



# HOLY ANGELS

## CATHOLIC PARISH

81 Cooper Street · Woodbury, NJ 08096 · 856-845-0123

*Welcome . . . We're glad you are here!*



*Blessed*

ARE YOU  
AMONG  
WOMEN, AND  
BLESSED IS  
THE FRUIT OF  
YOUR WOMB

LUKE 1:42

### St. Patrick Church

86 Cooper Street  
Woodbury, NJ 08096

### Worship Center

96 Green Avenue  
Woodbury, NJ 08096

### St. Matthew Church

4<sup>th</sup> & Monument Avenue  
National Park, NJ 08063

### Ministry Center

8 Green Avenue  
Woodbury, NJ 08096

### Holy Angels Catholic School

211 Cooper Street  
Woodbury, NJ 08096

### Family Faith Formation Office

81 Cooper Street  
Woodbury, NJ 08096

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

† August 15, 2021 †

### SUMMER MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday:** 9:00AM—St. Patrick Church  
4:00PM—St. Patrick Church  
5:30PM—St. Matthew Church

**Sunday:** 7:30AM, 10:00AM, 11:30AM—St. Patrick Church  
8:30AM—St. Matthew Church  
6:00PM—St. Patrick Church

### 10AM SUNDAY MASS LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK

**Monday—Friday:** \*6:45AM & 9:00AM—St. Patrick Church  
\*(NO 6:45AM MASS ON CIVIC HOLIDAYS)

**Holy Day Vigil and Holy Day:** 7:00PM—St. Patrick Church

**Holy Day:** 6:45AM, 9:00AM, 12:10PM—St. Patrick Church

### BLESSED SACRAMENT ADORATION

**Monday:** 7:00PM—St. Patrick Church

### ANOINTING OF THE SICK

**Saturday:** 5:00PM—St. Patrick Church  
6:30PM—St. Matthew Church

### CONFESSIONS

**Monday—Friday:** 9:30AM—St. Patrick Church  
**Saturday:** 3:00PM—St. Patrick Church  
4:30PM—St. Matthew Church

### COMMUNION CALLS

For sick or homebound, please call the parish office.



## SAY NO TO TAXPAYER FUNDED ABORTION!

I was going to write today on the beautiful topic of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. But we received some disturbing news about some recent votes in Congress, that, as horrible as they are, need to be addressed. So, I have a question for you. Do you want your money, given to the federal government in the form of your taxes, to be spent to fund the murder of innocent children through elective abortion? This past week, members of the U.S. House of Representatives cast three key votes against the Hyde Amendment and other critical pro-life protections.

On Wednesday, the House voted 217 to 212 to pass H.R. 4373, the State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs (SFOPs) appropriations bill. H.R. 4373 expands taxpayer funding of abortion by excluding the Helms Amendment, which prohibits federal funding of abortion as part of foreign assistance.

Then on Thursday, the House rejected a “motion to recommit” that would have restored the Hyde Amendment and other longstanding pro-life policies to H.R. 4502, another package of appropriations bills. The motion to restore pro-life protections failed by a vote of 208 – 217.

Also on Thursday, the House voted 219 to 208 to pass H.R. 4502 without the 46-year-old Hyde Amendment and other longstanding, bipartisan provisions like the Weldon Amendment.

Eliminating these provisions would force taxpayers to pay for elective abortions and would have the effect of forcing health care providers and professionals to perform and refer for abortion against their deeply-held beliefs, as well as forcing employers and insurers to cover and pay for abortion.

With the exception of three Democrats who voted against H.R. 4373 for reasons unrelated to the Helms Amendment, all House Democrats present rejected the addition of pro-life protections and voted to advance the appropriations bills without the Hyde Amendment, Helms Amendment, and other pro-life protections included.

These two pieces of legislation now advance to the Senate for further consideration. We expect that the Senate Appropriations Committee will hold markups on several of their own draft appropriations bills before any bills go to the Senate floor.

In light of these developments, I strongly encourage you to:

1. Contact Congressman Donald Norcross to express your disagreement that he voted to advance these bills without pro-life protections. Our representative is: Congressman Donald Norcross, 10 Melrose Avenue, Suite 210, Woodbury, NJ 08096
2. Write your senators in support of the Hyde Amendment if you have not done so already (A sample letter to senators can be found at: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/no-taxpayer-abortion-sample-letter-members-congress>.)

