

**Monday, August 13, 2007, Weekday; Pontian, pope, martyr, and Hippolytus, priest martyr**

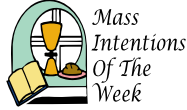
6:30 Richard Doak †  
9:00 Vincent Navin †

**Tue., Aug. 14, Maximilian Mary Kolbe, priest, martyr**

6:30 Corinna Irish †  
9:00 Mike Kelliher †

**Wed. August 15, The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

6:30 Special Intention  
9:00 Helen Schnieders †  
4:30 People of the Parish  
7:30 Mann Family



**Thursday, August 16, Weekday; Stephen of Hungary**

6:30 Msgr. Mahler  
9:00 Raymond Stevenson †

**Friday, August 17, Weekday**

6:30 David Leahigh †  
9:00 John Threlfall †

**Saturday, August 18, Weekday; Jane Frances de Chantal, religious; Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:15 Mary Harris †  
5:00 Kenneth Rostkowski †

**Sun., August 19, Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 Philip Murphy  
9:00 Joaquina & Joaõ Margarinhos †  
10:30 Ann Matich †  
12:00 People of the Parish

**Readings for the Week of August 12, 2007**

Sunday Wis 18:6-9; Ps 33; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19 or 11:1-2, 8-12; Lk 12:32-48 or 12:35-40  
Monday Dt 10:12-22; Ps 147; Mt 17:22-27  
Tuesday Dt 31:1-8; Dt 32:3-4, 7, 8, 9, 12; Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14  
Wednesday Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2; Ps 132; 1 Cor 15:54b-57; Lk 11:27-28  
Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Ps 45; 1 Cor 15:20-27; Lk 1:39-56  
Thursday Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17; Ps 114; Mt 18:21-19:1  
Friday Jos 24:1-13; Ps 136; Mt 19:3-12  
Saturday Jos 24:14-29; Ps 16; Mt 19:13-15



**Please Pray For**

Albert & Marie Balint	Gary & Cindy Hogan	Al Parsons
William T. Berry	Laura Holleran	Mary Pistorino
Sonja & Soraya	Maureen Hollingsworth	Elia Priestley
Borghese	Muriel Jennings	Joseph Riotto
Michelle Brewer	Mary Johnson	Lois Riscile
William Carnazzo	Mimi Johnson	Edelisa Samson
Esperanza Castillo	Billee Jordan	Margaret Serrao
Juan Chirino	Dede Kazunas	Leah Shannon
Michael Clarke	Shirley Kelley	Sister Jeanine
Carol Coad	Col. James J. Kelly	Sister Marion
Vincent Corcoran	Alice Koutsoumpas	Barbara Skytell
Edward Cotter	Katherine Malcolm	Mary Spann
Estelle Danielson	Annette McGovern	Margaret Stimpfle
Marie Davalos	Ferenc Molnar	Eileen Sweeney
Jessie Dillon	Matthew Morgan	Raymond Vagli
Lucille Dion	Marilyn Middleton	Theresa Vartanian
Denis Downey, Jr.	Edmund Milauckas	Graham Waite
Bryan Downie	Nancy Miller	Mary Ellen Waite
Pam Dunne	Monica Mizerek	Mary Frances Weil
Phil Dunton	June Nage	
Kathleen Harrington	Fatima Neto	
Scott Harris	Lang Nguyen	
Charles Harrison	Ernest Oddono	

**From the Pastor**

I pause here in my concise history of the Mass to write about a sacred language. Our sacred language, our liturgical language, Latin. Mass has been said in Latin since the late second century and its status as the liturgical language of the Latin Rite was reaffirmed at Vatican II which stated in the Sacred Constitution of the Liturgy, Sacrosanctum Concilium, "particular law remains in force, the use of the Latin Language is to be preserved in the Latin Rite".

Mass was first celebrated in Greek (the Last Supper was celebrated in Hebrew), for the early Christians would not use Hebrew for their worship except for two phrases, amen and alleluia. So they used the common language which at the time was Greek. The early theologians (the Fathers of the Church) wrote in Greek, the earliest inscriptions in the Catacombs were in Greek. Latin was first used at Mass, not in Rome, but in Africa. The first pope to celebrate Mass in Latin, in Rome, was Pope Victor I (190-202) who was African. It was the third century when Latin took its hold on Christian prayers and writings.

