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## FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY



**O**n August 15, the Feast of the Assumption is widely celebrated all over Christendom.

The doctrine of the Assumption says that at the end of her life on earth Mary was assumed, body and soul, into heaven, just as Enoch, Elijah, and perhaps others had been before her. Some people think Catholics believe Mary “ascended” into heaven. That’s not correct. Christ, by his own power, ascended into heaven. Mary was assumed or taken up into heaven by God. She didn’t do it under her own power.

No biblical passages describe Mary’s end of life, but keep in mind that if Scripture does not record an event, it does not follow that the event did not happen. Scripture does not record Paul or Peter’s journey to Rome, yet they were both martyred there while the Bible was still being written. Archaeology reveals two tombs of Mary that still exist today, one in Jerusalem and one in Ephesus. The two tombs are explained by the fact that Mary had lived in both places. But there was no body in either tomb. And there are no relics. None. Anyone familiar with Church history knows that Christian belief in the communion of saints and the sanctity of the body—...led early Christians to collect with intense fervor relics from the bodies of saints. Cities, and later, religious orders, would fight over the bones of the ‘great’ ones. That is why we have relics of Apostles and most of the major saints and martyrs in history. Yet, historically, no one claimed to have Mary’s remains which would have been prized above all others. As revered as she was to the early Christian community, her missing body was a sign that God had lifted up the one ‘full of grace,’ his purest creation, into heaven.

How fitting that the Lord would take special care of his mother. By becoming man, Jesus was born under the law (*Gal. 4:4*) and was bound to obey the commandment to honor his mother. The Hebrew word for “honor” does not imply mere courtesy, but the bestowal of honor and glory. By preserving Mary’s body from corruption, Jesus fulfills the command to honor his mother in a way that only a divine Son could. What person, if he had the power to prevent the corruption of his mother’s body, would not do so? The love of Jesus for his mother seems to be the strongest argument for her Assumption. —*exerpts from Catholic.com and Catholic exchange.com*

To a jubilant crowd on November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII declared “...the Immaculate Mother of God... having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed, body and soul into heavenly glory”.



Pope Paul VI

The Peace & Justice Commission encourages parishioners to join them in learning more about racism and privilege. They have developed a list of movies, podcasts, and books that help give an introduction to understanding these issues.

Parishioner Sarah Peroutka is connecting individuals with others to form small groups that will watch or read the

titles they're interested in from the list and then discuss what they've learned. For those with computer and technology skills, the discussions could occur online in Zoom meetings. For others who don't have technology skills, people can communicate through email or telephone calls. Sarah will help people discover what works for them. And even if you don't want to participate in a discussion group, you're still invited to read or watch what we've selected and think about it on your own.

To get a copy of the resource list or learn more, please contact Sarah at [ap.sp.oregon@gmail.com](mailto:ap.sp.oregon@gmail.com)

- "13th." I already told you about this one—did you watch it yet? It's truly the best place to start.
- "Chasing the Dream. Against All Odds: The Fight for a Black Middle Class" (2017). Documentary on PBS about the difficulties African-Americans face when trying to establish a middle class standard of living.
- "Just Mercy." This is both a book and a movie. It's about a black civil rights attorney who created the Equal Justice Initiative, a legal advocacy organization that fights for criminal justice reform.
- "The Central Park Five" and "When They See Us." Unbelievably powerful films about the same thing—the arrest and incarceration of young boys who were innocent of the crime of rape. They were treated horribly, and unfortunately their cases are not unusual.
- "The Warmth of Other Suns" by Isabel Wilkerson is a book that follows the lives of three black people/families that fled the south during the Great Migration north in the early 1900s (after the Civil War had been over a while.)

## Director of Faith Education, Barbara Harrison Retires

After 20 years as Director of Faith Education for the parish, Barbara Harrison retired here August 1<sup>st</sup>, and we want to be able to celebrate her retirement at some point in the future when the coronavirus ebbs and we can thank her properly.

