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Our Lord sent His disciples to row across the lake, knowing that they would meet strong, gale-force head-winds and be in danger. He did this because He wanted to strengthen their faith and trust in Himself. He intended to come to them at the right moment, working two miracles — walking on the water and calming the storm. This He did and the result was as He had intended — their faith in Him was strengthened, they declared He was the Messiah, the Chosen of God. Peter, already the recognized leader, and always the most daring among them, showed himself ready to risk drowning in order to prove his trust and confidence in Christ. While he trusted in Christ, all went well, but when his faith weakened he would have been lost were it not for the outstretched helping hand of his master. This was also a very necessary lesson in the education of Peter and his companions.

For us, too, there is a necessary lesson in this incident. It is that we must continue to trust in Christ and his lov-

ing Father, even when God seems to have deserted us. Most of the troubles and trials of our lives are caused by the injustice and lack of charity of our fellowmen. The remainder can be attributed to our own defects and sins or to some weakness in our mental and bodily make-up. But God foresees all these misfortunes, and can prevent them. Instead he lets them take their course, because they can and should be the means of educating us in our knowledge of life's true meaning and they should draw us closer to him.

Christ foresaw the storm and the grave risk His Apostles would run when He sent them off across the lake. But that trial and the grave danger they ran was for their own good, because they learned to realize that He was from God and they could always trust Him. Our trials and our earthly ailments are also foreseen by God and permitted by him (even if inflicted on us by a sinful fellowman) so that they will draw us closer to Him and help us on the road to heaven.

This they will do, if we accept

them and bear with them until He comes to our aid. Our troubles in life are like the growing pains of our youth — they are necessary if we are to arrive at our full stature as sons of God. They form, mold and shape our religious character and bring us closer to God — if we allow them to do so. For the lukewarm Christian who rebels against God because of his earthly sufferings, they can do the opposite. He cannot see the purpose and value of suffering because he has never seriously pondered or grasped the real meaning of this life and God's loving plans for him.

As in the first reading today, God may not be in the tornadoes or earthquakes or roaring fires, nor does He cause them perhaps, but He is ever near to His true children when such calamities occur. He has a purpose in every trial or tribulation which crosses the path of our lives, a purpose always to our eternal advantage if only we will see and accept his will in these trials.

Excerpted from The Sunday Readings by Fr. Kevin O'Sullivan, O.F.M.

The Assumption of Mary: A Belief Since Apostolic Times

By Rev. Clifford Stevens

The Assumption is the oldest feast day of Our Lady, but we don't know how it first came to be celebrated.

Its origin is lost in those days when Jerusalem was restored as a sacred city, at the time of the Roman Emperor Constantine (c. 285-337). By then it had been a pagan city for two centuries, ever since Emperor Hadrian (76-138) had leveled it around the year 135 and rebuilt it as *Aelia Capitolina* in honor of Jupiter.

For 200 years, every memory of Jesus was obliterated from the city, and the sites made holy by His life, death and Resurrection became pagan temples.

After the building of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in 336, the sacred sites began to be restored and memories of the life of Our Lord began to be celebrated by the people of Jerusalem. One of the memories about his mother centered around the "Tomb of Mary," close to Mount Zion, where the early Christian community had lived.

On the hill itself was the "Place of Dormition," the spot of

Mary's "falling asleep," where she had died. The "Tomb of Mary" was where she was buried.

At this time, the "Memory of Mary" was being celebrated. Later it was to become our feast of the Assumption.

