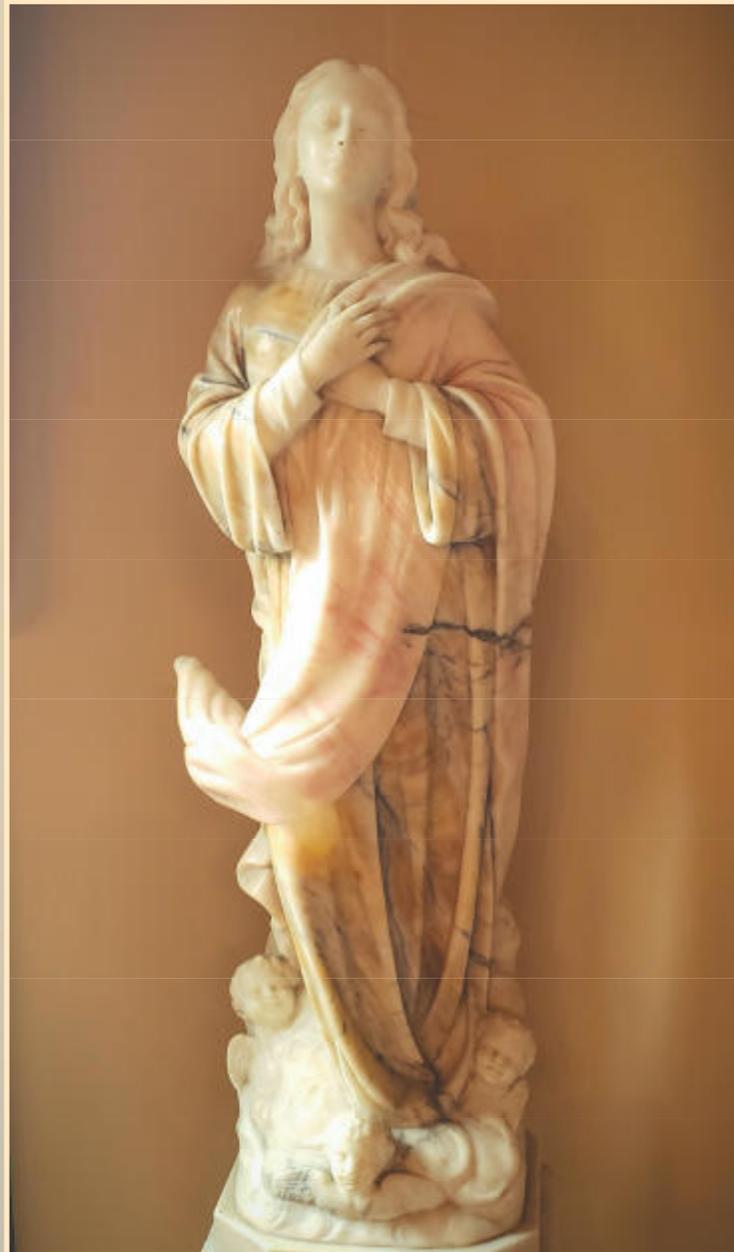


**Feast of the Assumption
August 8, 2021**



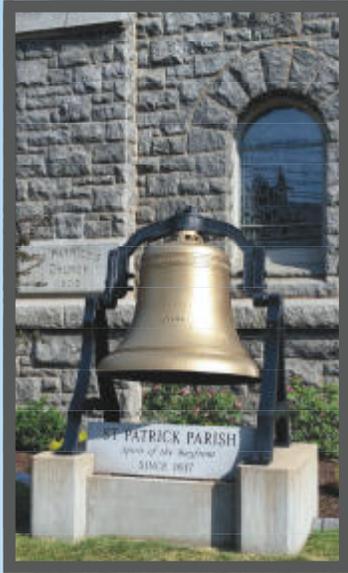
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Daily Mass: Monday-Thursday: 8:00 AM (CHAPEL)

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Sunday Mass: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Holy Day Mass: 12:00 PM

From the Pastor's Desk...



Today is the Feast of the Assumption. The author of the Book of Revelation writes to give hope to the baptized who are suffering. Their belief that Jesus was raised from the dead and reigns supreme clashes with the claims of the Roman Emperors. For example, Domitian (AD 81-96) gives himself the title "Our Lord and our God." The author paints heaven as not a distant place but existing side by side with the early realm. The image of Jesus standing at the door and knocking conveys this. One only has to open the door to be with him. The vision of the woman and the dragon presents Christ's victory in a different angle. The woman represents the twelve tribes of Israel from whom both Christ and the baptized come. She is surrounded by light—the sun, the moon, the stars. The dragon represents darkness. A sweeping tail demonstrates its horror; the red skin symbolizes death, the fate intended for the woman's child. The dragon fails of course. The woman flees to the desert, a place prepared by God while the dragon continues its assaults. It tries to convince people that it is in charge; not Christ.

Paul assures those hoping for Jesus' return that God's plan is on schedule. Many Jews believed in resurrection but thought it would only come at the end of time. Paul uses the image of first fruits offered to God as a sign of faith that God will provide a bountiful harvest. Christ, the first fruit, is already with God and all who belong to Christ will join him.

