

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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My dear sisters and brothers of CHA,

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Pope Pius XII in 1950 defined the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary as a doctrine of faith saying, "the Immaculate Mother of God having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." This solemnity calls us to trust in God's plan that all who believe in Jesus will share in his resurrection.



Reflecting on the Word

Today's celebration can challenge some of our fears. First and foremost is the fear of death. The Assumption of Mary calls us to trust that God who "raised the sinless Virgin Mary...body and soul to the glory of heaven" will also raise us from the dead. "In Christ shall all be brought to life, Paul writes (1 Corinthians 15:22).

This Solemnity can also challenge the fear of growing old, of aging, of seeing our body change and weaken, losing its ability to do what it wants when it wants. Our culture puts a premium on "looking good," which becomes equated with looking youthful and not showing our years. The idea of growing old, of maturing into a deeper, wiser, more fully human version of who God created does not seem to be on many agendas.

This feast calls us to focus on looking good in the sense of reflecting the very goodness of God, living a life that embodies the grace of our relationship with God in Jesus Christ. We truly "look good" when our soul "proclaims the greatness of the Lord" by recognizing the important gifts that God has given us: the gifts of faith in Jesus Christ, the hope in Jesus Christ, and the ability to love in Jesus Christ.

Life can be lived in response to our fears of dying, sickness, aging, fear of the loss of our physical, mental, and even spiritual abilities. But looking good has more to do with those qualities that show the Spirit of the Lord alive in us, shining through our words and deeds, or even through our simply being.

Peace,

Consider/Discuss:

Is there any fear that governs my attitude toward life and limits my actions for good in the world?
Can I join with Mary in her prayer of praise, recognizing that God can do great things in us and will be faithful to us as God has been with Jesus and Mary?

Responding to the Word

The words of Mary's prayer, the Magnificat, are said every evening by those who pray the Evening Prayer of the Church. Take some time praying it this week. Pause after each phrase, and consider how this prayer can truly become your prayer. See Luke 1:46-55.

Council for Stewardship and Development

Weekly Sacrificial Giving for: August 8, 2010

Envelopes	\$ 2,992.00
Loose	328.00
Second Collection	
(Black and Indian Missions)	352.00
CLoW	3.00
Total	\$ 3,675.00

Mass Attendance

9:00 a.m.	202
10:45 a.m.	190

Second/Special Collection Cycle

August 15	Community Development Fund
August 22	Hospitality
August 29	Tuition Assistance

Parish Emails

Our parish has an email listing, which we regularly use to communicate news and information to the members of the parish. Each week, those on the list receive an email with the readings (along with a commentary) for the coming Sunday. The email listing is a great way to stay informed about what's happening in our parish. If you wish to be on the list, send an email to Michelle Chervenak at mchervenak@holypostlesmd.org.



Council for Liturgy and Worship

Scripture Readings for August 22

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21
Ps 117:1-2
Heb 12:5-7,11-13
Lk 13:22-30

Celebrating the Sacrament of Baptism

Families who seek to present a child for baptism are encouraged to arrange for baptism preparation prior to the birth of their baby. Please call Annette Mulry at the Parish Office.

BAPTISM



Ministry Schedule – August 22

Pat Robuck/Tom Monaghan
SC: Mike McGuire Team: 1

9:00 - AS: J. Schmitz, P. McKernan, E. Pareja
CLoW: J. Gardiner, A. McKay, C. Roling
EM (cup): R. Turk, A. Caufield, K. McKernan, A. McKay, T. McKernan, K. Furth
EM (host): Deacon Keith, M. Durig, Fr. Jim
CW/GI/RD: B. Przygoda, E. Yenoli, M. Roling
U: T. Chervenak, B. Schmitz, J. Gunther, M. Froehly, R. Montemorra, J. Rykiel, J. Elias
MM: Deo Gloria/Claire Igoe

10:45 - AS: J. Lerch, A. Chase, R. DeMar
CLoW: A. Schene, J. Schene, C. Schene
EM (cup): Craig Shoots, J. Herrmann, M. Shamblen, D. Schafer, A. Quade, J. Ayers
EM (host): Deacon Keith, Cheryl Shoots, Fr. Jim
CW/GI/RD: B. Frey, V. Moran, M. Newell
U: B. Glenn, S. McGraw, M. Hakun, M. Nash, J. Cullen, C. Finn, A. Gormley
MM: Summer Children's Choir