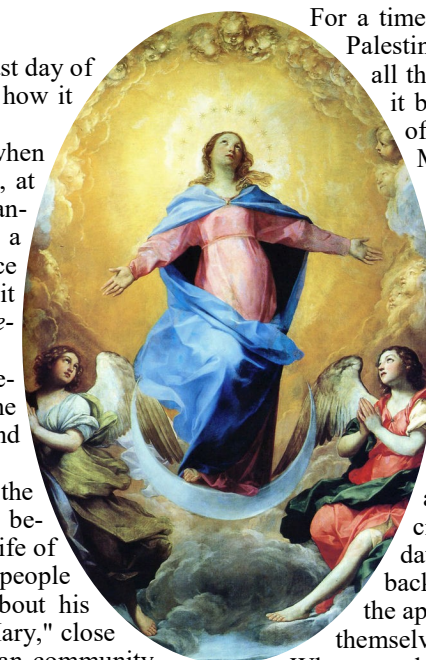
For a time, the "Memory of Mary" was marked only in Palestine, but then it was extended by the emperor to all the churches of the East. In the seventh century, it began to be celebrated in Rome under the title of the "Falling Asleep" ("Dormitio") of the Mother of God.

Soon the name was changed to the "Assumption of Mary," since there was more to the feast than her dying. It also proclaimed that she had been taken up, body and soul, into heaven.

That belief was ancient, dating back to the apostles themselves.

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Parish Prayer List

Of your charity, please offer prayers for...

- Those who are sick: Amelia Krafft (Ruby) Frank Lydon, Nick Bakas, Jim Bohan, James Carni, Steve Colburn, Luanne Cunningham, Larry Dodson, Rose Determan, Mary Ann Edwards, Robert Fealy, Nathan Fisher, Carl Ford (Lynne Shaver’s step-dad), Marsha Garton, Chuck Gildein (Jim Gildein’s father), Mary Groover, Bobby Gill, Jim Kerrigan, Shelly Kraus, Jeff Linger, Scotty McCartney, Matt McCauley, Mary Ann Murray, Betty Reed, Julieta Rilling, Burke Riley, Mike Riley, Tim Rinehart, Greg Walker and Kinley Weaver
- Those who have died: May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.
- Vocations to the Priesthood and Religious Life
- All Military Personnel: Rob Snuffer, Alan Hamilton, Aaron Hamilton

Diaper Drive for Diaper Need



What is Diaper Need?

*DIAPER NEED IS THE STRUGGLE TO PROVIDE BABIES WITH CLEAN, DRY DIAPERS.

1 in 3 families in America struggles to afford diapers for their children.

Diapers cost \$18 per week, or \$936 per year, on average per child; Babies need 6-10 diapers a day.

An inadequate supply of diapers forces many parents to leave their child in a soiled diaper longer than is appropriate, which frequently leads to diaper rash, and may cause staph infections and urinary tract infections. You Can Help!

We will be collecting diapers after Mass on Aug. 12-13. A collection box will be in the vestibule. These diapers will be taken to the FRN and given to those in need. Sizes 3, 4, and 5, are in high demand, but ALL sizes are appreciated.

Tuesday, August 15, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses will be Monday, August 14, at 6:00 p.m. (Vigil); Tuesday, August 15, at 12:00 p.m. noon and 6:00 p.m.

HOLY DAY MASS PARKING

On Holy Days of Obligation, where should I park?

Parking is limited at any noon (weekday) Mass. Five spaces in the lot next to parish office and the entire lot next to the school are rented during the week—PLEASE DO NOT in these spaces. Even if a spot is open, don’t park in it. If you do, you may very well get blocked in by the person renting the spot. Please do not park behind any car in a rented space. Also keep in mind that if you park in the middle of the lot next to the parish office, you may block someone who is having lunch at Deb’s Diner.

MASS INTENTIONS: Please contact the parish office or use one of the envelopes in the vestibule to schedule your Mass Intentions.

Ministry Schedule for Next Weekend

Saturday, August 19, 2017

Servers: Joseph and Hunter Blake, Hayden Barnette
Reader: Debbie Queen
EMHC: John Collins
Cantor: Kathy Sims

Sunday, August 20, 2017

Servers: Brady Jordan, Morgan Turner, Makenna West
Reader: Erin Turner
EMHC: J.J. Jordan
Cantor: John Collins

August Linens: Luanne Bowers
August Funeral Greeters: Carol Castillo

Weekly Attendance & Collection

July 30 & 31

Saturday: 109
Sunday: 169
Latin Mass: 22

General: \$4381
Loan: \$350
School: \$220
Latin \$527

August 5 & 6

Saturday: 71
Sunday: 163
Latin Mass: 20

General: \$3164
Loan: \$36
School: \$430
Latin \$310

Upcoming Collections and Appeals
August 19 & 20: Catholic Volunteer Network
(You will not have an envelope for this collection!)