The parish is most grateful for everything she has done for St. Philip Neri and she will be missed in these roles. Barbara told Fr. Andrew that she truly believes she served here in her ministry and is thankful the Holy Spirit gave her this opportunity. God enriched so many with her gifts at St. Philip Neri and, indeed, throughout the Archdiocese.

*Happy Retirement,  
Barbara!*

As Barbara retires from staff, she and husband James will continue as part of the community because they feel at home. We are blessed to know they will remain a part of our church family. We wish Barbara well-deserved rest and happiness in retirement. Both Barbara and James will be volunteering in the parish areas that are close to their hearts. May God bless her for everything she accomplished, for bringing new 'children of God' into the church, for Bible studies and guidance, and for always championing the dignity of every human being.

## A BIG Thank You

After six years of laundering the sacred Altar linens, we want to thank Jane Mace for her long and faithful dedication to the task. And now—mother/daughter team Vicki and Marinka Majdancic have offered to take up this ministry. We want to express our gratitude to them as well.





## We Welcome Our New Pastoral Associate

Hello Everyone,

My name is Kim Zea and I am your new Pastoral Associate. I am so excited to get know each of you and to learn more about your parish community. My style of ministry is one that is collaborative and relational. I look forward to serving you and walking with you on your personal and your community's spiritual needs. I bring to you over 35 years of parish ministry experience and I am also a certified Spiritual Director.

On a personal note I have been married to my husband Don for 42 years. We have four adult children and eight wonderful grandchildren. I grew up in Walla Walla, Washington and in 1973 moved to Portland. I graduated from LaSalle High, received a Bachelors Degree

in Religious Studies at Marylhurst and a Masters in Pastoral Ministry from University of Portland/Gonzaga University. Please feel free to call me or stop by for a visit. My door is always open.

**Family**  
FOREVER, FOR ALWAYS  
and no matter what



Mickie Campagna ♥ Andrea Del Rosario ♥ Antonette Amato ♥ Eleanore Baccellieri ♥ Family of Joan Henkel ♥ Family of Don Dindia ♥ Family of Joan Andreas ♥ Family of Tiziano Dalla Gasperina

*Please contact the office if you, or someone you know needs our prayers!*  
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- Sat. Aug 8:** 8:00 a.m. – † Loydene Sacrison – Katherine Sacrison  
4:00 p.m. – People of St. Philip Neri
- Sun. Aug 9:** 9:30 a.m. – † William Fergus – Theresa Baker
- Tue. Aug 11:** 8:00 a.m. – Sally Gililand – Sue Wandtke
- Wed. Aug 12:** 8:00 a.m. – † Giuse Pham – Theresa
- Thur. Aug 13:** 8:00 a.m. – † Fr. Rich Colgan – Mary Loy
- Fri. Aug 14:** 12:10 p.m. – † Don Dindia – Jean Janzy
- Sat. Aug 15:** 8:00 a.m. – Milan, Maria & Vinko Bosnar  
4:00 p.m. – † Florence & John Alright – Charles Carnese
- Sun. Aug 16:** 9:30 a.m. – People of St Philip Neri
- Tue. Aug 18:** 8:00 a.m. – † Tiz Dalla Gasparina
- Wed. Aug 19:** 8:00 a.m. – † Giuse Pham - Theresa
- Thu. Aug 20:** 8:00 a.m. – † Fr. Rich Colgan CSP – Mary Loy
- Fri. Aug 21:** 8:00 a.m. – † Don Dindia – Dorothy Bruck
- Sat. Aug 22:** 8:00 a.m. – Ambrose Calcagno Jr – Debra Guthrie  
4:00 p.m. – † Joan Andreas – Jeanne Mcpherson

*"We the welcoming community of St. Philip Neri Parish, empowered by the compassion of Jesus and supported by the Eucharist and the Word, dedicate ourselves to engage with and enrich the lives of those we touch".*

**Reconciliation Times**  
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