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ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED MOTHER

August 15 Holy Day of Obligation

Masses for the Holy Day

Thursday 6pm Vigil

Friday 6:15am, 8am, 12Noon, 4pm, 5:30pm Latin, 7pm

Sunday, August 10, 2025 A.D.
Jubilee Year of Hope



Attention College Students

A special Mass for your Intentions and your families will be offered at 7PM Mass on Friday (Assumption). Join us.

Summer ADORATIONS

Wednesday 8:30AM-11:50AM

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION:

Mon.-Sat.: 7:30-7:50am. Saturday: 11:00-11:50am; 3:00-3:45pm

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

To register for Baptismal preparation and Baptism call the rectory.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Call the Religious Ed Office for requirements/class schedule.

THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Please call the rectory for an appointment.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK/LAST RITES:

Sick calls at any time in emergency.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY ORDERS AND VOCATIONS:

Anyone contemplating a vocation to the Priesthood or Religious Life should contact the Vocations Office at 973.497.4365.

WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4pm & 5pm

Sunday: 7am, 8am Latin, 9:30am,
10:45am, 12pm, 1pm Spanish, 6pm

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Fr. Wojciech's Corner

Our college students are preparing to go back, some are leaving their homes for the first time. May God bless them. On the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary we will celebrate a special Mass for the intentions of college students and their families.

Next weekend, we will have our annual Missionary Cooperation appeal. Sister Clarisse Remjika will be speaking on behalf of the African Sisters Education Collaborative (ASEC). Let us welcome her and help her cause. For more information about their mission, visit www.asec-sldi.org

In few days we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary with body and soul into heaven. This Solemnity will help us to gaze towards our final goal (heaven) and stir our desire for it.

THE ASSUMPTION

August 15 is the Feast of the Assumption. It is the oldest exclusively Marian feast, and her most important day. It is Mary's "Easter". In the Western (Latin) Church it is the only Marian Feast with a vigil Mass; in the Eastern Churches, it is preceded by a two-week Lent-style fast. Although the Church believed in Mary's Assumption since the 5th century, it was not until 1950 that it was universally declared a dogma of the Church. We may never know which came first, the chicken or the egg; perhaps it is not even that important. However, on certain Marian Feasts, like Mary's Assumption into Heaven, we can easily stray into heresy if we do not know who came first; Mary the Mother or Jesus Christ the Son. The Feast of the Assumption commemorates Mary's entrance, body and soul, into heaven. An awesome event which was made possible because Jesus Christ rose from the dead and ascended into heaven! Mary's assumption into heaven is the result or fruit of her Son's Death, Resurrection and Ascension. As the Preface on Christ's Ascension says, "Where Christ has gone, we hope to follow." So why should we doubt that Mary, who was born without Original Sin, now enjoys this hope, and is already in heaven? To the Eastern Churches, this feast is called the "Dormition" or "Falling Asleep" of Mary. Since Mary was free from original sin, she did not have to suffer the worst consequence of Original Sin – Death. According to Eastern Tradition, at the end of Mary's earthly journey, Mary "fell asleep" and was taken body and soul into heaven. An ancient legend about St. Thomas the Apostle, a.k.a. Doubting Thomas, concerns this feast. According to Scripture, St. Thomas did not believe in the Resurrection until he saw the Risen Lord and probed his hand in Jesus' nail prints in his hands, feet and side. According to legend, Thomas would not believe that Mary was assumed into heaven until Mary dropped her belt from heaven to prove that she was "up there". Legends aside, why should WE doubt that Mary is in heaven. This is exactly what Jesus promised to all who follow His Way, and trust in God, and place their lives in His Father's Hands. Mary's Assumption is important and comforting to us because it shows what Jesus promised, what Jesus has done for His Mother, and what He will do for each of US – His faithful people.

AUGUST 15

The Assumption

Friday, August 15th

MASSES FOR THE HOLY DAY

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A COURAGEOUS CHOICE

2000 years ago, an angel announced the pregnancy of a young unmarried girl. The courageous choice made by that young woman to give birth in difficult circumstances, supported by a man named Joseph, still stands as a model of God's way to handle unplanned pregnancy.

