



# THE ASSUMPTION

OF THE

# *Blessed Virgin Mary*

August 15, 2021



A PENNSYLVANIA CHARITABLE TRUST

## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

### Saturday, August 14 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Deceased Members of the Alvarez Family by Gloria Alvarez Vasunda

### Sunday, August 15 — Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:30 AM † Lena & Peter Salotti by Michael & Donna Apostolakis

10:30 AM † Teresa Trozzi by Ted Harhai

### Monday, August 16

8:00 AM † The Minno Family by Fran & Family

### Tuesday, August 17

No Mass

### Wednesday, August 18

No Mass

### Thursday, August 19

8:00 AM † Irene & Dennis Kucik by Sister-in-law, Stella Filipowski

### Friday, August 20

No Mass

### Saturday, August 21 — Vigil

4:00 PM † Romeo Buccì by Donna & Norbert Vesely

### Sunday, August 22 — 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM † Minnie Pascarella by Armand & Pauline DeRose

10:30 AM † Teresa Trozzi by Richard & Fran Cecelia

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### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday–Thursday: 8:30 a.m.–12; 1 p.m.–3 p.m.**

**Friday: 8:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m.**

### Ministry Schedule — August 21 & 22

	Lector	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server
4:00 p.m.	P. Fantauzzi	J. Elias	M. Guiliford
8:30 a.m.	F. Petrosky	J. Todd	T. Todd
10:30 a.m.	J. Sacco	K. Byron	E. Yatchyshyn

### Money Counters

**Monday, August 16—Team #3— K. Byron**

**With Deepest Sympathy** — Condolences are extended to the families of SYLVIA SPADAFORÉ AND RONALD W. DANKO. May God grant them eternal rest, and comfort to their families We commend their souls to rest in the peace of Christ.

## Feast of the Assumption

Today we deviate from ordinary time and we celebrate the feast of the Assumption. Quite simply put, this feast day assures us all that nothing is impossible with God!



This feast reminds us that because of the courageous discipleship Mary lived, God blessed Mary and at her death assumed her bodily into heaven where she now enjoys full union with her Lord. Mary, as one like us points to what awaits the Church and all disciples who wait in hope for union with God. Even though there is nothing in the scriptures pointing to the Assumption, it is an ancient belief that Mary was assumed into heaven. Her assumption points to the fullness of salvation that will be given to the entire Church with the Lord's second coming.

The Israelites traveled through the desert with the Ark of the Covenant which was a large and ornately carved chest. Inside the Ark were the stone tablets of the Ten Commandments, a symbol of God's covenant with them. A chair rested on top of the ark as a representation of God's throne, a sign that God dwelled among his people. Mary is that ark of the new covenant As Elizabeth exclaims in Luke, Mary is blessed because she bears the living God. Tablets of stone are superseded by flesh and blood.

Today's celebration of Mary ascending into heaven is a celebration of eternal life. Because she kept God's word so faithfully Christ clothed her with immortality. It becomes our task to imitate her actions by listening to the words of Christ and making them a part of our lives. Mary literally allowed the promise of God to come alive in her. Throughout her life and in all of her actions that love of God could be seen.

### Weekly Collection August 8

Votive Candles:	189
Utility & Energy:	150
Accent:	61
Assumption:	117
Children & Adult Collection:	6,795
Online Collection:	741
<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,053</b>
Catholic University Seminary:	20
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<b>Total Collection:</b>	<b>\$8,078</b>

### Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary

Bishop Larry J. Kulick will celebrate Mass and lead a candle-light rosary procession for the Solemnity of Our Lady of The Assumption on **Sunday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. at Christ Our Shepherd Center, Greensburg.** Let us pray together to our diocesan patroness, Our Lady of the Assumption, for her intercession and blessing as we celebrate the 70th anniversary of our Diocese.

### Daily Readings

### Readings for the week of August 15, 2021

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

**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44 [4a]/Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [2a]/Mt 20:1-16

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

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

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

**Next Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 [9a]/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

**Brown Bag Sunday: Back to School**

Our Brown Bag Sunday will be next week. As we look at the beginning of another school year, we will once again have a collection of “back to school” items.