Our Senators:

Senator Cory Booker  
2 Riverside Drive  
Camden Office  
One Port Center, Suite 505, Fifth Floor  
Camden, NJ 08101

Senator Robert Menendez  
208 White Horse Pike  
Barrington Commons, Suite 18 and 19  
Barrington, NJ 08007

3. Continue promoting the USCCB’s petition in support of the Hyde Amendment at [NoTaxpayerAbortion.com](http://NoTaxpayerAbortion.com).
4. Continue to pray for the cause of life.
5. Remember these votes attacking innocent life the next time you vote!

God bless you,  
Father Joseph Byerley





"Speak Lord,  
for your servant  
is listening".

-1 Samuel 3:9

# SAMUEL GROUP

Samuel Group is a spiritual formation program to go deeper in your prayer life and receive formation on discerning God's voice in your life.

Ages 18-39

1:30 PM - 5:30 PM

Sep. 12 | Oct. 10 | Nov. 7 | Dec. 5 | Jan. 9 (optional)  
Feb. 6 | Mar. 6 | Apr. 3 | May 1

St. Anthony of Padua Church

285 Route 206  
Hammonton, NJ

## Obligations

- Interview with Sr. Ann Kateri over the phone
- Full participation and attendance at all meetings
- Have a Spiritual Director (we can help find one for you)

## Contact

Sr. Ann Kateri  
609-343-1545

To learn more and register, go to:  
[www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-michael](http://www.franciscansisterscfr.com/st-michael)

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Jesus,  
and Your Role  
in the Church  
and World



**MASSES  
FOR THE  
ASSUMPTION**  
WITH BISHOP SULLIVAN

**August 14  
and  
August 15**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14—4:30PM**

**Notre Dame de la Mer Parish, Saint Ann Church—2901 Atlantic Ave., Wildwood.**

Following the Mass, there will be a procession to the ocean for the blessing of the sea. More info: [www.notredamedelamer.org](http://www.notredamedelamer.org)

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 15—2:00PM**

**The Parish of Saint Monica Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Church—1409 Pacific Ave., Atlantic City.**

Following Mass, a procession will proceed up Saint James Place to the Boardwalk continuing to the ocean at New York Ave. for the Wedding of the Sea ceremony.

More info: [www.ACCatholic.org](http://www.ACCatholic.org).



## CREMATION AND PROPER

### HANDLING OF CREMATED REMAIN



While you may have chosen to be cremated, remember to choose your final resting place. Although the Church earnestly recommends the pious custom of burying the bodies of the dead be observed, it does not however, forbid cremation unless it has been chosen for reasons which are contrary to Christian teaching.

Cremated remains are the body of the deceased in a changed form. We should honor them as we honor the body. They must be reverently buried or entombed in a place reserved for the burial of the dead. When choosing cremation, there are many choices available including:

*Ground Burial † Granite or Glass Niches † Crypts  
† Addition to Family Lot or Crypt*

Visit [SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org](http://SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org) to learn more or call us at 855-697-7375 and a member of our staff will gladly assist you.



**SUMMER OFFICE HOURS**  
**Monday thru Thursday**  
**9:00AM—3:00PM**  
**Effective**  
**May 28 thru September 6**

## WELCOME TO HOLY ANGELS PARISH!



*We are blessed to have you share in this Eucharist Celebration. You are invited to become part of our parish family and become fully involved in our life of prayer, education, service and community.*

**BAPTISM PREPARATION PROGRAM** for new and expectant parents held on the **1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month, at 11:30AM in the Worship Center.** It is mandatory for both parents. **Parents**, please call the Parish Office on **Tuesdays or Wednesdays** to register for class and to schedule a Baptism.—856-845-0123 ext. 103

**BAPTISMS** are held each Sunday in St. Patrick Church following the 11:30AM Mass. When choosing your Godparents, please keep in mind that according to Canon Law, both Godparents must be Christian, and at least one must be a practicing Catholic.

