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AUGUST 15, 2021 | THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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# ABOUT OUR PARISH



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## WEEKLY READINGS

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 15, 2021

#### SUNDAY 8/15

##### THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/ Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

#### MONDAY 8/16

Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

#### TUESDAY 8/17

Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

#### WEDNESDAY 8/18

Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

#### THURSDAY 8/19

Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

#### FRIDAY 8/20

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

#### SATURDAY 8/21

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

#### NEXT SUNDAY 8/22

##### TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23/Eph 5:21-32

### **TUESDAY -- ICE CREAM SOCIAL FOR OUR FAMILY OF PARISHES**

Please come this Tuesday evening for a bit of prayer and introduction to our Family of Parishes OR just come for Ice Cream! Either way, you will be able to meet people from our Family of Parishes and know that this process is in place to assist each of our parishes to grow stronger by working together for the good of all.

Prayer and Introduction to the Family by Msgr. McEnhill will begin at 7:00 pm. Ice cream social to follow so plan accordingly. The event lasts until 8:30 pm and will be held in the Social Hall of Our Lady of Refuge Parish. Being our neighboring parish, I trust that all of you know where it's located.

### **Fest of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

"Mary's role in the Church is inseparable from her union with Christ and flows directly from it...After her Son's Ascension, Mary aided the beginning of the Church by her prayers. In her association with the apostles and several women, we also see Mary by her prayers imploring the gift of the Spirit, who had already overshadowed her in the Annunciation...Finally, the Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all stain of original sin, when the course of her earthly life was finished, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen over all things, so that she

might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and conqueror of sin and death. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of other Christians: In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Dormition you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living god, and by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 964-966)

In the tradition of the Church Mary entered into "Holy Sleeping" and was taken immediately into Heaven. In Latin, this "holy sleeping" is called Dormition. In fact, the Basilica of the Dormition on Mt. Zion and the Church of Tomb near Gethsemanes are two beloved Marian shrines in the Holy Land. The Scriptures record that Jesus gave his mother into John's keeping, and tradition has it that he took her to Ephesus. At the end of her life, the apostles helped John in preparing her tomb, a temporary place for all of us, but more so for her as she did not die but rather entered into "holy sleeping" and was assumed body and soul into heaven. She is the first among us to live in the heavenly kingdom prepared for all at the end of time.

**REV. RON JOZWIAK**  
Pastor

Dear Prince of Peace Parishioners,

Thank you and the Prince of Peace Church for your gift of \$3,000.00. I am so grateful for your generosity.

After six months of operating out of the TCF Center, we returned to our space at Ss. Peter and Paul Church. Although operations look different than they did pre-pandemic, even our guests say that it feels like coming home. Thanks to generous donors like you, we were able to make the move to TCF for the winter and now back "home", all without losing any of the critical services we provide to the men and women experiencing homelessness in our city. Through your gift, you are feeding the hungry, caring for the sick, providing clothing to the destitute and bringing safety, comfort, and hope to our guest.

Thank you for your generosity. We are deeply grateful to have you as part of the Pope Francis Center Community. I wish you blessings of hope, happiness, and peace.

God Bless you and yours,  
Fr. Tim McCabe, SJ  
Executive Director

# PRAYER AND WORSHIP

## MASS INTENTIONS

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

4:00 pm Ronald Drost

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

8:00 am Dr. Hilal Elia

### SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

10:00 am Bob Hickey

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

8:30 am Families of Prince of Peace

## REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS...

Ekhilas Awro  
Genevieve Davey  
Gerald Lewis



Congratulations to the Haggerty family. They celebrated the Baptism of Tatum on August 8, 2021



## PRINCE OF PEACE KNIGHTS COUNCIL 'IN NEED OF A FEW GOOD MEN'

Our Parish Knights Council 12808 are always seeking 'A Few Good Men' to join our fraternity and help make a difference. Become a knight in shining armour and help us serve the needs of our community in these trying times.

For more information touch base with any one of our welcoming good guys (usually wearing a blue shirt) or contact \_

- . Larry Brady (248.324.0575),
- . Cliff DeWolfe (248.840.7507, cdewolfe@comcast.net),
- . Pete Duggan (248.661.4657, prduggan@aol.com).

Hope to hear from you soon.



## CATHOLIC COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM

### "BACK TO SCHOOL PROGRAM"

Every August the Prince of Peace Community has generously given to our "Back to School" program. Last year we were able to provide for over 150 children from the Pontiac area. We kindly ask for your participation again this year. We match families and sizes and then have a drive through pickup at our office.

