY ACTIVE

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Weekend of August 7th & 8th

Collection: \$6,854.00

Renovation: \$657.00

Priest Retirement: \$1,033.00

WeShare Online Giving for July 2021

Collection: \$7,184.80

Renovation: \$276.65

Thank you for financially supporting us!

RCIA

Fr. Steve is in the process of forming a team to pass on our faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, known as RCIA. RCIA is the Church's evangelizing process to bring the Truths of our faith to those who are interested in learning about Catholicism and have a desire to potentially enter our Church family. If you are a faith filled, knowledgeable Catholic who is in good standing with the Church and are interested in being considered for a role on our RCIA team, please contact Fr. Steve at 716-822-5962 or via e-mail at fr.steve@olcp.org

INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH?

Our Lady of Charity Parish is in the process of planning our RCIA program for the next year. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church and journeying toward becoming Catholic, please contact Fr. Steve at 716-822-5962 or via email at fr.steve@olcp.org. We are all called to be prophets and to lead people to Jesus. If you know someone who might be interested, please reach out to them and suggest that now is the time to inquire! Sessions will begin late summer 2021 and continue through and past the Easter Vigil 2022.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED

Please consider donating school supplies for kids in foster care with Child & Family Services. Currently there are over 70 kids placed in care through this agency alone. Please drop off in the back of each worship site or at the Parish Office. Deadline is August 21/22. Thank you for your generosity!

NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK CONTINUES...

The five parishes of South Buffalo are hosting a Novena to Our Lady of Knock beginning on August 13 ending with 7pm Mass at the Buffalo Irish Center on August 21, 2021.

The 3-foot pilgrim statue of Our Lady of Knock will be present at each parish as follows:

Sun., August 15: Our Lady of Charity-

Holy Family Site 8:30am/St. Ambrose Site 10am/
Holy Family Site 11:30am

Mon., August 16: St. Martin of Tours 8:30am

Tues., August 17: St. Thomas Aquinas 8:15am

Wed., August 18: St. Martin of Tours 8:30am

Thurs., August 19: Our Lady of Charity-
St. Ambrose Site 8:00am

Fri., August 20: Our Lady of Perpetual Help 8:30am

Sat., August 21: St. Teresa 9:30am/ Buffalo Irish
Center 7pm (within STA bounds)

All are welcome to attend each day of the novena and offer a yellow rose in her honor. Vases will be available.

AUGUST 21/22

Holy Land Gifts will have a display of handmade articles for sale, such as Nativity Scenes, Crucifixes, Rosaries, and other beautiful religious items. Because of conflict in the region, many Christian families in Bethlehem are struggling to make ends meet. Holy Land Gifts represents over 150 Christian Families who make a living by selling traditional olivewood handcrafts and religious articles. Thank you for supporting this project to keep the Christians present in the Holy Land.



SAVE THE DATE

• Meat Raffle •

Saturday, October 9th, 6:00pm - Holy Family Hall

Presale tickets are going on sale soon after all Masses and at the Parish Office.

Stock up your freezer for fall and be entered to win an amazing door prize. More info to come soon!



DISCIPLES STAY IN THE KNOW

2021 POT OF GOLD WINNERS

- \$10,000 – Joanne Roach
- \$2,500 – Pat Eusano
- \$1,000 – Jean Doetterl
- \$500 – Anne Kmack
- \$500 – Mike McGuire
- \$500 – Steve Terrell
- \$100 – Mark Geary
- \$100 – Regina Doherty
- \$100 – Chris Buchnowski
- \$100 – Alison Mazurkiewicz
- \$100 – Thomas Robinson
- \$50 – Laura Terrell
- \$50 – Maryann Csicsay
- \$50 – Jimmy Robinson
- \$50 – Frank Rachuna
- \$50 – Wendy Jaworski
- \$50 – Audrey DiMaria
- \$50 – Corine Simon
- \$50 – Ed Eckert
- \$50 – Pat Rozmus
- \$50 – Joe Manning

Thank you to all who supported our parish fundraiser and volunteered their time! It couldn't be successful without all of you! Congratulations to the winners!

OLCP SENIORS

Great news! The Our Lady of Charity Seniors will resume meeting in September in the Parish Center (St. Ambrose site). Look for more information in the coming weeks.

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COMMUNITY DINNERS

If you are interested or would like some more information please contact the parish office at 822-5962 or Mary Anne at 822-1837. Thank you!

Sponsors for the coming weeks include:

- August 20: Liturgy Committee
- August 27: MAK & Friends

September 3: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

September 10: VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

ATTIC TREASURES

Wanted: Small pieces of furniture, baby items, CDs, DVDs, Books, working electronics and small appliances, florals, frames, artwork, games and puzzles that have ALL the pieces, gardening items, home décor, housewares, jewelry, religious items, school & craft supplies, sports equipment, tools, gently used toys, Christmas and holiday items, purses, luggage, backpacks.