The Latin used at Mass was not the Latin of the classical authors such as Cicero or Seneca nor was it the language used by the common people, e.g. Plautus, the playwright. The Latin language used in the liturgy was different enough from the vernacular as to highlight the specialness of the Mass. Just as the western Church made a conscious decision to turn from Greek to Latin (the Kyrie Eleison is Greek not Latin) so they made a conscious decision to keep Latin even when it ceased to be widely spoken.

Up to the 1960's Catholics wanted the Mass to remain in Latin. Polls taken back then showed at the time of the Council that the majority of Catholics worldwide wanted to retain Latin in the Mass. Someone once told me we should have Mass in Latin as we have in Spanish or Vietnamese. But that is wrong. They are national languages, Latin transcends all borders, it belongs to no nation. By the century before the Council, the Latin of the liturgy had made its way into our daily living through feasts, phrases ("mea culpa"), mottoes and inscriptions. Even small parts of the bible were quoted in Latin. The Charismatic faith healer, Dr. D'Orio, would quote the Latin bible text before he said it in English.

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**Pastor's Column continued...**

The bishops at Vatican II did not want Latin to be replaced, rather they asked for a wider use of the vernacular especially in the readings. The Dominican, Cardinal Brown addressed the Council to warn against any use of the vernacular. He said it would lead to the day when there was no Latin in the Mass. The bishops at the Council broke out in laughter because they thought that would never happen.



News from  
"The Word"

**St. John Parish Book & Gift Shop**

The WORD is open on Wednesday evenings 6:45-7:30 pm, and  
Sundays after the 9:00 & 10:30 am Masses

**August 12 & 19:** The WORD is **closed** for summer vacations. We will reopen on Sunday, August 26th.



**Religious Education**

**CCD REGISTRATION FORMS:** Last month the Religious Education Office mailed out registration forms to all families enrolled last year. We would appreciate it if you would please send your completed forms in as soon as possible. This greatly facilitates planning for the new school year.

**In Our Parish**

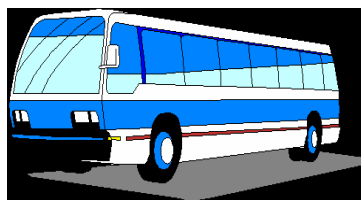


**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:**

This Wednesday, August 15, 2007, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 6:30 am, 9:00 am, 4:30 pm and 7:30 pm. (No Wednesday Adoration, Novena or Confessions because of Holy Day)

**SHARE SUNDAY:** Next Sunday, August 19, we will have our monthly collection for those in need. A vehicle will be parked outside church to receive your donations. The food Pantry is experiencing a shortage in the following items: jelly (strawberry or grape), cooking oil sugar, canned fruit and fruit juices, laundry detergent, and paper products. In addition, monetary donations will be used to assist families with emergency needs for rent, utilities, medical and dental bills. Please made checks payable to St. John Church with "Share" on the memo line. Thank you for your continued support.

**Blessed the PEOPLE  
the LORD has chosen  
to be HIS OWN.**



**SENIORS:** Our first trip of the Fall will be on Thursday, October 11, 2007, to the newly renovated Baltimore Basilica and the Walters

Gallery. Lunch included. A sign-up sheet will be posted in late August in the Vestibule of the church. Bring your friends, Seniors or not. Sign up early. Questions? Call Ray Bergan, 703-288-0946.

**GRUPPO FRASSATI: ST. JOHN'S YOUNG ADULTS**

The following are the upcoming events for young adults ages 20's - 40's, single or married:

**August Rosary dinner,** August 18, 7:00pm, 5810 Fifer Dr., Alexandria, VA 22303. Please RSVP to Peter Nuar at [peternuar@gmail.com](mailto:peternuar@gmail.com);

**Middle Eastern Food Festival & Byzantine Church Tour,** Holy Transfiguration, Lewinsville Rd., McLean, Labor Day Weekend, Sept. 1 (11:00am-11:00pm). Many young adults (this will be a YAM event, as well) from the area will meet at Holy Transfiguration for Saturday Evening Vespers, followed by a Church Tour (conducted by Sabatino Carnazzo, Director of Evangelization at St. John's) and a delicious Lamb Dinner. Please arrive around 5:30pm to be in time for Vespers.