To participate, you simply bring the items you wish to donate to church and we will get them distributed. Anything that would be helpful at the beginning of another school year will be appreciated: notebooks, pens, pencils, folders, crayons, book bags, glue sticks, pencil cases....We will have this collection next weekend —**August 21 – 22.**



**Pastoral Council / Finance Council**

There will be a meeting of the pastoral and finance councils on Monday the 23rd of August at 6:30 in the Chapel hall. **If anyone thinks that they might want to work on either of these councils, please give me a call at the church office.**

**Thank You**

From Ken Zimmaro: Thank you to all of those who came to **help make sausage** for the festival. And thank you to all of you **who bought it** for home and at the festival.

**Festival Wrap-up Meeting**

We will be having a final wrap-up meeting from the festival we had a few weeks ago. The meeting will be this **Monday, the 16th<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 6:30 p.m.** in the church hall. All parishioners are invited to this meeting.

**Festival Wrap up**

**Festival 21 Sponsors**

Our sponsors help make our festival possible. If you can, please patronize them. Thank you, too, to those who donated in memory of loved ones.

**In Memoriam: Myra Pascarella; Al and Dory, Joe and Joann, and Irene Vizza; Emilio and Tressa Vizza, and Ralph Nicksich**

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The obligation to attend Mass resumes this weekend, August 15, 2021. As the pandemic lingers on, and new variants are coming to light, Bishop Kulik is updating the following mask protocols effective Friday, August 13:

- **Anyone volunteering on behalf of a parish must wear a face covering indoors**, regardless of their vaccination status.
- This includes ministers of Holy Communion, ushers, greeters, servers, parish event volunteers who are working inside, faith formation leaders and catechists who are working indoors, those visiting the sick or homebound, and **any other indoor ministry**. Lectors and cantors may remove their masks while reading or singing.
- When working indoors, Parish and Diocesan staff are required to wear face coverings in common areas.
- Clergy should wear masks for the distribution of Holy Communion and while interacting in close proximities to other persons. They should continue to follow hand sanitization directives.
- Masks for **those attending indoor worship services or indoor parish events are strongly recommended**. Each parishioner is strongly encouraged to make a responsible decision about the use of masks and vaccinations.
- As previously announced, the bishops are reinstating the obligation to attend Mass in person on Sundays and holy days beginning on Sunday, Aug. 15, 2021. However, by longstanding Church law, this obligation does not apply to those who are:
  - Sick
  - Have a serious health risk
  - In a household with those at risk
  - Primary caregivers to those at risk
  - Have serious anxiety or concerns about being in a large-group setting due to COVID-19
  - Unable to attend Mass in person

As an act of charity, anyone who believes they might have COVID-19 or one of its variants should stay home.

Those who are legitimately excused from Mass on Sundays and Holy Days are encouraged to spend time in prayer, meditating on the death and Resurrection of the Lord, reading the sacred Scriptures, and uniting themselves to Christ. They are also encouraged to investigate the numerous options to view broadcasts and streams of Mass, which are continuing across the country.

**Around the Diocese**

**Catholic Charities planning two fundraisers**

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Greensburg will host a farm to table dinner with **Bishop Larry J. Kulick** Thursday, Sept. 16, from 6-9 p.m. at Sanaview Farms, Champion (cost is \$95 per person), and a **DIY chunky blanket and knit project workshop** Thursday, Oct. 7 at the Wooden Loft, Greensburg. For information or to register for either event, visit [www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org](http://www.ccharitiesgreensburg.org) and click on “Fundraisers.”

**Divorce Support Group**

Saint Vincent Basilica Parish, Latrobe, will offer a divorce support group Wednesdays, Sept. 8-Dec. 8. Register at [www.divorcecare.org/groups/135997/registrations/new](http://www.divorcecare.org/groups/135997/registrations/new). For information, visit [basilicaparishstv.org/divorce-support](http://basilicaparishstv.org/divorce-support) or contact Teri Pomerleau at [tpomerleau@dioceseofgreensburg.org](mailto:tpomerleau@dioceseofgreensburg.org) or 724-539-8629, ext. 15.