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YEAR OF THE FAMILY

SUNDAY LITURGY

OPENING HYMN Bulletin
Entrance Hymn Revelation 12:1; Psalm 98:1a

P: A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars.

R: Sing a new song to the Lord, Who has done marvelous deeds.

P: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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OPENING PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading Revelations 11: 19, 2: 1-6, 10

Responsorial Psalm Psalm 45

R: The Queen stands at Your right hand, arrayed in gold.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26

Gospel Acclamations.

C: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Mary is taken up to heaven; a chorus of angels exults.

R: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel Luke 1: 39-56

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CLOSING HYMN Bulletin

Opening Hymn: “Mary Dear”
PNCC Hymnal 266 verses 1, 2 & 4

R: Mother dear we ask of thee, on this day be with us,
Mother dear, on this day we sing thy praise and glory.
Mother dear we honor thee, Mother dear we honor thee,
Mother dear, on this day we sing thy praise and glory.

Mary dear, most beautiful Virgin, on this day we greet thee,
From this world of sin and sadness, we would sing thy glory, **R:**

Mother of my Savior ask thy Son to grant His mercy,
With thy help of love and comfort, Mother we implore thee: **R:**

Faithfully we'll serve thee, Mother, faithful praises singing,
Then we'll join with thee in heaven, Joyful music bringing. **R:**

Closing Hymn: “Immaculate Mary”
CC Hymnal 412

Immaculate Mary your praises we sing,
You reign now in splendor with Jesus our King,
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria, Ave, Ave Maria.

Predestined for Christ by eternal decree,
God willed you both virgin and mother to be,
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria; Ave, Ave Maria.

The angels rejoiced when you brought forth God's Son,
Your joy is the joy of all ages to come,
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria; Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

Your child is the Savior; all hope lies in Him,
He gives us new life and redeems us from sin,
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria; Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

In glory forever now close to your Son,
All ages will praise you for all God has done,
Ave, Ave, Ave Maria; Ave, Ave, Ave Maria.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, August 19, 2018

Assumption of Mary

Confessions

8:30 A.M.

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

Blessing of Flowers and Harvest

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

Sunday, August 26, 2018

Ordinary 21

Youth Sunday

Confessions

8:30 A.M.

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

+**Anthony Palko** (7th Ann.) Int wife Frances Palko;

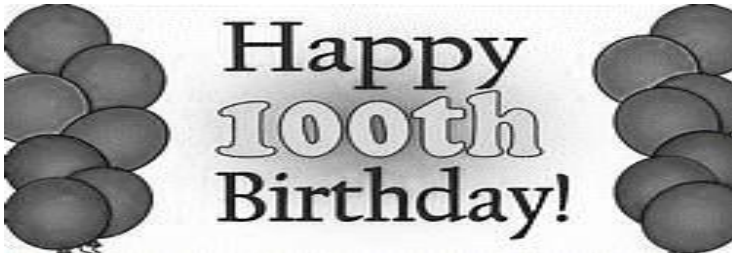
+**Victoria Leo** Int. Mrs. Henrietta Albeck

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

+**Edward Dudek** Int Mrs. Dorothy Dudek & Family

*Flowers on the altar are to the Glory of God on the 100th
Birthday of Mrs. Helen Popovic*



Mrs. Helen Popovic

Parish Open Invitation

The family of Mrs. Helen Popovic is cordially inviting everyone to a special brunch celebrating Mrs. Popovic's 100th birthday. The celebration and fellowship will be held immediately following the 9:00 A.M. Mass in the parish hall. Come downstairs to wish Mrs. Popovic a Happy Birthday.

Weekend of 100 Year Anniversaries

Besides Mrs. Popovic's 100th; All Saints Parish, Carnegie celebrated their 100th Anniversary yesterday and Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Canonsburg will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary this afternoon. We wish our sister parishes many more years of spreading the Good News in their communities. FYI, Holy Family will be celebrating our 100th Anniversary in 2021.

SOCL

The parish is looking for someone to teach our SOCL Junior High School Class. Please contact Fr. Bruce. SOCL starts September 9th. The adult evening classes will begin Wednesday, September 19th.

This Week

9:00 A.M.

Greeters: M. Krusienski

Lectors: Red Team

Ushers: J. Bagshaw & R. DeLong

11:00 A.M.

A. Fioravanti

B. & L. Zaucha

J. Wagner

Next Sunday

9:00 A.M.

Greeters: M. Sleczkowski

Lectors: Yellow Team

Usher: D. Newcamp & L. Guy

11:00 A.M.

A. Fioravanti

B. & L. Zaucha

J. Wagner

I Am A Church Member

Extra copies of "I Am a Church Member" are available to those who did not receive a copy. This is a gift from our parish's Mission & Evangelism Fund and the book was used at the recent National Mission & Evangelism Workshop. It is a must read for all parishioners and a wonderful book to share with family and friends.