Holy Land Pilgrimage Information

Session: Monday, August 14, following the Mass for the Assumption. We will discuss cost, registration, and will address any other questions or issues you may have. If you are considering going (and we hope you are!), please make an effort to be at this meeting. Come early and fulfill your obligation for the Holy Day as well!

This Week’s Liturgical Calendar

Saturday— August 12

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †Ruth Ann Pringle by Luanne Bowers
RDGS: Dt 6:4-13; Ps 18:2:4, 47, 51; Mt 17:14-20

Sunday — August 13

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for People of the Parish
RDGS: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a; Ps 85:9-14; Rom 9:1-5; Mt. 14:22-33
11:45a Confessions
12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Domenico & Domenica Commodari by Tom Commodari

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Monday — August 14

Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr
8:15a Mass for †William Rowan by family
RDGS: DT 10:12-22; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Mt 17:22-27
The Vigil Mass of the Assumption
6:00p Mass for †Roberta Karp by Diana Kay Thompson
RDGS: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16, 16:1-2; Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28

Tuesday — August 15

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Noon Mass for People of the Parish
6:00p Mass for Community of the Monastère Saint-Benoît
RDGS: Rv 11:19a, 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45:10-12, 16; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56

Wednesday — August 16

Saint Stephen of Hungary
5:00p Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
5:05p Confessions
5:30p Rosary and Miraculous Medal Novena
5:45p Benediction
6:00p Mass for †Bishop Bernard Schmitt
RDGS: Dt 34:1-12; Ps 66:1-3a, 5, 8, 16-17; Mt 18:15-20

Thursday — August 17

Thursday of the Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time
8:15 Mass for Special Intentions
RDGS: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114:1-6; Mt 18:21-19:1

Friday — August 18

Friday of the Nineteenth Week of Ordinary Time
8:15a Mass for †Alice Murray by Ed and Sara Aman
RDGS: Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24; Mt 19:13-15

Saturday— August 19

Saint John Eudes, Priest
6:00p Anticipated Sunday Mass for †James Blake by Family
RDGS: Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8,11; Mt 19:13-15

Sunday — August 20

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
8:45a Confessions
9:30a Mass for People of the Parish
RDGS: Is 56:1, 6-7; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Rom 11:13-15,29-32; Mt. 15:21-28
11:45a Confessions
12:30p Mass (Latin) for †Chris Greaser by Robert D’Aurora

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

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Weekend Masses:

Saturday, 6:00 p.m.,
Sunday, 9:30 a.m.,
12:30 p.m. (Latin)

Reconciliation:
Wednesday and Saturday, 5:00pm,
Sunday, 8:45 & 11:45 a.m.

Weekday Masses:

M, T, Th, F, 8:15 a.m. Wed., 6:00 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Wednesday, 5:00 to 5:45p.m.

(See Weekly Schedule for any changes to times or location!)

Parish Office Hours:

- Sunday, 10:30 - 12:30
- Monday, 9 - 4
- Tuesday, 9 - 4
- Wednesday, 9 - 1
- Thursday, 1 - 8
- Friday, 9 - 1

Prayer Chain:

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Kids' Corner Catechesis

St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus

Feast Day: August 13
Born: (about) 160 :: Died: (about) 236

St. Pontian was made Pope on July 21, 230 after the death of Pope Urban I. Then in 235 a man named Maximinus became the emperor of Rome.

Almost immediately, he began to punish the Christians and make them suffer. One of the common punishments of bishops and priests was to send them into exile to the dangerous and unhealthy mine fields of Sardinia, in Italy.