**\*\*\*If you have been asked to be a Godparent or Confirmation Sponsor, please call the office to set up a short meeting with one of our priests to obtain your Letter of Eligibility/Sponsorship Letter.**

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS** Deadline for receiving information is Monday by noon. Email: [mail@holyangelsnj.org](mailto:mail@holyangelsnj.org)

**FLOWERS and SANCTUARY CANDLE** If you are interested in having the **Sanctuary Candle** burn in memory of your loved one, or if you would like to purchase **flowers** for the Altar in his/her memory, please contact the Parish Office at 856-845-0123 ext. 5106. Arrangements should be made in advance to make sure that the week is available.

**MARRIAGES** **Must be arranged at least 1 year in advance.** Engaged couples should reserve the Church prior to scheduling the reception. Please call the Parish Office on **Wednesdays or Thursdays** to register: 856-845-0123 ext. 5106

### TO ADVERTISE IN THE BULLETIN

Contact: Glenn Wassmer: 1-800-333-3166 ext. 171;  
 cell: 267-549-7210; or email: [wassmer@jppc.net](mailto:wassmer@jppc.net)

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## MASKS

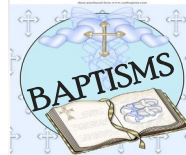
At Mass and in all parish offices, if you have been completely vaccinated, masks are not required.

You are encouraged to wear a mask if you have not been vaccinated.



*He's always waiting for you with great expectation!*

Looking for some serenity?  
 Need some peace?  
 How about some down time to just think, or just be?  
 Try an hour with Jesus....  
 every Monday at 7:00PM  
 Blessed Sacrament Adoration  
 in St. Patrick Church.

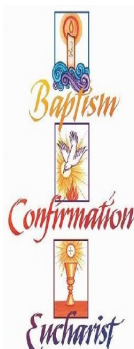


**BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS**  
**SUNDAY, September 5<sup>TH</sup>**  
**11:30AM ~ Worship Center**  
**[SIDE ENTRANCE]**  
**Call the parish office to register**  
**856-845-0123**



**HOLY ANGELS ART CLUB**  
**We're back for another colorful year!**  
**Beginning September 13**  
**Classes are on:**  
**Mondays at**  
**10:00AM AND 6:30PM**  
**~ Ministry Center ~**  
**For more information, contact Jerry O'Donnell**  
**856-534-0063**

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program that prepares adults to be received into the Catholic Church. Persons who complete the program receive the sacraments of Baptism (if not yet baptized), First Eucharist, and Confirmation.

RCIA begins after each Easter season with a rolling open enrollment and continues to the following Easter season. The program is also available for Catholics who have never received the sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation.

For more information, please contact Deacon Vince at [dvlatini@outlook.com](mailto:dvlatini@outlook.com) or 609-932-6170.



## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

### † MASS INTENTIONS †

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

9:00AM-STP Joan and John Hurley r/b Family  
 4:00PM-STP Catherine Iannitti  
 r/b Holy Angels Parish Liturgy Committee  
 5:30PM-STM James Fox r/b Bill and Diane Stinger

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

7:30AM-STP Frank Santo r/b wife, Sandy  
 8:30AM-STM Pauline Guzzo r/b Family  
 10:00AM-STP Joseph A. Walder, Sr. r/b The Madden Family  
 11:30AM-STP Fr. Alfred Onyutha  
 r/b Holy Angels Priests and Staff  
 6:00PM-STP Kenny Daniels r/b Helene Masiko

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 16

6:45AM-STP Fr. Gregory Zantti r/b a friend  
 9:00AM-STP Charles McDonald  
 r/b Albert and Ellen DeChristy

#### TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

6:45AM-STP Fr. Carlo Santa Teresa r/b a friend  
 9:00AM-STP Rita Seward r/b husband, Joe

#### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

6:45AM-STP Fr. Tim Eck, II r/b a friend  
 9:00AM-STP Guy DiGennaro r/b Family

#### THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

6:45AM-STP People of the Parish  
 9:00AM-STP Caterina Lomanno r/b The Paulsen Family