Year of the Family

Our Church has designated the last Sunday in August as Youth Sunday which will celebrate next Sunday, focusing on the youth of our Church. It is an important time because preparations begin for a new school year and many activities resume as the summer months come to an end. It is also a time for religious education and worship. Keeping God in the family maintains a bright future for our children, steering and keeping them on the right path that God, our Father has designated. A special envelope can be found in the Stewardship package for the Youth Fund. These funds help to underwrite many programs throughout the Church for our youth. The Youth are the future of our Church, keeping our legacies alive. Let us support the Church's endeavors for our Youth.

Prayer for Youth: (PNCC Prayer Book 2010)

Loving and kind Father, because You created us in Your image and likeness and determined that one generation should follow another in order to continue life, keep in Your tender and steadfast care the youth of the Church. May they come to know and understand that true happiness can be attained when they live in harmony with Your teaching. May they, like our Lord and Savior in His youth, grow "in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor." Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

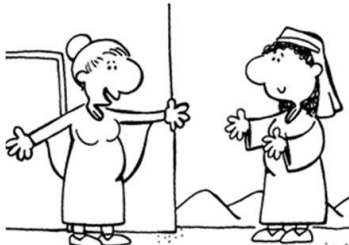


Saturday, September 29th 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Vendor Concession Contracts are now available, Contact Kristen Korenoski, 132 Shara Drive, West Mifflin, PA, tel. 412.461. 1424 or Patty Bagshaw, 468 Wendel Road, Irwin, PA, tel. 412.953.5123

Assumption of Mary Word Search

H	I	R	A	H	C	E	Z	T	E	MARY	JUDAH	ZECHARIAH
E	T	P	T	A	E	L	E	I	O	ELIZABETH	CHILD	WOMB
L	R	E	L	I	H	A	D	U	J	HOLY	SPIRIT	CRY
I	U	L	B	R	M	O	E	R	S	BLESSED	FRUIT	LEAPT
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About today's celebration

We do not know for sure the place or circumstances of the death of Virgin Mary. One tradition attests that she died in Jerusalem. Another tradition points to the city of Ephesus, where she is said to have lived for a short time prior to her death. The bible does not inform us about the circumstances of the death of the mother of Jesus. The stories about it took shape in the first centuries after her death and focused on her deathbed (Dormition) and her body being carried to heaven by angels (Assumption). Scripture does not give an account of Mary's Assumption into heaven. Nevertheless, Revelation 12 speaks of a woman who is caught up in the battle between good and evil. The Assumption became a feast day celebrated by the Church every year. What it brings to mind is the height to which the Church has elevated this special woman. The Assumption of Mary has two purposes. The first is that we celebrate the happy departure of Mary from this physical life on Earth. The second purpose is her rightful place into Heaven. The Archangel Gabriel recognized her as "full of grace," "blessed among women" and "one with the Lord." Tradition has it that when the Apostles came into the room where Mary laid, the fragrant aroma of flowers was overwhelming. This is why when the Feast of the Dormition/Assumption is celebrated, flowers, herbs and vegetables are blessed.

Assumption of Mary

First Reading: Revelations 11: 19, 12: 1-6, 10

Responsorial: Psalm 45

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26

Gospel: Luke 1: 39-56



KEY VERSE: All generations shall call me blessed.” Luke 1: 48a

READINGS: The appearance of the Ark in this time of retribution indicates that God is now accessible-no longer hidden but present in the midst of His people. Filled with hatred, the devil spares no pains to destroy Christ and His Church. The dragon seeks to destroy the celestial woman and her Son, its hatred is futile. The offering of the first fruits in the second reading was the symbol of the dedication of the entire harvest to God. So, the Resurrection of Christ involves the resurrection of all who are in Him. Since His glorious resurrection, Christ reigns in glory, He is Lord. Mary in the Gospel visits her cousin. Mary’s song of thanksgiving often called the “Magnificat” has been put together from many Old Testament phrases praising the greatness of God.

REFLECTION: Today we celebrate the first of us to do just that, as we remember Mary following our Lord into heaven. She is the first to follow him - but not the last: this feast should help open our eyes to our final destination, heaven. So, this feast pushes us right back to Easter, to thoughts of death and resurrection: it is the second reading which underlines all this. It talks of the gradual resurrection of the dead: Christ first, then those who belong to him. Of these, the first is Mary, she who was chosen to be the Mother of our Lord., she who was most blessed of all women. In her, today, we see the fulfilment of the vision of the first reading: the end of death and the victory of life in Christ. Let us rejoice in the love our Holy Mother gives to us through intercession.

PRAYER: Hail Mary, full of grace. Our Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.