The Magnificat The Prayer of Mary

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.
From this day all generations will call me blessed:
the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm,
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones,
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel
for he remembered his promise of mercy,
the promise he made to our fathers,
to Abraham and his children forever. (Lk 1:46-55)

*Not a single sinner who persevered
in praying the Rosary has fallen into hell*

St. Alphonsus recounts a story of St. Dominic in The Glories of Mary. A possessed heretic was brought to St. Dominic in a large crowd. St. Dominic ordered the demons to confess who is the greatest saint, that the crowd might pray for the saint's intercession. The demons screamed, "Mary, the Mother of God is the greatest. Not a single sinner who persevered in praying the Rosary has fallen into hell." St. Dominic had the crowd pray the rosary and at each decade the demons poured out of the possessed man like hot coals. A great peace fell on those gathered as they prayed.

Pray for Vocations

"If there is no priest, then there is no Holy Mass; if there is no Holy Mass, then there is no consecration of the Sacred Host; if there is not consecration of the Sacred Host then there is no Holy Communion; then if there is no Holy Communion there is no Sacramental Presence of Jesus."

What if you are CALLED! ???

Call the Vocations office 973-497-4365 and ask for Fr. Gino, Director, who is always ready to listen - or call Fr. Wojciech at our parish 201-768-1706, ext. 11.

Pray for Those in the Military

US Army

Captain Ben Clemente
RRT Specialist James Crumb
Staff Sergeant Peter Dippolito
Major Michael Franson
Sergeant First Class Charles Greene
Captain Shawn Linn
Colonel John McLaughlin
Sergeant Major Marc Medina
Captain John G. Miele
Captain Joseph W. Niece
1st Lieutenant Megan Niece
Captain Jack Ottomanelli
Staff Sergeant David Petersen
Specialist John Petersen

US Marine Corps.

Corporal Shanna Bennett
Staff Sergeant Matthew Brady
1st Lieutenant Ryan Colomeo
Corporal Mark Fredrick
Private Nicholas Giron
Major Stephen Ikalowych
Captain J.P. Maher
Corporal Cody McGrath

US Navy

Commander Julia Cheringal
Lieutenant Jonathan Clemente
Lieutenant Joseph Jaeger
Lieutenant Andrew Jaeger
Airman Cody Massa

US Air Force

1st Lieutenant Brian Kearney
Chief Master Sergeant Shawn Llewellyn

Prayer for the Safety of Soldiers

Almighty and eternal God, those who take refuge in You will be glad and forever will shout for joy. Protect these soldiers as they discharge their duties. Protect them with the shield of Your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm. May the power of Your love enable them to return home in safety, that with all who love them, they may ever praise You for Your loving care. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Pray for Our Sick Please *Pray* in the name of *JESUS*, the Healer, that the *sick of the Parish* may be restored to health and all those who *assist and care* for the sick will be given the *strength* to continue *God's Will*: infants Jack Merritt, Abigail Jude, Aidan, Olive, Adeline Quarello, Jonathan & Joseph; children Gabriel Aungst, Antonio and Shane, Cordelia and Eileen, Remy and Silvie; Cheryl Alonso, Annie Baklycki, Kevin Douglas Barry, Michael Baruch, Julie Berbert, Richard Bolton, Paul Brennan, James Buckley, Joe Cafaro, Anna Carfagno, Bill Clark, Kevin Columbo, Thomas Connolly, Eddie Cooper, Paula Criqui, Michael Curran, Marie D'Ascenzo, Maryann Dean, Noelle DeJoseph, Vincent DePaola, Marge Devitt, Guy DeSantis, Siobhan Donaghi, Whitney Dugan, Carl Falasca, Michael Fallon, Dan Filippone, Jeremy Fillis, Peter Fimbel, Walter Flaherty, Mary Foley, Phil Gangusa & Vicky Ferrara, Robin Fletcher, Leo Gendron, Ken Grier, Glenn Hall, Pat Halligan, Amy Hartwell, Richard Hogan, Kristine Leigh Hook, Rolando Joaquim, Austin Kellar, Pat Kissane, Christina Kenny, Tim Keohane, Joseph Koch, Chester Kovalski, Artie Latz, Kenneth Luther, Peter Mahler, Robert Mayer, James McGarry, Matt McGowan, Michael McMahon, Adolfo Mendoza, David Mercur, Alice Miller, Len Moriarity, Gianna Moscatello, Kevin Mullane, Rose Marie Myers, Natalie Niebergall, Michael Oates, John Pal, Mary Parker, Tom Paskewich, Ronald Peterson, Louis Peduto, Bob Phillips, Cathy Pommert, Canice Prince, Christina Pulver, William Ragu, Dan & Phyllis Ragusa, Robert Rasmussen, Patrick Ricci, Herman Rodriguez, Veronica Romanchuk, Wendy Ruggiero, Beth Sacco, Blase K Sacus, Samantha Sconzo, Patricia Ann Shalhoub, Peggy and Chris Shedden, Roseanne Stella, Brian Sumereau, Michael Suresh, Maria Tamayo, Ollie Tetlow, Angeline Thomas, Felicia Veneruso, Jim Viantes, Carl Walker, Megan Weingarten, Hope White, Maria Williams, Daniel Wu, Mary Young, Brian, Carla, Chris, Christina, Donna M., Edward, Elba, Jennifer, Joann, John, Karen, Kathleen V., Kaitlin V. Lauren, Lisa, Lou, Lucas, Lynn, Mary, Margaret, Melinda, Michelle, Patrick, Peter, Robert, Samantha, Sarah, Scott, Sean, Sharon, Steven, Tom.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 10 - Saint Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