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

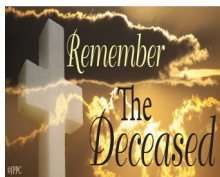
6:45AM-STP Fr. Stephen Bertonazzi r/b a friend  
 9:00AM-STP Elizabeth McIntyre r/b daughter, Deanna

#### SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

9:00AM-STP Joseph Eisenhardt, Sr. r/b Jean Eisenhardt  
 4:00PM-STP Shane Sweeney r/b The Barrett Family  
 5:30PM-STM Donald Mahley r/b The Rumaker Family

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 22

7:30AM-STP  
 8:30AM-STM  
 10:00AM-STP Hugh Sweeney r/b The Sweeney Family  
 11:30AM-STP Caterina Lomanno  
 r/b Michael and Theresa Colaizzo  
 6:00PM-STP Arnold and Elaine Slater r/b daughter, Doris



† DOROTHY BRUNO †

† CATHERINE GORMAN †

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

## 2021 MASS INTENTION BOOK

There are a number of  
 Mass intentions still available  
 before next year's book can be opened.  
 Please call the office if you would like to  
 schedule an intention for 2021.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS



### SUNDAY, AUGUST 15

5:00PM BINGO—American Legion Hall, Bellmawr  
 DOORS OPEN AT 3PM

### MONDAY, AUGUST 16

9:30AM Confessions—St. Patrick Church  
 7:00PM Adoration—St. Patrick Church  
 7:00PM K of C #1994—Worship Ctr.

### TUESDAY, AUGUST 17

9:00AM Pray the Rosary—St. Matthew Church  
 9:30AM Confessions—St. Patrick Church  
 7:00PM Men's Bible Study—St. Patrick Church Basement

### WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 18

9:30AM Confessions—St. Patrick Church

### THURSDAY, AUGUST 19

9:30AM Confessions—St. Patrick Church

### FRIDAY, AUGUST 20

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

9:30AM Confessions—St. Patrick Church

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 21

3:00PM Confessions—St. Patrick Church  
 4:30PM Confessions—St. Matthew Church



*Father in Heaven,  
 All creation rightly gives you praise,  
 for all life and all holiness  
 come from you.  
 In the plan of your wisdom  
 she who bore the Christ in her womb  
 was raised body and soul in glory  
 to be with him in heaven.  
 May we follow her example in  
 reflecting your holiness  
 and join in her hymn of  
 endless love and praise.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



### SANCTUARY CANDLE St. Patrick Church

In loving memory of  
 DELLA & GUY DIGENNARO  
 r/b Family



"Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.  
 Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and  
 their families for the selfless acts they perform in  
 our time of need." We ask this in Jesus' name.  
 Amen

**Before you sail away  
on vacation, be sure  
to sign up for  
Parish Giving so  
Holy Angels Parish  
can stay afloat  
while you're gone!**

*Jesus is the anchor  
of my soul.  
Hebrews 6:19*

**More information and registration  
information can be discovered at  
[www.holyangelsnj.org](http://www.holyangelsnj.org)**

***It's convenient, safe and easy!***

***Thank you for your consistent  
support to Holy Angels Parish.***

**HOLY ANGELS ONLINE GIVING  
—QUICK AND EASY—**

Simply scan the image you see here using  
your smart phone's Quick Response (QR)  
code reader!



*We are thankful for your consistent stewardship.*

#### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION**

*"And Mary said, "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord;  
my spirit rejoices in God my savior." - - Luke 1: 46*

After Jesus, we look to Mary as our model of **Stewardship**.  
Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's will.  
Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects  
the light of Christ. Like Mary, we too are called to reflect  
Christ to the world. We do this by living grateful and gener-  
ous lives. We do this by putting other's needs before our  
wants.

## **FACES OF HOPE**



### **2021 CAMPAIGN UPDATE**

**Gifts to-date: \$122,400**

**Our Goal: \$155,500 % of Goal: 78.7%**

A big thank you to those parishioners who responded to last  
month's reminder mailing by the Diocesan Appeals  
Office. As a result of your generosity and sacrifice we are  
approaching 80% of our goal.

And for those households who have not yet contributed this  
year, please join with your fellow parishioners in this very  
worthwhile effort. Please consider a sacrificial gift to help  
continue the mission of the Church here in our parish and in  
our Diocese.

