

Church of the Holy Spirit

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15, 2021



Mass Schedule

Saturday: Vigil Mass at 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

Daily Mass (Monday Through Saturday):

8:30 a.m.

Holy Days: As announced

Rectory Office Hours

Monday: 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

No Saturday hours during the summer.

Confessions

Saturday: 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

By Deacon Lachlan Cameron

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII in *Munificentissimus Deus* (The Most Bountiful God) said: “We pronounce, declare and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma that the immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul to heavenly glory.” We notice that he says “having completed the course of her earthly life.” That leaves it open to interpretation whether or not Mary died before she was assumed into Heaven.

Theologically speaking, death is often understood to be a consequence of original sin. Since Mary was conceived without original sin, some theologians have wondered if Mary died, or perhaps was taken into heaven without experiencing death. The Catechism of the Catholic Church doesn't answer this question, but simply states “The most blessed Virgin Mary, when the course of her earthly life was completed, was taken up body and soul into the glory of heaven.” From early on, it was clear that there were no relics of Mary. There was an empty tomb in Jerusalem which quickly became a place of pilgrimage. There are also stories from early Apostolic Tradition and quotes from early Christian letters and sermons that point us toward the assumption of Mary. The feast of the “Memory of Mary” is one of the earliest Marian feasts and was celebrated as early as the 300s.

The Eastern Churches... the Orthodox churches... celebrate the feast as the “Dormition of the Mother of God”. “Dormition” means “falling asleep” and refers to Mary's death. Art in the Western Church usually depicts the Assumption with Mary going up to Heaven while still alive, although there are a few pieces which also show her funeral. Ultimately, whether or not she was alive at the time is unimportant. We only need to know that she was assumed body and soul into Heaven. Jesus, because He is God, ascended into Heaven by His own power. Mary was assumed into Heaven by the power of God. As the Mother of God...immaculate from the moment of her conception....this was an appropriate conclusion to her earthly journey.

What does this mean for us? We know that...unlike Mary...we were born with the stain of original sin. As such we will one day die when our earthly journey is over. At the moment of death our soul will meet God in what is known as ‘The Particular Judgement’...where we will ‘enter into the blessedness of heaven...either immediately... or through a purification (Purgatory)....or... we will receive immediate and everlasting damnation.’ (Catechism of the Catholic Church) (CCC). At the end of time there will be the resurrection of all the dead at the Last Judgement. The Acts of the Apostles tell us that the resurrection of all the dead...the just and the unjust, will precede the Last Judgement. Each week in the Creed we profess our belief in the Last Judgement.....sometimes we say those words without paying attention!

Unlike Mary who was assumed body and soul into Heaven, we will be raised on the last day and our body reunited with our soul. Some may say how can we be resurrected? Our resurrection..like that of Jesus...will be the work of the Most Holy Trinity (CCC). St. Paul tells us in many of his letters....Corinthians...Thessalonians and more....that “if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit who dwells in you.” None of us like to think of death. However our Faith gives us Hope in the glory of Eternal Life. This day as we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Mother and her entry into Heaven...we are filled with confidence that the promises Christ made to us are indeed being fulfilled.

May Almighty God bless, protect us from all evil, and bring us into everlasting life. Amen

September 11: 20th Anniversary Memorial Events



Join Us in Remembering All Those Who Perished on 9/11

Members of the FDNY, NYPD, paramedics, construction workers and all first responders who assisted during 9/11 will also be acknowledged at all of Holy Spirit's Masses that weekend:

Saturday, 9/11: 5:00 p.m. Vigil Mass and

Sunday, 9/12: 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

At the 11:30 a.m. Mass on September 12, all uniformed service members, with any affiliation to 9/11 are invited to process into Holy Spirit Church at the beginning of Mass.

Members in uniform should meet between 10:45 and 11:15 a.m., at the Firehouse located at 11 S. 5th Street in New Hyde Park.



After the 11:30 a.m. Mass, all parishioners are welcome to attend a brief service at the Firehouse, located at 1555 Jericho Turnpike, NHP.

There will be remarks from dignitaries in attendance.

A BBQ will follow the service.

Religious Education

**Mr.
Bob**



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To Register for Religious Education!!