What we cannot accept: Reference books (encyclopedias), blankets, pillows, clothing, shoes, cosmetics, personal care items, curtains, drapes, stuffed animals, music on tapes, VHS tapes, and dolls.

Drop off dates for donations are:

- Thursday, August 5th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
 - Thursday, August 12th from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
 - Saturday, August 21st from 10:00am – 11:00am
- (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN TIME OF FINAL DROP OFF)**

Drop off in the Parish Center at the above times.

Attic Treasures is taking place on:

- Friday, Aug. 27th Preview Night: Get first look for \$5/person from 6:00pm – 8:00pm
- Saturday, Aug. 28th from 9:00am – 2:00pm
- Sunday, Aug. 29th 11:00am – 2:00pm

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00pm (St. Ambrose Site)

Sunday

8:30am (Holy Family Site)

10:00am (St. Ambrose Site)

11:30am (Holy Family Site)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday, 8:30am - 4:30pm

(Office will be closed 12:00pm - 12:30pm for lunch)

Friday, closed

(716) 822-5962

Please consider remembering our parish community in your will.

ROAD TO RENEWAL

Dear Parish Leaders,

I have received several questions and comments that it is not clear why the Renewal is needed now, and that the fullness of what the Renewal entails is not clear. This is a summary of both and I hope this helps explain some things further. Please feel free to use any/all of the information with your parishes and staffs, on your website and/or in your bulletin. In August of 2020, then Administrator, Bishop Scharfenberger saw the need for the Diocese of Buffalo to plan for moving forward from many factors that were all impacting the Diocese and parish life within the Diocese itself. The Road to Renewal is a way for our Diocese to respond to several things:

1. The abuse crisis in the church, the attorney general lawsuit – how do we bring healing to those who have been abused and marginalized, as well as bring transparency and accountability to the church and her leadership.
2. Bankruptcy – with the financial challenges facing the Diocese, how do we ensure a continuation of the mission of the church with a renewed sense of fiscal responsibility.
3. Declining resources and viability of parishes: Parishes have seen a decline in resources and people over the past few years that has been exacerbated by the COVID pandemic. Parishes need to respond now for their viability in the future.
4. Priestly planning for the future – with the declining number of priests in the Diocese of Buffalo, a strategic planning process to meet the needs of the parishes in our diocese with the priestly talent pool is extremely important.

The Road to Renewal therefore is focusing on the following pillars:

1. Spirituality: For any renewal to take place it needs to begin with Jesus. Jesus constantly calls all of us to renew our commitment to Him, and that message needs to be central to our Diocesan Renewal. On August 29, 2021 at 3 pm, our Diocese will kickoff this next phase of the Renewal with a Mass at Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Lewiston in which parish representatives will be commissioned to be renewal advocates in their parishes. Any and all are welcome to join.
2. Catholic Education: Our Catholic schools and Faith Formation programs need reimagining to embrace the needs of our children and help them receive a firm foundation for the future. A vitality and viability index for Catholic schools that includes an evaluation of the Catholicity of our schools is being developed. The faith formation programs need to include the entire family and educating all people on their journey of faith.
3. Priestly Life and Ministry: Our Priests need love and support. A retreat for all priests is being developed to acknowledge the difficult path that priests are walking as well as fostering a spirit of healing. The Renewal also needs to assess the talents and skills that our priests bring to our Diocese and work on development opportunities for priests to continue to grow and develop their priestly skills to lead our parishes and Diocese into the future.
4. The Catholic Center: The leadership of our Diocese and the departments that assist the operations and functioning of parishes needs renewal in how they can provide the best services possible to help our Diocese flourish. This will call for additional training and formation for them as they work to empower the church, parish leaders, and the people of God throughout our Diocese.
5. Family of Parishes: Our parishes have an opportunity to collaborate and work together, supporting one another in building up the church. Parishes across the Diocese are experiencing diminished resources available to keep our parishes strong and vibrant. The Family of Parishes model brings together parishes in a geographic proximity that will work together, sharing resources, personnel and priests to make our parishes stronger. When parishes bring their best together, and work together, greater efficiencies can be realized. The Family of Parishes model also responds to the declining number of priests in our Diocese by creating families where priestly ministry is shared and more responsibility of the day to day operations of the parish can be carried by lay leaders

As a reminder, we are currently in the collaborative phase of the Renewal, in which our parish leadership is discussing this family structure and deciding if the proposed families are the best fit. There will be an opportunity for all parishes to make suggestions and potentially change their family if they deem necessary. It is important to note that ALL parishes in the Diocese will be a part of a family of parishes model, because all of us have something to offer one another. The Family of Parishes model will take the 160 parishes in our Diocese and group them into 36 families. As we move forward, please pray for the work of the Renewal. You can always find the most up to date information at www.roadtorenewal.org. Thank you for all that you do for the people of God, and my hope is that you are taking time for yourselves to renew and refresh during these summer months.