**Thank You!  
YOUR GIFT MATTERS**

**IT'S OUR DAY!**



### **GATHERING OF WOMEN**

Enjoy fellowship and sharing  
with women of the parish!

**Every other Wednesday at 12:30pm**

**JOIN US: AUGUST 25<sup>th</sup>**

**REDBANK BATTLEFIELD**

**BY THE PAVILION**

**BYOL & B!**

(BRING YOUR OWN LUNCH & BEVERAGE)

For more information, contact  
Phyllis Misilewich at 856-251-9086



### **ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**

*Thank you for your generous support throughout the year!*

If you or someone you know needs assistance, please  
call our help line: 856-848-7744.

We are seeking new members to help us continue in assisting  
those less fortunate in this area. We particularly need anyone  
who is available during daytime hours to serve as Client Advo-  
cates. This does not require a lot of time.

We meet just once a month on the second Tuesday at 7PM for  
about an hour. Our Client Advocates may put in an extra  
5 hours during one week in a 4 to 6 week period.  
No experience is necessary. We'll provide the training.

***Come and explore how we help our brothers and sisters in the  
community and how you can be a part of this mission!***

**THIS WEEKEND'S  
SECOND COLLECTION:  
FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION**







## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

81 COOPER ST. • WOODBURY

856-845-6826

OFFICE HOURS

Monday thru Thursday: 9:00AM-1:00PM

### REGISTRATION LETTERS

Registration letters for 2021-2022 were sent home. Please read the packet and complete all forms enclosed. Make sure all pre-printed information is correct and please designate the session your child(ren) will be attending. **Return to the Office of Family Faith Formation as soon as possible.**

If you have not received the registration letter, please contact the Family Faith Office at **856-845-6826**.

**Parents/Guardians** if you have children entering grades 1,2,7, or 8, who attend Catholic School and haven't received the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation, please contact the Parish Family Faith Formation Office. Sacraments are received in the parish where family is registered NOT the Catholic School where the children attend.

### VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer catechists, aides and office help are needed for the fall sessions. Training provided. Contact the Family Faith Office at 856-845-6826 or email: [iclark@holyangelsnj.org](mailto:iclark@holyangelsnj.org).



## HOLY ANGELS



### CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**Holy Angels Catholic School**

*Enroll now for the 2021-2022 school year.*

**We offer small class sizes and a strong academic and spiritual education.**

Visit our website at:

[www.holyangelswoodbury.org](http://www.holyangelswoodbury.org)

or contact the school: **856-848-6826**

*The small school, with a big heart!*

*We would like to thank all of our families and parishioners who supported us throughout the year! We could not do it alone!*



**Register today we  
have a few more  
seats** 💕



## Holy Angels



## Holy Angels



**Join us on**

## Sunday Nights

**Doors Open at 3pm Games**

**Begin at 5pm**

**Brooklawn American**

**Legion 11 RR Lane**



Please use our link when making your purchases on Amazon—our School receives a percentage back! The link shows up as Holy Angels Parish!

<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-2392839>



**Joseph's HOUSE** **CASSEROLES** is a homeless shelter for men and women located in the city of Camden.

We are looking for people who would be willing to participate in either making casseroles or donating supplies to this cause.

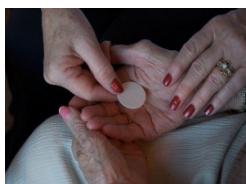
Casseroles are delivered on the first Monday of each month, along with donated paper supplies, coffee, laundry products to the Joseph House.

**For more information, and next delivery date, please contact Jerry Campbell at 856-435-0509 or [jerbotemple@comcast.net](mailto:jerbotemple@comcast.net)**

### CAN YOU HELP?

#### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Catholic patients at Inspira Medical Center, Mullica Hill, could use a warm smile, a visit, and would love to receive the Eucharist.



We are looking for volunteers for one or more days a month.

For more information, contact

Nancy DiSeveria: 856-278-8866 or

email: [nancy.diseveria@camdendiocese.org](mailto:nancy.diseveria@camdendiocese.org).