7:00 Selena Piazza
8:00 Kathleen Falotico R/b Linda Maliani
9:30 Andrew Oakes R/b Fred and Jane Wiseman
Anthony Zaccaro R/b Carl and Ellen Sutter
10:45 Silvio and Mary Burderi R/b the Burderi Family
12:00 Craig Parrella R/b Jon and Jen Fischer
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Edwin Barber R/b David and Donna Hansen

Monday, August 11 - St. Clare, Virgin

8:00 Souls of youth in name of St. Philomena R/b the McElroy Family
12:00 Maria Hildebrandt R/b the Zaccaro Family

Tuesday, August 12- St. Jane Frances de Chantal, Religious

8:00 Patricia Sheridan R/b Diana Lynch
12:00 Darren E. Porcoro R/b Rae Rinaldi

Wed., Aug 13- Ss. Pontian, Pope, & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs

8:00 Blanche Vespucci R/b the Poggi Family
12:00 Margaret Audino R/b the Berlinghieri Family

Thursday, August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

8:00 Deborah Parsons R/b the McElroy Family
12:00 Sr. Mary Rajner R/b Margarete Rajner

Vigil Mass for the Solemnity of the Assumption

6:00 Frances Burke R/b Thomas Burke

Friday, August 15 - ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

6:15 Bernard J. Burrmano R/b Family
8:00 Kathleen Falotico R/b Joe and Judy Verga
12:00 Arthur "Bob" Hardwick R/b Tony and Laura Scott
4:00 Intentions of Barbara Del Colliano R/b Joan Crowley
5:30 Latin Special Intention
7:00 Anthony Zaccaro R/b Bob and Dolores Cavagnet

Saturday, August 16 - St. Stephen - King of Hungary

8:00 Maryanna McCarthy R/b Regina Bond
12:00 John Brennan R/b Sr. Elizabeth
4:00 Joseph and Maritez Sita R/b Barbara Sita
5:00 Intentions of Richard Radici Family

Sunday, August 17-St. Hyacinth of Silesia, Poland-Priest

7:00 Mary Holler R/b Sr. Elizabeth
8:00 Marilyn Arthur R/b Rae Rinaldi
9:30 Ann Millar R/b Michael and Mary Jane Ferro
10:45 Oliver Fitzgerald R/b the Evanella Family
12:00 Joseph and Mary Ceccon R/b Edwina and Albert Hutson
1:00 People of the Parish
6:00 Edward Hiney R/b Bill and Dianne Smith

Sanctuary Memorials (this week)

The Sanctuary Lamp will burn for an **increase in religious vocations.**

The Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp will burn for the **intentions and healing of Kevin Douglas Barry**, r/b Sonny and Anita Garzino.