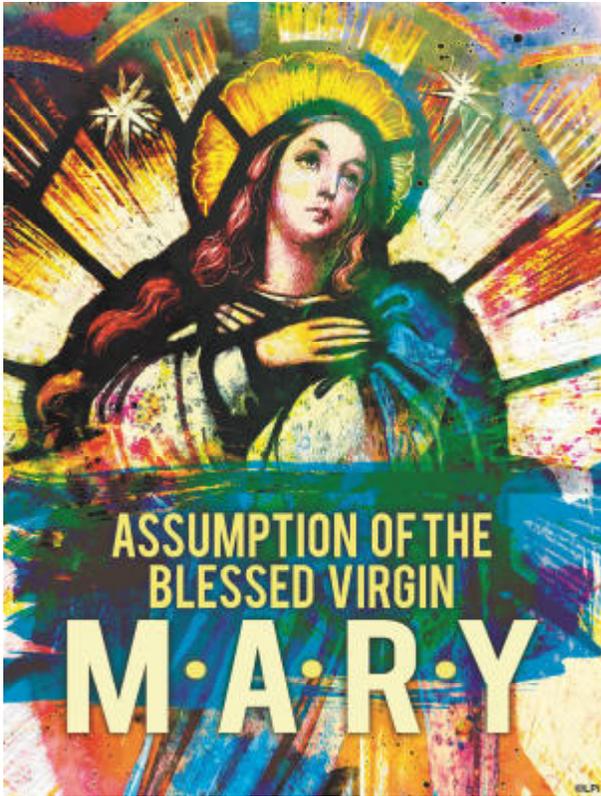
This program is especially important to our clients this year who are experiencing financial difficulties due to the ramifications of COVID19. We are hopeful our drive relieves the burden of monetary stress that usually accompanies back to school shopping for parents.

There will be **NO Donation Box** in the church. We are not collecting any items this year but if you are able and can help us out by sending in a donation by August 25 (memo line POP-School Drive). Your donation will help us purchase uniforms in bulk. Please make your check payable to and send to:

### CCRT

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**God Bless you and your willingness to help our Pontiac neighbors.**



**LIVE THE LITURGY**

Good mothers have a way of bringing their children hope. When we fall and hurt ourselves, our mothers can help us walk the path of healing. There is hope that we will get better and the trust that we have in mom’s comforting assurance allows us to move forward. Mothers know instinctively what we need and what we are capable of doing. They can be one of our biggest cheerleaders in life, and even when facing despair, can point the way to a brighter tomorrow. Our Blessed Mother does precisely that for us today. As one closest to our Lord, she cheers us on with the hope of what life will be for all of us. Although given the unique distinction of being raised in both body and soul, she nonetheless points to our true eternal destiny. Achieving this inheritance overrides any disappointment and her intercession and example inspires us to pick ourselves up when we fall. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given as we persevere even in the midst of life’s challenges and failures.

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**GOSPEL MEDITATION**

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

They are courageous, wise women who ground us, focus us, and inspire us. They are the good mothers who walk with us and light our way. They teach us life lessons and help us heal and navigate through challenges and difficulties. We need people to point the way. Sometimes, these wise ladies are not our biological mothers but women in our lives, who through their strong and faithful presence, anchor us and remind us that we are loved. We need these women. Human beings do their best when they have cheerleaders in their lives. They show us that even when facing despair there is always a brighter tomorrow.

Jesus needed his mother. She had to be that faithful anchor, that guiding presence, in his life. Jesus needed to be affirmed and encouraged just like any other human being and Mary had to be there, right by his side, doing precisely that. Even when her heart was pierced as he was nailed to a

tree, she did not give up hope. Most certainly, she continued to wait, watch, hope, and love until he took his final breath. That’s what mothers do. Even when their heart breaks, they persevere.

Today, our Blessed Mother is our cheerleader once again. Taken up to heaven in body and soul, she points to and directs us toward our final destiny. Life eternal waits! Any disappointment, fear, or anxiety can be set aside as she gently reassures us of God’s love and promise. Always a mother filled with grace and hope, she calls us to reaffirm our faith in God and in the gifts we have each been given. We can persevere and do what we need to do to live life well, with faith, hope, and love as our guiding lights. Knowing who we are and who we will one day become helps us to better chart the course and direction of our earthly lives. Looking to the example of our Blessed Mother, we receive the assurance we need.

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# PARISH NEWS AND EVENTS

## EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP WWMD?

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my son up in the Mosaic law and present him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer him on this Cross, if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes — one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way — she was a mere creation, like us — but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard?

Well, God certainly lavished on Mary extraordinary graces. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ — through Mary — we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example?  
— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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## Third Family of Parishes Gathering

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Join us for an Ice Cream Social at  
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Tuesday, August 17th

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The evening will begin with prayer and then there will be time to socialize and meet members of our family in the Social Hall.



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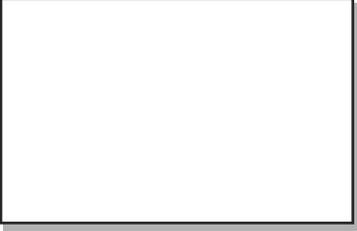
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