



"From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly." - Lk 1:48b-49, 52

AUGUST 15, 2010 THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



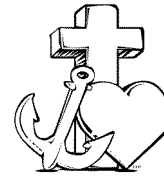
Dana K. Freeman

Robert F. Sennott, John & Flora Batog, Lillian Laurendeau, Fernand Guay, Joseph & Valeria Matulis, Peter Kirwin, Vincent Robinson, Dorothea G. Mulkern, Jerry Harrington, George M. Scanlon, Edward & Edna Faille, Antonia Binas, Frank Fulone, Mary Donovan, all the other Faithful Departed, & for the sick, especially Father Robert Donovan, Catherine Norton, Barbara Quinn, Clarence Leonard, Doris Maguire, Alice Kirk, Joseph Vacca, Philip Astone, Michelle Roberge Janson, Ginny Dexter, Bob Noonan, Mary Sullivan, Kiernan Tellier & Mary Macedo, & let us pray for our troops serving around the world, especially Tony Mitchell, Ryan Barnes, Philip McGovern, Deana Masotta, Benjamin LaCasse, Devin Kennedy & Joshua Allen, & for all the victims of natural disasters & terrorism.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:

Sat., Aug. 14, 4 p.m. Anniv for Fernand Guay.
 Sun., Aug. 15, 8:30 a.m. Anniv. for Joseph & Valeria Matulis.
 Sun., Aug. 15, 10 a.m. Mem. for Peter Kirwin.
 Sun., Aug. 15, 11:30 a.m. Anniv. for Vincent Bordonaro.
 Sun., Aug. 15, 5 p.m. Mem. for Dorothea Mulkern.
 Mon., Aug. 16, 9 a.m. Month's Mind for Jerry Harrington.
 Tues., Aug. 17, 9 a.m. Mem. for George M. Scanlon.
 Wed., Aug. 18, 9 a.m. Mem. for Edward & Edna Faille.
 Thurs., Aug. 19, 9 a.m. Anniv. for Antonia Binas.
 Fri., Aug. 20, 9 a.m. Anniv. for Frank Fulone.
 Sat., Aug. 21, 4 p.m. Anniv. for Mary Donovan.
 Sun., Aug. 22, 8:30 a.m. Anniv. for Frances Nee.
 Sun., Aug. 22, 10 a.m. Mem. for Lily Manning.
 Sun., Aug. 22, 11:30 a.m. Mem. for deceased members of the DeSouza, DeAntonis & Collins family.
 Sun., Aug. 22, 5 p.m. Mem. for Deceased members of the

NOVENA TO THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL: is prayed every Tuesday following the 9 a.m. Mass.



SETON CANCER SUPPORT GROUP: will meet this Wed., Aug. 18, 7 p.m., in the church. People under treatment, survivors, family & friends are invited. Mass will be celebrated, followed by a meeting & refreshments in the church hall. The Sacrament of the Sick will be available. Need a ride? Call Margie, 508-564-4013.

ST. ELIZABETH SETON PRAYER GROUP: will meet on Thurs., Aug. 19, 7 p.m., in the church. Come to Prayer Meeting & let yourself relax into the realm of the Lord Jesus. **Don't forget the Prayer Basket at the Tabernacle for your prayer intentions.



Religious
Education

Postcards with information regarding registration for classes for 2010-11 have been mailed to every family. If you do not receive one, or if you have a first grader or a student new to the program, please call the Religious Ed. Office at 508-563-7774.

PARISH SUPPORT: Budget: \$7197.50
 Maintenance of Buildings & Grounds: \$2057.

25/25 DRAWING PLAN: The \$25 winner for week #6 was CHRISTINA BAGARELLA. Remember – if your number is drawn, it goes right back in, so you can be a winner twice or more! Applications are available at the church exits. Hurray and join! The final drawing of \$500, \$200 & two \$100s will be in December.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: It's time to think of school openings. The members of our SVdeP Conference annually help the Falmouth Service Center in the project *Fresh Start*. *Fresh Start* attempts to dress each needy child in Falmouth so that the child may start school in new togs.

OSTEOPOROSIS EXERCISES: Monday mornings at

CATHOLIC ISSUES: The Cape Cod Family Life Alliance Program on Thursdays at 3 p.m., Channel 13, this month features "Saved By Hope", presented by Father Roger Landry & Msgr. Gerard O'Connor.