Emperor Maximinus immediately sent Pope Pontian to suffer in Sardinia.

The other saint on today's calendar is St. Hippolytus. He was a priest and a scholar in the Church of Rome. He wrote many excellent books on theology and was a great teacher.

Hippolytus had become angry with Pope St. Zephyrinus, who had been martyred in the year 217. Hippolytus felt that the pope had not been quick enough to stop people who were going about with false teachings.

When Pope Zephyrinus' died St. Callistus I became pope and this made Hippolytus even angrier.

Hippolytus himself had many followers, who wanted him to become pope. So he decided to form his own church and became a false pope.

When Emperor Maximinus found a second Pope, he arrested Hippolytus and also sent him away to Sardinia. There in that sad environment, while the enemies of Christianity laughed, a miracle of healing took place.

Pope Pontian and Hippolytus met in exile. Hippolytus was touched when he saw how humble the Pope was. He asked God for forgiveness and asked Pontian to let him return to the Catholic Church.

Pope Pontian gladly welcomed him back and Hippolytus found that the anger had lifted from his heart. Pope Pontian understood the priest and loved him. He realized their need to help and encourage each other in their love for Jesus.

Both became martyrs who died for Jesus and they have become strong witnesses of forgiveness and Christian hope.

15th Annual St. Patrick School Golf Tournament



The annual St. Patrick school golf fundraiser will be held at Deerfield Country Club located on Jackson's Mill Road, Saturday, October 7. Registration begins at 7am with a shotgun start at 8am. First place receives \$1,000, second receives \$500 and third receives \$250 in cash. Registration is \$60 per person and includes: Skins Game, Closest to Pin, Longest Drive and Longest Putt.

For more information or to register, call Jimmy Fealy at 304-444-3442 or Kathy Boyle 304-269-7987.



In the Footsteps of Jesus A Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land May 14 - 24, 2018

Father DeViese invites you to journey with him to the Holy Land to walk in the footsteps of Jesus and his early disciples. Come join us!

To register, go to: www.travelillum.com/trc/lpa, **DOWNLOAD the registration form, and turn in Registration Form plus the Deposit Fee to the parish office by August 20, 2017.** If you submitted your email address earlier, you are not registered until you turn in the form and the deposit fee.

Pope Francis "Tweets" @ Pontifex

Hope is the virtue of a heart that doesn't lock itself into darkness, that doesn't dwell on the past, but is able to see a tomorrow.

Need Help? Get Help!

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA - Tues., Thurs., & Sat.,
8pm school basement.

Narcotics Anonymous

NA - Mon., 8pm school basement

Use the door on the side of the school building facing the rectory for AA and NA meetings.

Parish Membership & Benefits:

To be considered an "active" member of the parish (and thus eligible for Sacraments, sponsor eligibility, and the "Catholic tuition" rate at St. Patrick's School), the parish takes into account family & individual involvement in parish life and ministries, and Mass attendance. Mass attendance is only able to be tracked accurately via collection envelopes. If you are not receiving envelopes currently, please contact the parish office. Parishioners over 18 are encouraged to register as their own household to help us keep records accurate and up-to-date.

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beginning was that there were no relics of Mary to be venerated, and that an empty tomb stood on the edge of Jerusalem near the site of her death. That location also soon became a place of pilgrimage. (Today, the Benedictine Abbey of the Dormition of Mary stands on the spot.)

At the Council of Chalcedon in 451, when bishops from throughout the Mediterranean world gathered in Constantinople, Emperor Marcian asked the Patriarch of Jerusalem to bring the relics of Mary to Constantinople to be enshrined in the capitol. The patriarch explained to the emperor that there were no relics of Mary in Jerusalem, that "Mary had died in the presence of the apostles; but her tomb, when opened later . . . was found empty and so the apostles concluded that the body was taken up into heaven."