**Race into Autumn 5K & Brunch,** September 22, 8:30am, Northern VA Training Center, 9901 Braddock Rd., Fairfax (\$20 race entry fee). Proceeds go to benefit adults with disabilities. Please register for the race on your own ([www.active.com](http://www.active.com)) and then let Jamie Taylor know at [1pet3.4@gmail.com](mailto:1pet3.4@gmail.com). Brunch/lunch follows after the race at Lynda Rozell's home in Fairfax. Not racing? Come and cheer "team Frassati" on, and then join us for brunch. For brunch, please RSVP to Lynda at [gsdove116@yahoo.com](mailto:gsdove116@yahoo.com) or call her at 703-591-3879 for address and directions.

**Altar Server Schedule**



**Daily Mass Monday, August 13, 2007**  
9:00 am D'Ermes

**Daily Mass Tuesday, August 14**  
9:00 am Delvecchio


**Wednesday, August 15 (Feast of Assumption)**  
9:00 am McCoys  
4:30 pm Evans  
7:30 pm Manns

**Daily Mass Thursday, August 16**  
9:00 am Oeler

**Daily Mass Friday, August 17**  
9:00 am Myer

**Saturday, August 18**  
8:15 am Mehigans  
5:00 pm Vigil Giaimo, Russo, Zehnder

**Sunday Masses, August 19**  
7:30 am D'Ermes, Duffey, O'Donnell  
9:00 am Guillen, Arevalo, Bello  
10:30 am McGiffins, Glover  
12:00 pm B. & C. Evans, P. & C. McCoy, Ludwicks, Berry, Delvecchio



**St. John Youth Corner**

Senior Youth Group Website- [www.sjsyq.org](http://www.sjsyq.org)  
~NEXT SENIOR YOUTH MEETING~  
NEW SCHOOL YEAR KICK-OFF MEETING  
**September 9th at 7:00 pm**  
COME SEE YOUR FRIENDS, MAKE NEW ONES, AND JUST HANG-OUT BEFORE SCHOOL STARTS AGAIN!

**AN INVITATION TO SERVE AT THE ALTAR:** The Altar Server Corps at St. John the Beloved invites **all boys in Grades 5 through high school** to join the dedicated group of young men who serve at the altar. Training sessions begin in early September and we look forward to welcoming many new Servers. Contact Mrs. Thunder at [thundergroup@juno.com](mailto:thundergroup@juno.com)


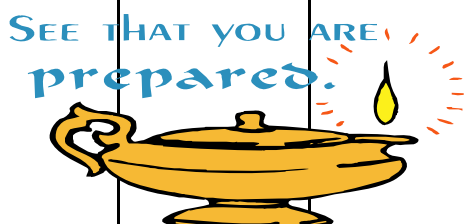
**ST. JOHN ACADEMY**, with its rich 50 year history, provides children with a classic Catholic education rooted in a tradition of academic excellence and spirituality. Our motto is "Faith, Knowledge, and Joy" - the three virtues that epitomize the Academy's approach to education. Through **Faith**, children learn to look beyond themselves. **Knowledge** denotes the curriculum, which educates the intellect, the body, and the soul. **Joy** completes the mission rooted in the Christian understanding that true happiness is found through self-sacrifice, charity and service to others. We still have a few openings in all but the 2nd and 5th grades. Call 703-356-7916 to register your children.

**THRIFT SHOP NEWS ~ Quality at Bargain Prices:** We are in need of two 30" wide x 6' tall book cases. Call parish office to donate. Thank you. We are preparing to re-open on Tuesday, September 11. We will be taking donations of clean usable clothing and household goods on Mondays from 9:30 am till Noon starting on August 13. Volunteers needed: Have you recently retired, living in an empty nest or are the parent of a St. John student looking for something worthwhile to do while the kids are in school? The Thrift Shop would like to invite you to spend a few hours, one day a week or more, volunteering to help us carry on the spirit of our founders by contributing to our community with this important charitable work. If you are interested in volunteering please call Marie at (703)790-0688 or Marge at (703) 356-1830.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of our recently deceased parishioner, Dr. Robert H. Roberts.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SAVE THIS DATE...** Saturday, 6:00 pm, September 22, 2007 for the St. Peter Claver Dinner to benefit African Orphans with AIDS. More information TBA.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
August 12, 2007	13	14	15	16	17	18
	<u>Sew &amp; So Forth</u> 9:45 am DR Rm  <u>Legion of Mary</u> 7:30 pm DR Rm	<u>Jr. Legion of Mary</u> 3:30 pm DR Rm	<b>NO ADORATION</b>  <b>HOLY DAY:</b> <b><u>ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY</u></b> Mass: 6:30am 9:00am 4:30pm 7:30pm	<u>St. John Choir</u> 7:30 pm		