**NOTE: Our hospital ministry is currently on hold due to COVID-19. We are now accepting new volunteers to add to our team and be ready to serve when our ministry resumes.**

**NATIONAL LIFE CENTER / 1ST WAY  
68 N. BROAD ST • WOODBURY 08096**

The 1<sup>ST</sup> Way Life Center is in need of volunteer RN's to run pregnancy tests. Please call the 1<sup>ST</sup> Life Center: 856-848-1819

*Thank you for your support.*

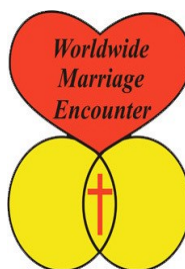


**PAUL VI HIGH SCHOOL  
GIRLS BASKETBALL OUTDOOR  
SKILLS CLINICS AND CAMPS  
August 9 – 12 and August 19-22  
6:00 to 8:00PM**

**FOR GIRLS ENTERING GRADES 5 – 8**

Cost ranges from \$40 for a single evening session to a discounted rate of \$240 for 2 full sessions.

For details and registration, please contact Paul VI Girls Basketball Head Coach Ms. Lisa Steele, at [lisaksteele@gmail.com](mailto:lisaksteele@gmail.com)



### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Plants need fertilizer to grow healthy and strong and so too does your marriage. Without some nurturing and care it will remain weak and unfulfilling. Spread a little fertilizer on your relationship. Make a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend and watch your love for each other grow.

The next weekend 2021 dates are **October 8-10 and December 3-5**. Call 609-741-8012 for information or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org). Visit our website: [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org).

### MARY, UNDOER OF KNOTS

**AUGUST 26—TRIVIA NIGHT WITH A TWIST** Join us for outdoor dining at Carollo's Little Italy, **6:00PM**, at 777 East Main Street, Moorestown. Afterwards, we'll play trivia. In the event of inclement weather, we'll gather inside. Please bring your mask.

#### SEPTEMBER SERVICE PROJECT —OPERATION YELLOW RIBBON—

It's the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of 9/11 and we would like to help our troops who have sacrificed so much for us. Therefore, we will be collecting an assortment of items in an effort to support **Operation Yellow Ribbon**. The items being collecting are as follows: Rice Krispie treats, bagged tuna/chicken (tear-open pouches,) chewing gum, dry roasted peanuts/mixed nuts, potato chips in cylinder or can, trail mix, baby powder, baby wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, chapstick, Kleenex, sunscreen (lotion only,) deodorant (sticks only,) shampoo, conditioner, moisturizing bath soap, body lotion, and emory boards.

Donations can be dropped off at Camp Bow Wow, located at 3 Esterbrook Lane, Suite 250, Cherry Hill **OR** at 504 Route 130 North, Suite 100 Cinnaminson.

**ALL DONATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED FROM  
SEPTEMBER 20<sup>TH</sup>—30<sup>TH</sup> DURING BUSINESS HOURS.**

**For more information, contact Rosanne at:  
[persistent21@verizon.net](mailto:persistent21@verizon.net)**



## AUGUST 15 — FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION

### Reading I: Revelation 11: 19A; 12: 1-6a, 10ab

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple. 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. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One."

### Reading II: I Corinthians 15: 20-27

Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet."

### Gospel: Luke 1: 39-56

Mary set out and traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

And Mary said:

*"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: The Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever."*

Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

### Reading I: Revelation 11: 19A; 12: 1-6a, 10ab

The opening of the Temple expresses an extraordinary self-revelation of God. The woman in this vision our Church takes to be the Virgin Mary. She boldly faces the red dragon, the symbol of chaos. Salvation comes through Christ her Son.

### Reading II: I Corinthians 15: 20-27

Paul offers a thesis: at the end of time when everyone ever created will rise from the dead, along with "those who belong to Christ." We know and believe that Our Lady belonged to Christ.

### The Gospel: Luke 1: 39-56

Elizabeth and Mary pronounce the meaning of Jesus in God's plan of salvation. Mary offers her great prayer of praise, the "Magnificat." Her prayer is an integral part of the Liturgy of the Hours as Evening Prayer.

**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

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

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

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

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

**Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Eph 5:21-32 or 2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69

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