All registrations are by appointment ONLY.

Parents/guardians should contact Mr. Bob Hodgson, Holy Spirit's Director of Religious Education, at (516) 354-0359 ext. 132 or at MrBobDRE@aol.com.

All classes are in-person.

Classes start on the following dates:

The first Thursday class for grades 1, 2 and 3 will begin on September 23 at 3:45 p.m.

The first Sunday class for grades 1 - 8 will begin on September 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Grades 1 to 3 meet on Thursdays from 3:45 to 4:45 p.m.

Grades 1 to 8 meet on Sundays from 10:30 am to 11:45 am.

Announcements

FREE Pre-K and Kindergarten Religious Education Classes

If your child or grandchild are turning either 4 or 5 by December 1st, now is the time to enroll them in Holy Spirit's **FREE** Religious Education Program for Pre-K and Kindergarten.

- ✓ It's Free
- ✓ Classes are twice a month on a Sunday
- ✓ Classes meet from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.
- ✓ It's a fun way for children to learn about their faith
- ✓ Children will make crafts, sing songs and play games.

For more information or to make an appointment today, call or email Mr. Bob Hodgson at (516) 354-0359, Ext. 132 or MrBobDRE@AOL.COM



Auditions for The Sound of Music

All Parishioners Welcome!

If you would like to audition, stop by Holy Spirit's Church Auditorium any of the following evenings at 7:00 p.m.:

Tuesday, August 24

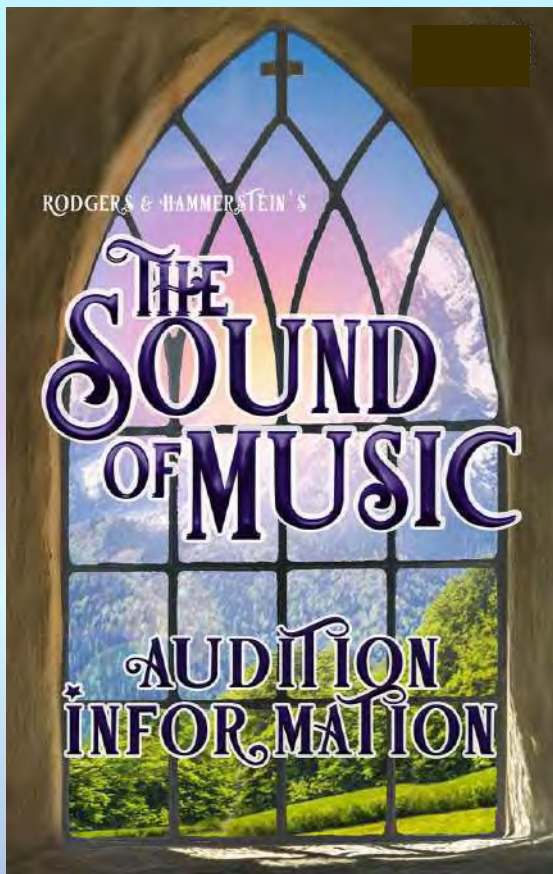
Wednesday, August 25 or

Thursday, August 26

Call backs will be held on Tuesday, August 31 at 7:00 p.m.

Performances will be held

Friday, November 19 – Sunday, November 21



Announcements

Meeting on Wednesday for Current and New Family Mass Lectors

A Family Mass Lector Meeting is being held on Wednesday, August 18th at 7:00 p.m., in the church.

If you are interested in becoming a lector, you must be between the ages of 9 and 18.

The new lector schedule which runs from September 5 through December 26, 2021, will be distributed at the meeting.

We will be discussing VERY IMPORTANT protocols!
ALL Family Mass lectors must attend this meeting!

There will also be a nice treat after the meeting!
Fr. Grieco, Marie, and Fran will be taking the lectors to Yesterday's Diner for dessert.



Meeting for Adult Lectors

There will be a meeting on Saturday, **September 25th at 11:00 a.m.**, in the Church, for all **weekday and weekend** lectors.

Please make every effort to attend this meeting.

**BACK TO
SCHOOL
SUPPLY
DRIVE**



It's that time of year again. Holy Spirit's Social Ministry will be collecting school supplies for our youngsters: Notebooks, pencils, pens, rulers, loose-leaf paper, back packs, etc.