Mass Intentions

August 15

9:00 a.m. For the repose of Mary Szabo
Craighead
Requested by The Brozena Family

10:45 a.m. Pastor's Mass for his Parishioners

August 16

8:30 a.m. For the Repose of Joan Gass
Requested by Sr. Angela Case

August 18

8:30 a.m. For the Repose of Gerry Van Dagna
Requested by Nancy and Greg Lerch

August 22

9:00 a.m. For the repose of Hazel Schadt
Requested by The Fraser Family
10:45 a.m. Pastor's Mass for his Parishioners

August 23

8:30 a.m. For the Repose of Julie Kline
Rybczynski
Requested by Sr. Angela Case

August 18

8:30 a.m. For the Repose of John Dwarshuis
Requested by Joe Raineri

Prayer Associates of the Holy Apostles

The following persons have asked to be remembered in your prayers:

John Doody, Truman Miller, Sean Lau, Sam Moschella, Suzi Dixon, Gerry Scallan, Barbara Ann Desmond, Charmain Atkenson, Ron Lawrence, Joseph Marinucci, Ron Kyle, Bonnie Kyle, Patti Speranzella, Tony Schadt, Walter Robuck, Stephanie McCormick, Charlene Miller, Michael DeMaio, Darby Steadman, Shelley Ensore, Ted Madey, Judy Fulton, Marie Ostiguy, Betsy Rekus, Eleanor Squicciarini, Bob Prestel, Marty Atkinson, Gail Schomer, Ken Dwyer, Helen Yorkgitis, Kirk Harness, Jenny Sass, Michael Andres Rivas, Marie DeFilippi, Ray Alexander, Maryde Breese, Patti Moyer, Matthew Sheehan, Patricia Jacobs, Wade McCoy, Mary Miller, Baby Mason Ryan Perez, Richard Elias, Judy Heid, Larry Murphy, David Widdoes, Bernie Crummie, Mary Lou Nelson, Ernie Frink, Theresa Kehoe, Justina Forman, Danny Ostiguy, Cameron Harris, Linda Coco, Alan Jones, Jason Richardson. .



Council for Discipleship

Faith Formation and Sacramental Preparation Registration

If you have not yet registered your child for Faith Formation, please send in your form immediately! Forms can be found on the information tables on Sundays, the parish office, or on the parish website under Faith Formation. Classes will be filled based on the number of catechists we have to teach – late registrations cannot be guaranteed a place in the classroom sessions.

K-8 Catechists Needed!

We still need adults to step forward to serve as catechists (teachers) for Faith Formation for the upcoming school year. Help is needed to teach the following grades:

Kindergarten	Grade 5
Grade 1	Grade 6
Grade 4	Grade 7/8



Please consider sharing your time and talent with the children of our parish. A great team of helpful returning catechists, training sessions and catechist guides are provided to help you lead the sessions. Sessions are Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:45 p.m. from mid-September to the first weeks in May with nights off for holidays. You will be paired with another catechist to help you lead the sessions or give you a night off if needed. If you would like to learn more or to volunteer, please contact Michele Dougherty at 410-519-2291 or mdougherty@holypostlesmd.org. All volunteers working with children must comply with the Archdiocese Policy for the Protection of Children and Youth, including the STAND training and background checks.



Middle School Ministry

Make new friends, hang out with old friends, feed the hungry, go bowling, watch a movie and have some pizza, play games, visit the elderly, and more! Sound like a good time? It definitely is. Get on the email list today. Sign up after mass all this month or, contact Nancy Lerch at nlerch@holypostlesmd.org.

"If you are what you should be, you will set the world ablaze." St. Catherine of Siena

HORIZONS

High School Ministry

Horizons and Confirmation Registration Forms

Registration forms are now available on the parish website. Please register by **September 5, 2010** so that we have firm numbers to give the Bishop's office in setting the place and date for Confirmation for the fall of 2011.

Save the Date! The Horizons Kick-Off BBQ is Sunday, September 12 at 4 PM.

Baltimore Youth Catholic Conference (BYCC)

BYCC is an Archdiocesan weekend for high school teens held every other year in Ocean City, MD. The next BYCC is November 19-21, 2010. The cost for Horizons teens to attend is \$225. More information about BYCC, financial scholarships, and registration can be found on the parish website under "Youth Ministry."

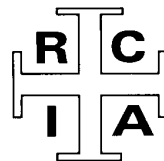
Deadline Reminders:

- Sept. 5: Turn in forms and minimum \$75 deposit to secure your room and registration
- Nov. 5: Balance due paid in full (if not paid already)

Adults: Join the Horizons Team Next Year!

