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**Assumption of Mary**  
**20<sup>th</sup> Sunday Ordinary Time**  
**August 18, 2019**

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**Year of Discipleship**

# ASSUMPTION OF MARY MASS LITURGY

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C: 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.	
C: 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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## LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading	Revelations 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10b
Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 45
R: The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.	
Second Reading	1 Corinthians 15: 20-27
Gospel Acclamations.	
L: Alleluia, Alleluia.	
R: Mary is taken up to heaven; a choir of angels exults.	
R: Alleluia, Alleluia.	
Gospel	Luke 1: 39-56

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**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: “Mother Most Gracious”**  
PNCC Hymnal 263

Mother most gracious, guardian of the people,  
May cries of orphans, 'waken you to mercy;  
Exiles of Eve, to you we cry, O Mary  
Have mercy on us, may we cease our wand'ring.

Whom should the children turn to in their suffering?  
Only to you, the most beloved Mother;  
Your heart is open, open to all peoples,  
Open so warmly to the most afflicted.

We are deserving of the rod that chastens,  
Which God does wield to punish for our malice,  
But when the angry Father does His reaping,  
Bless'd intercession we find in the Mother.

For your dear heart our God will grant all favors,  
He pardons floggings, even for the guilty,  
(Mother how can I not love you sincerely;  
When I may hide beneath your cloak in safety?)

## **This Week**

### **Sunday, August 18, 2019**

### **Assumption of Mary**

Confession

8: 30 A.M.

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

#### **101th Birthday Blessing of Mrs. Helen Popovic**

+**Vince & Victoria Leo** Int. Steffania Piekielek;

+**Josephine Tarli** Int Spojnia Branch 132

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

+**Paul Yonek** Int. Bob & Janet Yonek; +**Mary Zaucha**

Int Antoinette Fioravanti; +**Katie Soltys** In Mrs.

Josephine Rencewicz

### **Sunday, August 25, 2019**

### **21 Ordinary Time**

Confession

8: 30 A.M.

Holy Mass

9:00 A.M.

+**Phillip Kotulsky** Int. Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Kostovny;

+**Anthony Palko** Int. wife Frances Palko

Holy Mass

11:00 A.M.

### **Today's Sunday Ministry**

**9:00 A.M.**

**11:00 A.M.**

Greeter: M. Sleczkowski

A. Fioravanti

Lectors: Red Team

B. & L. Zaucha

Ushers: T. Gibala & S. Tadajski

J. Wagner

### **Next Sunday Ministries**

**9:00 A.M.**

**11:00 A.M.**

Greeter: C. Trumpe

A. Fioravanti

Lectors: Yellow Team

B. & L. Zaucha

Ushers: L. Guy & J.M. Parknavy


J. Wagner

**“Behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed”**

**Luke 1: 48**

## Assumption of Mary Gospel 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
Z	I	M	E	A	E	D	S	F	P			
T	O	S	R	H	Z	L	S	R	I			
W	P	Y	R	C	A	I	E	U	R			
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Hosted by Holy Family National Catholic Church Youth  
 Saturday, September 28, 2019 at 9 AM-3:00 P.M.

Stop in and have a Polish Platter, Apple Pie and partake  
 in our Chinese Auction! You won't want to miss it!

For table and additional information call Patty  
 Bagshaw@412.953.5123 or Kristen Korenoski @  
 412.848.9215

Chinese Auction Baskets are always accepted.

**Happy 101th Birthday to Mrs. Helen Popovic on your  
 special day from the parish family of Holy Family.  
 A new leaf has been added on our Tree of Life in  
 honor of your birthday by God Daughter Carol  
 Davelli**

## **What is the Assumption/Dormition of Mary?**

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into heaven at the end of her earthly life is a defined solemnity of the National Catholic Church. The Solemnity of the Assumption, celebrated every year on August 15, is a very old feast of the Church, celebrated universally by the sixth century. The Church has allowed this celebration to be celebrated on the closest Sunday to August 15<sup>th</sup> due to the importance of the feast day. The death of Mary is a foretaste of our own resurrection at the end of time. Because it signifies the Blessed Virgin's passing into eternal life, it is the most important of all Marian feasts. The feast was originally celebrated in the East, where it is known as the Feast of the Dormition, a word which means "the falling asleep." The earliest printed reference to the belief that Mary's body was assumed into Heaven dates from the fourth century, in a document entitled "The Falling Asleep of the Holy Mother of God." The document recounts, in the words of the Apostle John, to whom Christ on the Cross had entrusted the care of His mother, the death, laying in the tomb, and assumption of the Blessed Virgin. Tradition places Mary's death at Jerusalem or at Ephesus, where John was living. It has been the practice of Slavonic Catholics to adorn the Mary Altar with fresh flowers, harvested fruits and vegetables from the home gardens which are specially blessed by the Church for ancient tradition stated that upon entering her room where her body laid, the scents of flowers were overwhelming.

*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou amongst 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.*

## **Thank You**

Another International Village has come and gone. Even though Mother Nature did not cooperate fully, we were fully blessed that many people stood in line for our delicious food in the rain. We did receive one negative comment via social media about using frozen pierogi instead of being fresh, it was overridden by the many other positive comments about our delicious pierogi, stuffed cabbage, kielbasa, haluski, lazy man and potato pancakes. It was a shame that our Lajkoniki dancers couldn't perform but with a wet stage, it would have been dangerous. Even though International Village is hard work, it brings our parish family together. Since this is a parish event, it would be good if more of our parishioners participate relieving those who for more than three days beginning from 7 AM to 10 PM working and are tired. There are too many people to thank, and being afraid to omit anyone, a general thank you to the task coordinators and to those who gave their time, talent and financial donations. It is truly a huge undertaking. Financially we were under last year's totals due to the weather, smaller crowds and minimal advertising, we brought in approximately \$22,000.00 and counting. Now we must pay the bills which is usually 1/3 of the income. But overall, it still is a substantial addition to our financial coffers. A meeting will be scheduled for the overall summary and process improvements. But again, thank you.

**Leftover food sales at discounted prices will be available after Mass today.**

*PNU District 5 Quarterly Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 A.M. here at Holy Family Parish. All PNU members should attend.*

# SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY



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

**Responsorial:** 45

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 15: 20-26

**Gospel:** Luke 1: 39-56

**KEY VERSE:** “Then Mary said, my being proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit finds joy in God my savior.” Luke 1:46-47

**READINGS:** From the first reading in Revelations, as the Mother of the Redeemer, Mary was at the very heart of the struggle between good and evil, between God and Satan. However, God took special care of her. Paul wrote in the second reading that Christ is the new Adam who undoes all the harm done by the old Adam. Mary is the new Eve, who by her obedience undoes the harm done by the first Eve. Our Gospel presents the importance of Mary by the role given to her by God. However, she takes no credit for herself but gives all the glory to God.

**REFLECTING:** This great feast is a twin to the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord. Then, if you recall, the preface of the Mass contained these words: “Christ is the beginning, the head of the Church; where he has gone, we hope to follow.” 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 solemnity should help open our eyes to our final destination, heaven. So, Assumption of Mary 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 sinless, 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.

**PRAYING:** Lord, may I discover the seed of God’s life growing within me so that every day, like the Blessed Virgin, my life will proclaim Your greatness. This I pray through Christ the Lord.