*From St. John's Office of Evangelization . . .*

**THE ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN (part I)**

Among the many teachings that separate the myriad of Protestant sects from the Catholic Church is the ancient belief in the Assumption of the Mother of God. This Catholic teaching, which states that the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken bodily into heaven at the end of her earthly life, is disputed by most Protestants on the basis that this event is not found in the Sacred Scriptures. Jack Chick, a well-known anti-Catholic, gives us a sense of the Protestant position on this Catholic belief. "Central is their Virgin Mary who has been elevated by papal decree to the status of a goddess. Nothing in the Bible suggests that the biblical Mary is anything else but a devout, ordinary Jewish woman . . . Rome has transformed her into a sinless, celestial being . . . This is sheer blasphemy, making her equal with Jesus in the minds of the hundreds of millions of Roman Catholics around the world. In fact, Jesus has been reduced to a wheat wafer in the Eucharist and the practical focus of their worship is now upon Mary, Queen of Heaven, rather than Jesus as King and Savior." What is the truth? Was Mary simply an "ordinary Jewish woman?" Is the doctrine of the Assumption really a papal invention designed to take glory away from Jesus? Over the next few weeks, we will consider what the Bible and historic Christianity have to say about Mary.

In attempting to answer the Protestant attack quoted above, we must first consider the fundamental error which underlies the argument. This error is that of *sola scriptura*, the Protestant doctrine that teaches that the Bible alone is the sole rule of Faith. Since we have considered this error in detail in the past, we will only quickly review it here. What does the Bible teach about where the fullness of revelation is to be found? In his second letter to the Thessalonians, Saint Paul gives us a clear answer: "Brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by letter" (2 Thess 2:15). Clearly, Saint Paul expects his disciples to follow not only the "letters" or epistles which he sent them, but also the oral teachings which he shared when he was with them in person. This two-fold rule of faith, oral tradition and written tradition (scripture), is then the rule from which Christians are to order their lives. Further, the Protestant position is shown to be erroneous by the very fact that the belief in the Bible alone as the sole authority from which man is to rule his life is not found in the Bible itself. Thus the Protestant doctrine of *sola scriptura* is a self-refuting doctrine, for if this doctrine is not found in the Bible, then according to the Protestant position, it can not be held as a divinely revealed teaching.

The above argument set aside, what does the Bible teach about the Assumption? It is helpful to realize that the miraculous bodily assumption of a holy person is not unique to Mary. In the Bible, we find that a number of holy people were "taken" from the earth. The first of these miraculous events is found in the book of Genesis, where we read about the holy Patriarch Enoch who "walked with God; and he was not, for God took him" (Gen 5:24). Many will recall the story of the Holy Prophet Elijah who was taken into heaven in the fiery chariot and appeared again at the Transfiguration of Christ (2 Kgs 2:11, Lk 9:30). A less known occurrence of bodily assumption is that of Moses, known through a tradition held by the Jews and early Christians alike based upon Biblical evidence and confirmed by his bodily appearance with Elijah at the Transfiguration (cf Dt 34:6, Jude 1:9, Lk 9:30). What does all of this have to do with Mary? Simply this; that the Bible does in fact give strong evidence for the bodily assumption of holy people! If our Protestant brethren have a problem with the Assumption of Mary because they believe that this would take away glory from Jesus, then they do not just have a problem with a teaching of the Catholic Church, they have a problem with the teaching of the Bible itself!