We are still gathering our team of adults for Horizons for next year. The teens of our parish are bright, funny, full of ideas and questions, energetic and need your help in trying to keep the faith in a very secular and un-Christian world. If you are interested in helping with catechesis/formation, outreach/service opportunities, and/or social activities with our high school teens, please contact Michele Dougherty at mdougherty@holypostlesmd.org or 410-674-7925.

RCIA



*Are you interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church?
Were you baptized Catholic, but never received First Communion?
Have you never been Confirmed?*

If you answered "Yes" to any of these questions, maybe the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is for you! RCIA is a process that leads to full initiation in the Church. If you would like to find out more about the RCIA Process at Church of the Holy Apostles, come to one of our Inquiry sessions today, August 15th after each Mass; or Monday, August 30th at 7:00 p.m. or contact S. Angela in the Parish Office at 410-519-2291 or by email at acase@holypostlesmd.org.



Snow Cones

Sunday, August 22nd BLAZE Middle School Youth Ministry will be selling snow cones after both masses. All proceeds will be put towards a *winter inventory* for the homeless – hats, gloves, blankets, socks, and undershirts. For more information, contact Nancy Lerch at nlerch@holypostlesmd.org. We thank you in advance!

Mass Signed for the Hearing Impaired

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton's 4:30 p.m. Saturday Mass is signed for the hearing impaired.

Toiletries for the Homeless

Blaze, your middle school ministry, is continuing to collect travel size toiletries for the homeless. The items most requested are soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, razors, chapstick and lotion. However, they will take anything we have to offer. All donations may be placed in the purple bin, located just outside the church office. Spread the word to family and friends. Thank you for generosity.

SCHOOL OF THE INCARNATION

Box Tops for Education:

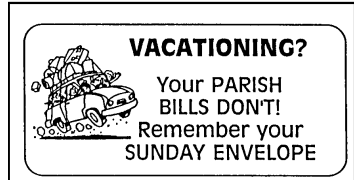
We are continuing to collect box tops in order to support our parish school, School of the Incarnation.

Cruise the Bay with the SSJs!

Join the Sisters of St. Joseph and friends for a delightful cruise on the bay, Sunday, September 26, 2010 from 4:30-8:00 p.m. Enjoy great scenery, food, music, auctions, and of course great people aboard the newly remodeled *Spirit of Baltimore*. Ticket: \$100/person (\$40 of which is tax-deductible in support of these wonderful women and their ministries in the area!) If "doing one of those boat trips from the harbor" has been on your list, here's a perfect opportunity to experience the beauty on the bay and support a great cause too! For more information or to purchase tickets you can go to www.ssjphila.org/UpcomongEvents.html, or call 1-800-482-6510. (Promoted by *Friends of the Sisters of Saint Joseph*: "One in-'and on'-the Spirit!")

Mass Times in the USA

Don't take a vacation from Church. When traveling and looking for Mass times in the USA call 1-410-676-6000 or visit www.masstimes.org.



American Red Cross Blood Drive

The Knights of Columbus, Archbishop Keough Council #5263 Odenton, MD will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, August 30 from 1-7 PM at the Knights of Columbus hall, 1381 Becknel Ave, Odenton, MD. Call the Knights of Columbus sponsor Steve Andrzejewski at 410-987-5852, or 1-800-GIVE LIFE (448-3543) to schedule your life-saving donation. Walk-ins are welcome.

Answers for the Aging

Answers for the Aging is a free information and referral service of Catholic Charities for Seniors, Caregivers and/or Family Members. If you would like resources or referrals for options on housing or other senior issues or concerns, please call 410-646-0100 and one of our Specialists will be glad to assist you. We look forward to hearing from you.

Need Help with Paying Heating and Electric Bills?

The Anne Arundel Community Action Agency is your local Office of Home Energy Programs. Community Action also does housing counseling for evictions, mortgage defaults, reverse mortgages and first time home buying. Call 410-761-6125 for more information.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter



"...blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it." (Vigil reading) God asks us to love one another. Do we practice this in our marriage? The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is November 5-7, 2010 at Priestfield, WV Retreat Center. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information or to register call toll free 1-877-558-LOVE (5683) or visit our web site at <http://wwme.net>.

18th International Week of Prayer and Fasting

18th International Week of Prayer & Fasting: Healing, Hope and Mercy, Oct. 3-11, 2010. People can participate in many ways in your local parish communities to include: fasting, attending daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, praying the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplets, and Confession. "*Certain evil spirits can only be driven out by Prayer and Fasting*" (Mark 9:29) For information on all events and online registration, go to www.IWOPF.org or call (703) 707-0799.