Our gospel, from Luke, is the only gospel to tell us about Mary visiting Elizabeth. The "leapt in the womb," is an ancient biblical image that significant figures do that. John's leaping in Mary's womb portrays him as the prophet who will recognize Jesus. Elizabeth proclaiming that Mary is blessed among women expresses thanks for the blessing of a child—the desire of all biblical women—but also for the unique child Mary will bear. In God's kingdom, the proud and powerful lose their role for he works through the humble who trust that God is in control and defer to his will, just as do Elizabeth and Mary. Those who hunger for good things are filled with divine gifts; those who hunger for money and power God sends away empty handed.

From the Pastor's Desk continued...

Today is the Feast of the Assumption, the feast established by Pope Pius XII to commemorate the fact that Mary was bodily assumed into heaven and did not suffer the same form of death that you and I will eventually face. It is normally celebrated as a holyday of obligation unless it falls on a Saturday or Monday. Falling on Sunday this year means our obligation is fulfilled now.

The new decree of Pope Francis suppressing the pre-Vatican II Mass notes two reasons for it. First is that those who are rooted in the previous form of celebration need to return to the Roman Rite promulgated by Pope Paul VI and Pope John Paul II. And he notes that on the other hand, local bishops must discontinue the erection of new personal parishes tied more to the desire and wishes of individual priests than to the real need of the "people of God." Remember he did not suppress the celebration of the Mass in Latin, he suppressed the pre-Vatican II form of the Mass.

I find it interesting that an ultra-conservative bishop such as the Archbishop of San Francisco, Salvatore Cordileone, has publicly stated that he will not abide by this new decree and that the pre-Vatican II Mass will continue to be celebrated in his archdiocese. The very bishops who cling to old forms, all of which were bound in blind obedience to the Holy Father, are the very ones who are now promoting that we reject the teaching of the papal office and follow their instincts instead. It's a very strange twist of events. If any of these bishops had so publicly defied the pope while Pope John Paul II was pope, they would have ended up in the Vatican jail!!! But Pope Francis is a Jesuit and Jesuits have a unique way of arriving at the truth. They never suppress opposing ideas, but allow them to float, to be discussed, debated, sometimes fought over fiercely knowing that eventually the truth will emerge. Isn't it a much better way of arriving at the truth than merely trying to impose it on people against their will — which leads to their rejecting it.

Some people you're glad to see coming; some people you're glad to see going. ... Common sense is not a gift. It's a punishment because you have to deal with everyone who doesn't have it.



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Saint Patrick News

Let us Welcome

Luna Sophia Weaver & Luca Max Weaver
children of Anthony & Danielle (Azicri) Weaver
who will be baptized on
Saturday, August 14, 2021



Taylor Hauck Trapp
child of Eric & Erica (Osborne) Trapp
who will be baptized on
Sunday, August 15, 2021

LITURGY INTENTIONS

- Aug. 14 Saturday, Vigil: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
5:00 PM NANCY JACKSON, ANNIV. (FAMILY)
- Aug. 15 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
8:00 AM KATHLEEN DOYLE (DICK & MARY BETH WACHTER)
10:30 AM HOOT SCULLY (CHILDREN)
- Aug. 16 Monday, Weekday**
8:00 AM NANCY & JOE KARABINUS
(BILL & BETTY ANN FILIPKOWSKI)
- Aug. 17 Tuesday, Weekday**
8:00 AM ROBERT PERRY (WESTERBURG FAMILY)
- Aug. 18 Wednesday, Weekday**
8:00 AM GEORGE DOUGHERTY (BOB & DIANE BOEH)
- Aug. 19 Thursday, Weekday**
8:00 AM COMMUNION SERVICE
- Aug. 20 Friday, Saint Bernard, Abbot & Doctor of the Church**
NO MASS OR COMMUNION SERVICE
- Aug. 21 Saturday, Vigil: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time**
5:00 PM MICHAEL DAILEY, ANNIV. 8/24
(ARTHUR & ALEEN WEINDORF)
- Aug. 22 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 AM BETTY GAMA (JUDY SHANAHAN, JOHN & BRIDGET SEYBOLDT, JOHN PHILIP, BEN & OSCAR)
10:30 AM FR. DANIEL PREZ (JUCHNO FAMILY & ROD SHOWERS)

Ministry Schedule

Saturday, August 21, 2021 at 5:00 pm

Lector: Angie Kontur
Eucharistic Minister: Kathy Sertz, Diane McCarthy
Ray Fiorelli, Patty Dailey

Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 8:00 am

Lector: Chris Sanner
Eucharistic Minister: Chris Sanner, Pattie Marchant,
Joseph Schneider, Kathryn Olds

Sunday, August 22, 2021 at 10:30 am

Lector: Luke Gilmore
Eucharistic Minister: Luke Gilmore, Mary Kearney,
Candy Bukowski, Mary Williams

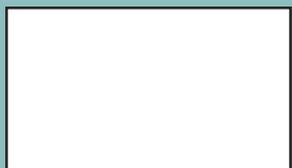
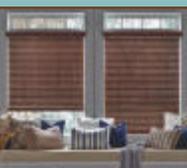
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