What about the Assumption of Mary? Is there evidence in the Bible for such a belief? The answer is YES! In the Book of Revelation, the beloved Apostle John is granted a vision into the heavenly temple where he sees "a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rev 11: 19 – 12:1). This heavenly woman is said to be with child, whom the "ancient serpent, who is called the devil," attempts to destroy; a clear reference to the woman prophesied in the book of Genesis, whose "seed" or offspring will crush the head of the serpent. Since no Protestant will deny that this "offspring" of the woman who will conquer Satan is Jesus, can any Protestant deny that the woman in heaven, "clothed with the sun," who gives birth to the adversary of the devil in the Book of Revelation is anyone but Mary? Continued next week!

*The Saint John Institute of Catholic Culture . . .*

PRESENTS

Tuesday evening seminar series (7:30pm)  
on the Catechism of the Catholic Church!

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**August 7, 14, 21 & 28**

Bring your bible and Catechism!

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703-504-8733

**From the Music Desk...**

Below is continuing information about the pipe organ from the Wikipedia website...

**Renaissance and Baroque periods**



The Baroque organ of the Oude Kerk in Amsterdam, The Netherlands

In the [Iberian Peninsula](#) a very unique kind of organ took shape. The prominent features of this type of organ, called the Iberian Organ, include the concept of the half stop, which are stops that are only effective on the lower or upper halves of the keyboard. The keyboard is divided between C3

and C#3 for these kind of organs. Some stops are simply divided, and continue to the other half of the keyboard, but some stops are exclusive of the trebles or basses (This is even more common in [Portugal](#), where there are organs with only 4 or 5 stops that have continuity throughout the keyboard, and all the others being exclusive to their respective half). Another feature of the Iberian Organ are the [Reeds en chamade](#) (reeds that extend horizontally out of the organ case), that were developed by this kind of organ building. Also the naming of stops is very characteristic, using measurements in palms, instead of the traditional feet, with the 16' corresponding to 24 palms, the 8' to the 12 palms and the 4' to the 6 palms, and with everything above the 4' receiving the name from the transposition on the keyboard taking only the "white" keys in consideration. Therefore a Principal 2' would be called a Quincena ([Spanish](#)) (Quinzena, [Portuguese](#)) or 15th in [English](#), because it corresponds to a note transposed 15 "white" keys upwards. These organs have a fairly undeveloped pedal section, most of the times comprising only the lower octave, and almost exclusively used for the final [cadence](#). This Pedal section is usually permanently coupled to the principal keyboard, and sometimes can have a special stop called Contrabas, comprised of 24 palms open wooden pipes. These organs also make heavy use of special stops such as the acoustic Drums, the Nightingale, bells, and others more uncommon, such as the wind.

Musically yours, David Lang, Master of Music

**ADULT CONFIRMATION:** Did you know that the gifts of the Holy Spirit are a necessary part of the Christian Life? Were you Baptized but have never received the Sacrament of Confirmation? If you would you like to be Confirmed this coming Easter please call Sabatino Carnazzo at the St. John's Office of Evangelization 703-504-8733.

**In Our Area**

**MARRIAGE JUBILEE MASS:** Were you married in either 1957 or 1982 so that you will be celebrating your Silver or Golden Marriage Jubilee this year? Then contact the St. John's parish office (703-356-7916) to register for the "2007 Marriage Jubilee Mass". The Mass will be celebrated at 2:30pm on October 21st, at the Cathedral of St. Thomas More in Arlington. The parish office must submit all registrations to the diocese by September 14, 2007.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES ELDERLY SERVICES:** The National Center on Senior Transportation (NCST) has launched a new website which offers extensive resources toward the advancement of transportation options for older adults who wish to live more independently within their communities. The site includes announcements, facts and tips, publications for older adults and caregivers.



**THE 14th ANNUAL MIDDLE EASTERN FOOD FESTIVAL**

At Holy Transfiguration Melkite-Greek Catholic Church Labor Day Weekend. All friends of St. John's are

invited to attend the Food Fest at our sister parish here in McLean. Come for delicious Middle Eastern Food, Dancing and Byzantine Church Tours.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASSES** by Correspondence: The Couple to Couple League classes for couples who cannot attend a regularly scheduled class available at 1-800-745-8352 (\$80).

**Holy Father's Prayer Intentions August 2007**

**General:** That all those who are going through moments of inner difficulty and trial may find in Christ the light and support which leads them to discover authentic happiness.

**Mission:** That the Church in China may bear witness to ever greater inner cohesion and may manifest her effective and visible communion with Peter's Successor.