In the eighth century, St. John Damascene was known for giving sermons at the holy places in Jerusalem. At the Tomb of Mary, he expressed the belief of the Church on the meaning of the feast: "Although the body was duly buried, it did not remain in the state of death, neither was it dissolved by decay. . . . You were transferred to your heavenly home, O Lady, Queen and Mother of God in truth."

All the feast days of Mary mark the great mysteries of her life and her part in the work of redemption. The central mystery of her life and person is her divine motherhood, celebrated both at Christmas and a week later (Jan. 1) on the feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. The Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) marks the preparation for that motherhood, so that she had the fullness of grace from the first moment of her existence, completely untouched by sin. Her whole being throbbed with divine life from the very beginning, reading her for the exalted role of mother of the Savior.

The Assumption completes God's work in her since it was not fitting that the flesh that had given life to God himself should ever undergo corruption. The Assumption is God's crowning of His work as Mary ends her earthly life and enters eternity. The feast turns our eyes in that direction, where we will follow when our earthly life is over.

The feast days of the Church are not just the commemoration of historical events; they do not look only to the past. They look to the present and to the future and give us an insight into our own relationship with God. The Assumption looks to eternity and gives us hope that we, too, will follow Our Lady when our life is ended.

The prayer for the feast reads: "All-powerful and ever-living God: You raised the sinless Virgin Mary, mother of your Son, body and soul, to the glory of heaven. May we see heaven as our final goal and come to share her glory."

In 1950, in the Apostolic Constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*, Pope Pius XII pro-

claimed the Assumption of Mary a dogma of the Catholic Church in these words: "The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heaven."

With that, an ancient belief became Catholic doctrine and the Assumption was declared a truth revealed by God.

Religious Education

Starting in the Fall

Beginning this September, St. Patrick's will be offering a comprehensive Religious Education program for all children Grades 1-8, High School students, and adults. Grades 1-8 will take the format of a CCD-style classroom program with grade/age-specific material, including Sacramental Preparation for First Holy Communion in 2nd grade. RCIA, RCIC, CCD and Adult Ed. Classes will take place in the school from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. every Sunday before Mass. High School students are invited to attend the meetings of the Dead Theologians Society. More information and registration information (to ensure we have the right number of books for each class) will be forthcoming.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

13 Sun: 2-5, Knights of Columbus Picnic, Lewis County Park

14 Mon: 6pm, Vigil Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

14 Mon: After 6pm Mass, Holy Land Pilgrimage information session

15 Tue: Parish Office Closed

15 Tue: Noon & 6pm, Mass for the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

21 Mon: Catholic Daughters of the Americas, budget meeting, parish meeting room

22 Tue: 6pm, *SoulCore*

St. Patrick School Has

Openings

St Patrick School has a few openings in Pre-K for the 2017-2018 school year. We are accepting students in K through 8th grade as well. For more information, visit our website at www.stpatswv.org or call the school office at 269-5547.

Commentary on the Readings for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost



"The Pharisee stood and began to pray. . . 'O God. . . I am not like the rest of men. . . ' But the publican. . . kept striking his breast, saying, 'O God, be merciful to me the sinner'" (Gospel).

Pride is the curse of our day! The Pharisee, self-sufficient, self-righteous, wants the applause of men, while pretending to honor God. A hypocrite! Yes, he does refrain from some misdeeds but he but he neglects the essence of religion, love for God and neighbor. And he measures himself not by the All-Perfect God, but by imperfect men.

Humility is our salvation! The publican confesses his misuse of grace, appeals for pardon, shows a willingness to atone. For him God will "multiply. . . mercy" (Prayer). From him He will "accept the sacrifice. . . upon (the) altar" (Communion Verse).

God is the source of all "gifts," intended to lead us and others back to Himself, not to "dumb idols" (Epistle).

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Liturgical Calendar for the Traditional Latin Mass During the Week

08/14	Vigil of the Assumption
08/15	Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
08/16	St. Joachim, Father of the Blessed Virgin Mary
08/17	St. Hyacinth, <i>Confessor</i>
08/18	St. Agapitus, <i>Martyr</i>
08/19	St. John Eudes