Donations of school supplies or food, can be dropped off inside the church entrance on Saturday or Sunday during Mass times.

Holy Spirit Social Ministry

The Food Pantry items most needed this week are jelly, small bags of rice, juice boxes, pancake mix and pancake syrup. Drug store and supermarket gift cards are always welcome. ***Please make sure food that is donated is not expired or opened.***

Your support is appreciated! Thank you to Dominick's Deli of Herrick's Road for their generosity to the Pantry. We would also like to thank Stop & Shop for their support. The New Hyde Park store donates \$1.00 for each reusable shopping bag sold, so please purchase a bag to help our Pantry. The Little Neck store has food donations bins.

**Food Pantry hours:
Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**

Respect Life Committee

Respect Life Committee

Coordinator: Florence Scarinci

Life is getting back to normal. The Respect Life Committee will be once again engaging in pro-life activities. Please mark your calendars for these events.

September 18 & 19 after all Masses

Spiritual Adoption Program sign up

Commit to pray a short prayer every day for 9 months for an unborn baby.

September 22

Start of **40 Days for Life**, praying for preborn babies privately, and publicly witnessing outside of Hempstead abortion clinic. Sign up at 40daysforlife.org. Ends October 31.

October 3: 11:30 Mass

Mass to honor Health Care Workers who served tirelessly during the pandemic. They truly exemplify respect for life.

October 3: 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Stand Up for Life

Peaceful, silent witness for preborn babies along Route 110 in Farmingdale.

October 16: 5 p.m. Mass

Mass to honor police, EMTs, military who served tirelessly during the pandemic. They truly exemplify respect for life.

November 1

Beginning of pro-life essay contest for junior high and high school students. Details to follow.

November 30

Last day to submit pro-life essays for the contest.

December 8

National Night of Prayer for life

Pray a rosary in your home for respect for life from conception to natural death.

Saint Vincent de Paul Walk

13th Annual Friends of the Poor 5K Walk

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to Join us in Walking 3.1 miles and/or make a donation to help.

Saturday, September 25 at Bethpage Community Park

Check-in: 9 AM Walk Start: 10 AM

To Join us in the Walk or to donate,
go to RunsignUp.com/HolySpirit

The money raised by our team helps our neighbors in New Hyde Park and Garden City Park who need assistance with rent, utilities and other expenses. You can also donate by placing an envelope, clearly marked for the SVdP Walk, in the Sunday collection or mail to Holy Spirit Church, 16 South 6th Street, New Hyde Park, NY 11040. Checks should be made payable to Saint Vincent de Paul. Be sure to include your first name, last name, phone number, home address and email.

For more information email: SVDPHolySpiritNHP@gmail.com



Reflection

Sunday, August 15, 2021: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Solemnity (Lec. 622)

- 1) Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab
- 2) 1 Corinthians 15:20-27
- 3) Luke 1:39-56

FOCUS: Mary, cause of our joy, pray for us.

The infant Jesus in Mary's womb was a cause for joy for Elizabeth and John, her unborn son. Christ is present in us through the gift of the Eucharist. Where is our joy? Does it overflow and draw others to know and love Mary's Son, Jesus? Mary is our model and our aid. She delights to intercede that all may trust Jesus.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

John's vision from Revelation tells of a great sign, a woman clothed with the sun and the dragon who stood ready to devour her child. God protected both mother and son. In the second reading, Paul encourages the Corinthians: as Christ has destroyed death, so through his resurrection, his believers, will be brought to life at the proper time. In the Gospel, Mary travels to visit Elizabeth. When Mary greets her, the infant in Elizabeth's womb *leaped for joy*.

Schedules for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion

9:30 AM

Family Mass Lectors: August 15 and 22, 2021

If you are unable to make a Mass, please call/text Marie Scandura at 516-279-8381. Lectors should arrive at the Church no later than 9:15 a.m.

