

**Saint Michael the Archangel & Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Churches**

*"I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified." 1 Corinthians 2:2*

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*If you are looking for a spiritual home, please know you are always welcome to be a part of our Parish Family.*  
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**Coffee & Cake!** Come one come all! Join in the fun at a little social hour after liturgy on **August 14!** We can catch up with our fellow parishioners and have a little snack!. Please try to attend.

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**At the Core of Redemption: The Assumption a promise to us**

Mary, mother of the Lord and the first among the faithful who were fully redeemed, has been a rich source of theological reflection. She has been, in addition, an abiding source of inspiration and devotion for the faithful within the Christian community. The theological, ecclesial and ecumenical impact that surrounds this Marian belief has been enormous. Theologians of various denominations have brought their scholarly and spiritual integrity to bear on meaningful understanding of this highest privilege known to any human person to date. Our Lady can be found at the very core of the mystery of redemption. Her assumption is the substantial promise to the world that humankind can indeed know the fullness of life in this sublime transformation. Mary's life, which was so imbued with the Spirit of God and was so responsive to that Spirit, serves as a model of human life. This life is lived in loving selflessness before God and for the building up of the human community as it moves toward the parousia. On the Feast of the Assumption in 1983, Pope John Paul II came to Lourdes

| <b>Sacrificial Giving for the Weekend of August 6 &amp; 7</b>                                                                                                                                                       |                   |
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| <b>Allentown</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$1105.00         |
| <b>Total Bills</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$1143.75         |
| <b>Offerings Vs. Expenses</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>(-\$38.75)</b> |
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| <b>Palmerton</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                    | \$276.00          |
| <b>Total Bills</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  | \$0.00            |
| <b>Offerings Vs. Expenses</b>                                                                                                                                                                                       | <b>+\$276.00</b>  |
| <b>Bills paid this week:</b> H2O Treatment: \$44.41; PPL(Center Budget Payment): \$259.94; PPL (Church): \$158.71; PPL: (Rectory): \$96.00; HVAC Maintenance Contract: \$553.41; Phone (Center Final Bill): \$31.28 |                   |
| <b>Palmerton: No Bills This Week</b>                                                                                                                                                                                |                   |

The Scripture readings for next week (Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost) are: 2 Corinthians 1:21-2:4 & Matthew 22:1-14

The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. <sup>9</sup>Go therefore to the thoroughfares, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find. <sup>10</sup>And those servants went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

under the sign of the woman adorned with the sun (See Rv 12:1). He described the Virgin as having attained the fullness of this sign in her Assumption, since she has for her mantle the sun of the unknowable divinity; the sun of the impenetrable Trinity. She is full of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. The sign of the woman in heaven is the sign of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. It occurs above the earth and, simultaneously, the sign arises from the earth. The pontiff added that the two mysteries of the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption of Mary into heaven come together and reveal their mutual complementarity. He expressed his desire to live that Jubilee Year of the Redemption near our Lady. Mary, he said, more than any other person is immersed in the core of the Redemption. He wanted to be in the Virgin's presence so that he could be brought closer to the mystery of Redemption. She, more than anyone, can draw the faithful closer to that mystery. The Church declared, on that day, the glory of Mary's definitive

birth in heaven. The Vicar of Christ presented the liturgy's consideration of this mystery from three aspects. At the Visitation, Mary believed those words which had been spoken to her in the name of the Lord by Elizabeth: she would be blessed by the presence of the Word, the fruit of her womb. The world's redemption had depended upon the fiat of Mary at the time of the Annunciation. The Redemption then had begun its realization with the Incarnation. The entire Magnificat, pronounced at the Visitation, became - with the liturgy - the hymn of the Assumption of Mary into heaven. The Virgin had announced the greatness of God's action toward her when she cooperated in the birth of the Son of God upon earth. With great force Mary pronounced that greatness again as manifest in our salvation. A second aspect of the Assumption mystery is found in Paul's first letter to the Corinthians. The Assumption is a part of Christ's victory over death, which victory had its beginning in His resurrection. Christ's work of redemption enabled humankind to overcome the inheritance of sin and death (see 1 Cor 15:20,22). No one was of more concern to Christ or more redeemed by Him than His mother. The pontiff also said that Mary's present victory over death, her Assumption, lies at the heart of the redemptive act on Calvary and within the power of salvation accomplished through the Resurrection. A responsorial psalm illustrated the third point. "Your throne, God, shall last for ever and ever, your royal scepter is a scepter of integrity" (Ps 6:7). The reign, or rule, of God began with Creation; humankind lashed out at it through sin. God's reign renewed itself through the Redemption. Mary was the first person to participate, soul and body, in the reign of God's eternal glory. Her presence has become a sign of hope for the faithful. Her birth in heaven is the definitive beginning of the glory which the sons and daughters of this world have to attain God himself in virtue of the Redemption of Christ. (John Paul II, L'Osservatore Romano, Aug. 22-29, 1983). Redemption has become the very foundation for the transformation of humankind into the reign of God. Since Mary was the first redeemed, the transformation of the cosmos's history in God's reign has already begun in a human person. Mary's Assumption to heaven in body and soul is the mysterious sign of our New Creation.

**Prayer List: In your kindness, please remember the following persons in prayer:** Carol Baran, John & Alicia Sefcik, Shirley Balascak, Loretta Brosky, Antoinette DeFronzo, Dolores Flannery, Theresa Pinto, Patrice Danyluk, Hoyt Walter, Rosalie Walter, Kristin & Bobbie Di Giacomo & family, The Mehalshick Family, Doris Smicker & family, Peter Skimbo & Family, Nicholas Yackanicz, Josephine Wilk, Maryann Wilk, Barry Hoffman, Chet Greene, Lila Smerkanich,, Fatima Eslami, Roger Susanin, Father Phillip Scott, Lois Brink

**From the Saints**

Two criminals were crucified with Christ. One was saved - do not despair. One was not – do not presume.

St. Augustine

Love and practice simplicity and humility and don't worry about the opinion of the world, because if the world had nothing to say against us, we would not be real servants of God.

St. Padre Pio

It is only by sacrifice and suffering, offered as penance, that you will be able, by the grace of God, to convert sinners.

St. Jean Vianney, the Curé of Ars

Let us drink to the last drop the chalice of pain in this poor present life. What does it matter to suffer for ten years, twenty, fifty... if afterwards there is heaven for ever, for ever... for ever? St. Josemaría Escrivá

**Liturgical Schedule for The Week of August 14, 2016**

**Saturday August 13 Vigil~ Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

4:00 PM [P] For the People

**Sunday August 14 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 AM [A]+George & Ann Harhay by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Davidson

**Sunday August 14 Vigil~ Dormition of Our Lady**

7:00 PM [P] For the People

**Monday August 15 Dormition of Our Lady**

7:00 PM [A] Fr. Frank & his Father by Anon.

**Saturday August 20 Vigil~ Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

No Liturgy due to wedding in Allentown

**Sunday August 21 Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

9:00 AM [A] +Melissa Kavounas by Janice & Nick Kavounas