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ONE IN THE MILITARY? You are welcome to join the Support Group at the Gus Canty Center in Falmouth the 2nd & 4th Mondays of the month (August 23 & Sept. 13). **The white baskets at the church exits are for items to be sent to our troops in Iraq & Afghanistan.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: with Father Horace J. Travassos, Pastor of Our Lady of Grace in Westport, MA, June 18-28, 2011. Visit Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Nazareth, Galilee. Cost: \$3,990, air fare & ALL included. To sign up, contact: Anthony Nachev, PhD (Theology), 857 West Boylston St., Worcester 01606. Phone: 508-340-9370, Fax: 508-854-8003 or Anthony@Proximotravel.com or website: www.Proximotravel.com.

HAVE A BALL AT THE 3RD ANNUAL CAPE BOCCE FESTIVAL: to benefit the *Samaritans of Cape Cod & the Islands* on Sat., Sept. 25, 12:00-3:30 p.m. Fun for all experience levels! Help the Samaritans, a non-denominational, non-profit organization whose mission is to prevent suicide, by registering to play at \$40/person or \$140/team of four. Takes place on the grounds of Falmouth Academy, 7 Highfield Dr., Falmouth. For info, or to consider sponsoring the event, contact The Samaritans, 548-548-7999; ccsamaritans@verizon.net; www.capesamaritans.org; or Peter Clark: pelaclark@aol.com.

BUS TRIP TO MOTHER TERESA EXHIBIT: Thurs., Sept. 9, the Respect Life Ministry of Christ the King Parish in Mashpee, will host a trip to the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven, CT to view the exhibition on the life & mission of Mother Teresa. Bus Departs from the church parking lot following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Cost is \$30/person & includes a hot lunch. Non-refundable payment must be received by August 20. For further info, contact Betty Kelley, 508-477-8417.

ATTENTION GOLFERS: Save the date! Friday, Oct. 1, Willowbend Country Club is hosting a golf tournament to benefit St. Francis Xavier Preparatory School. For more info, please contact David Hicks at 508-888-7547 or davidmhicks@comcast.net. You can also visit the school



ALL ABOARD: Cape Cod Canal Cruise

For Life to benefit **Birthright of Falmouth** aboard the "Viking", Sunday, Sept. 12, 4:30-7 p.m., leaving from Onset Town Pier. \$25/person, includes delicious hors d'oeuvres, coffee & dessert, & again, the music of Aston Wright. Cash bar available. For info or to reserve tickets, call Pat Stone, 508-563-2413.

THE ASSUMPTION:

Where is the burial place of the Mother of Jesus? Historians & archaeologists can point to the burial locations of various apostles & early martyrs. Often churches were built over the graves of revered saints. A very early Christian church built outside the walls of Old Jerusalem was identified as the location where Mary died. However, it was not identified as the location of Mary's grave. Instead, this church was known as the Church of the Dormition of Mary—that is, the place where Mary "fell asleep." From very early times, Christians proclaimed that when Mary died, her physical body did not remain on earth. Physically & spiritually she was "assumed" into heaven.

The feast of the Assumption, which is celebrated every August 15th, commemorates the fact that Mary was physically taken into heaven. From the writings of early Church fathers it can be demonstrated that this feast was celebrated in Palestine by the year 500. The Assumption was an accepted fact in the Church throughout its history. However, it was only in November of 1950 that the Assumption was formally & infallibly proclaimed as a dogma of the Church. This proclamation was not of a new belief; rather, it was a solemn affirmation of a Tradition that had been handed down from generation to generation from earliest times.

The 2nd Vatican Council in the document *Lumen Gentium* reaffirmed the dogma of the Assumption: "the Immaculate Virgin...was taken up body & soul into heaven, when her earthly life was over". In the normal course of events, the physical bodies of men & women undergo decay after death. This is an effect of original sin. However, Mary was free of original sin. Therefore, her body did not undergo the normal process of decay.

The Assumption is also a sign of hope for all humankind. Christ, through his Passion, death & Resurrection, has triumphed over sin & death. Additionally, Christ is restoring the original order & intent of creation. Therefore, at the end of time a new heaven and a new earth will be established. Our souls will be reunited with our bodies in a glorified state. Mary is the first recipient of that promise's fulfillment.