August 15, 2021

Intro	Kaitlyn O'Brien
First Reading	Albert Ferri
Second Reading	Matthew Young
Petitions	Shyler Fernandes

August 22, 2021

Intro	Alex Cheung
First Reading	Selena Jones
Second Reading	Linda Cheung
Petitions	Sean Jones

Adult Schedule for Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion: August 14 - 22, 2021

Mass Time	Lector Assignments August 14 - 15, 2021	Lector Assignments August 21 - 22, 2021
5:00 PM	Frank McLarney	Phyllis & John Thomas
8:00 AM	Jim Corrigan	Sarah Oliveri
11:30 AM	Ninabeth Palces	Tim Smith

Mass Time	EM Assignment August 14 - 15, 2021	EM Assignment August 21 - 22, 2021
5:00 PM	Julie Loven and Maureen Wagner	Irene Umile and Julie Loven
8:00 AM	Juan Estrella and Doris Graziano	Annette Sequino and Carol Zarzycki
11:30 AM	Kathleen O'Neill and Thomas Eagen	Kathleen O'Neill

Mass Intentions & Prayers

Saturday, August 14 **Saint Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr**
 8:30 AM Michael Nickic
 5:00 PM Vigil Virgilio and Rose Pacaldo
 Parishioners of Holy Spirit

Sunday, August 15 **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 8:00 AM Rocco Imbriano
 9:30 AM Domiciano Villegas
 11:30 AM Fred Circharo

Monday, August 16 **Weekday**
 8:30 AM Purgatorial Society

Tuesday, August 17 **Weekday**
 8:30 AM Mariana Ramirez

Wed., August 18 **Weekday**
 8:30 AM Dennis Soerdjpal

Thursday, August 19 **Weekday**
 8:30 AM Marie Astrup

Friday, August 20 **Saint Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church**
 8:30 AM Sister Helen Chasse

Saturday, August 21 **Saint Pius X, Pope**
 8:30 AM Filomena DiLauro
 Frank Verni
 5:00 PM Vigil Sister Annette Marie Sledzaus

Sunday, August 22 **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 8:00 AM Parishioners of Holy Spirit
 9:30 AM Barbara Hamparian
 11:30 AM Clarence O'Brien



Prayer Requests

Maria Batista-Toro	Tony Forde	James Gough
Joan Halstead	Agnes Kozhimannil	Janet Rossano
Matthew Sabena	Frank Sequino	Sisi Tamburino
John Tumulty	and for those serving in our military	

*Prayer requests will appear for four weeks.
 Please notify the rectory if a prayer request needs to be extended.*

This Week's Bread and Wine Is in Loving Memory of
 Fred and Josephine Giacomino



With Love and Prayers,
 daughter Mary Ann Thater

This Week's Candle Burns in Loving Memory of
 Fred and Josephine Giacomino



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Mass Intentions for 2021 are Still Available

To request a Mass Intention, stop by the rectory during office hours. For all Mass Intentions the requested donation is \$20. The requested donation for Bread and Wine, or Candle, offerings are \$25.

Dispensation for Obligation to Attend Mass Ends This Weekend

As a reminder, the lifting of the dispensation for the obligation to attend Sunday and Holy Day Masses ends this weekend, Sunday, August 15, 2021. The Feast of the Assumption of Mary, the Blessed Mother, is a wonderful way to recommit ourselves to attending Mass on a regular basis.

BAPTISMS

To arrange for your child's baptism, please contact Deacon John Hogan at jhoganhs@gmail.com

Baptisms are held the first Saturday of each month at 2:00 p.m.



SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements must be made at least one year prior to the ceremony and before arrangements are made for the reception.



Please contact Fr. Grieco at frgrieco@yahoo.com.

Bulletin Deadline

Please note, Wednesday, August 18 is the deadline for submitting requests for the August 29, bulletin.

Requests should be sent to both mgannon@holyspiritli.org and frgrieco@yahoo.com

50/50 Club

Join or Renew Your Subscription

Join, or renew your membership to, the 50-50 Club. The subscription is \$100 for 12 drawings. The usual prize is about \$500. The more participants, the greater the prize amount. The funds collected are divided evenly between the church and winning prize.

If you have any questions, email Rich or Maureen McCabe at richmo70@aol.com or call them at 516 248-2820. Place your envelope, clearly marked for the 50/50 Club in the Sunday collection. Please include, the check for \$100 made payable to the 50/50 Club, along with your first name, last name, phone number, home address and email.

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