Keep smiling :)

Rev. Bryan Zielenieski

Vicar for Renewal and Development

DISCIPLES PRAY TOGETHER

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR DEAD

Let us remember all those who have gone before us:
 +Norman Klein, +Theresa Balon, +Jacquelyn Betti,
 +Mary Degnan. May they rest in peace.

Sol. of the Assumption of the BVM + Order of Mass +

- **Processional Hymn:** Holy Is Your Name (#102)
- **Gloria:** Mass of Creation
- **Readings and Responsorial Psalm:** #1206
- **Offertory:** Magnificat (#101)
- **Mass Parts:** Mass of Creation (#198, #199, #202)
- **Agnus Dei:** Holy Cross Mass (#391)
- **Communion:** Without Seeing You (#922)
- **Recessional:** Hail, Holy Queen! (#879)

SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Ambrose Site (August 15 - 21)

Irene Szczepankiewicz (req. by her daughter, Priscilla)

NEWLY BAPTIZED

A warm welcome to **Jackson Owen Jordan**, baptized in our parish this weekend. May the Lord grant him and his family every grace and blessing as he begins his faith journey. Congratulations!

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

“MASTER, THE ONE YOU LOVE IS ILL.” (JOHN 11:1-2)

Edna Albert, Irene Andrzejewski, Irene Barrett, Louise Beamish, Teresa Beamish, Lillian Beyers, Ann Alvira-Buchnowski, Patricia Cajak, Maureen Canney, Cheryl Clontz, Patricia Colern, Caroline Dominesey, Dottie Eberle, Vara Jones, Linda Kurcz, Madisyn Ledder, Janet Murray, Karen O’Neill, Mary Pilon, Maryann Rigby, Sandy Riley, Jane Rozek, Mary Sands, June Stebbins, Ruth White

Daniel Barry, Michael Beyers, Leon Bolick, Owen Chase, Eric Crawford, Vincent Crawford, Frank Czapezyk, Francis Davis, Larry Deskiewicz, Richard Dinnocenzo, Paul Fitzpatrick, Jason Florea, Eric G., Emmett Jakubowski, Rob Karr, Pat Kuhn, Andrew Kuper, Robert Maggio, George Rodriguez, Josean Rodriguez, The family of Coach Frank Rossi, Jeremiah Smith, Jim Sweeney, Tom Walsh

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat./Sun., Aug. 14/15 - Sol. of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

- SA • 4:00pm
Patricia Sarach (Birth. Rem., req. by her mom & siblings)
- HF • 8:30am
James A. Coughlin & James Coughlin Sr. (req. by their family)
- SA • 10:00am
Sr. Elaine Franz (req. by Dennis Talty)
- HF • 11:30am
O’Neill & Huthmacher Families (req. by family)

Mon., Aug. 16 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- SA • 8:00am - **Joan Griffin** (Anniv. Rem., req. by family)

Tues., Aug. 17 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- SA • 8:00am - **People of the Parish** (req. by Fr. Steve)

Wed., Aug. 18 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- SA • 8:00am - **Anthony & Sharon Furnari** (req. by Richard & Emily Fox and family)

Thurs., Aug. 19 - Weekday in Ordinary Time

- SA • 8:00am - **Rose, Jack, and Bill Scahall** (req. by family)

Fri., Aug. 20 - St. Bernard, Abbott, Doctor

- SA • 8:00am - **In Loving Memory of Jack Driscoll** (req. by his wife, Charlotte Driscoll)

Sat./Sun., Aug. 21/22 - 21st Sun. in Ord. Time

- SA • 4:00pm
Allan Sturniolo (2nd Anniv. Rem., req. by his family)
- HF • 8:30am
Elizabeth Maloney (req. by Deacon Tim & Barb Maloney)
- SA • 10:00am
Monica Mazurkiewicz (req. by the Ransbury Family)
- HF • 11:30am
Mike Hynes (Anniv. Rem., req. by his family)

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday (St. Ambrose Site)

3:15pm - 3:45pm

(Or by request. Call the Parish Office at 822-5962)

SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

If you want more structure in your prayer life, consider the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. For more info, go to www.spirexignatius.org or call Fr. Ben Fiore, S.J. at (716) 854-6726.



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