The St. Joseph Votive Lamp will burn for the **repose of the soul of Bernard Joseph Burrmano**, r/b OLV Social Concerns.

Sanctuary Offerings The Sanctuary Lamp, Bl. Virgin Mary Votive Lamp, St. Joseph Votive Lamp, and the bread and wine can be dedicated on a weekly basis. Altar Flowers may be dedicated as well - contact the rectory.

New to the area? Register to become a member of the OLV Family. Visit OLV's website olvhp.org and click on "Parish Registration".

New address or phone number? Please inform the rectory.

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Saint Maximilian Mary Kolbe - August 14

"I don't know what's going to become of you!" How many parents have said that? Maximilian Mary Kolbe's reaction was, "I prayed very hard to Our Lady to tell me what would happen to me. She appeared, holding in her hands two crowns, one white, one red. She asked if I would like to have them - one was for purity, the other for martyrdom. I said, 'I choose both.' She smiled and disappeared." After that he was not the same.

He entered the minor seminary of the Conventual Franciscans in Lviv – then Poland, now Ukraine – near his birthplace, and at 16 became a novice. Though Maximilian later achieved doctorates in philosophy and theology, he was deeply interested in science, even drawing plans for rocket ships.

Ordained at 24, Maximilian saw religious indifference as the deadliest poison of the day. His mission was to combat it. He had already founded the Militia of the Immaculata, whose aim was to fight evil with the witness of the good life, prayer, work, and suffering. He dreamed of and then founded *Knight of the Immaculata*, a religious magazine under Mary's protection to preach the Good News to all nations. For the work of publication he established a "City of the Immaculata" - Niepokalanow - which housed 700 of his Franciscan brothers. He later founded another one in Nagasaki, Japan. Both the Militia and the magazine ultimately reached the one-million mark in members and subscribers. His love of God was daily filtered through devotion to Mary.

In 1939, the Nazi panzers overran Poland with deadly speed. Niepokalanow was severely bombed. Kolbe and his friars were arrested, then released in less than three months, on the feast of the Immaculate Conception. In 1941, Fr. Kolbe was arrested again. The Nazis' purpose was to liquidate the select ones, the leaders. The end came quickly, three months later in Auschwitz, after terrible beatings and humiliations.

A prisoner had escaped. The commandant announced that 10 men would die. He relished walking along the ranks. "This one. That one." As they were being marched away to the starvation bunkers, Number 16670 dared to step from the line. "I would like to take that man's place. He has a wife and children." "Who are you?" "A priest."

No name, no mention of fame. Silence. The commandant, dumbfounded, perhaps with a fleeting thought of history, kicked Sergeant Francis Gajowniczek out of line and ordered Fr. Kolbe to go with the nine. In the "block of death" they were ordered to strip naked, and their slow starvation began in darkness. But there was no screaming - the prisoners sang. By the eve of the Assumption, four were left alive. The jailer came to finish Kolbe off as he sat in a corner praying. He lifted his fleshless arm to receive the bite of the hypodermic needle. It was filled with carbolic acid. They burned his body with all the others. Fr. Kolbe was beatified in 1971 and canonized in 1982. -franciscanmedia.org

dress code REVERENT DRESS

It is the Supper of the Lord - formal dinner. Please keep it in mind, especially now in the summer months. Let us be an inspiration rather than a distraction.

KIDZ KORNER ANSWERS

1. The Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.
2. Mary was born into a devout Jewish family.
3. Nazareth.
4. Poland.
5. Pope Pius XII declared the truth of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 1st November, 1950.

Are you an **ADULT** without

Confirmation, Communion or Baptism?

If you want to become a Roman Catholic or complete your Initiation into the Church, the RCIA is for you! For information, phone the rectory. *Adult Catholics* who have not yet celebrated *Confirmation* or Holy Communion should contact the rectory for preparation class/information.

REQUIREMENTS FOR BAPTISM OR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

Godparent/Sponsor must be at least 16 years old * **Godparent/Sponsor must be in good standing with the Catholic Church.** Must be a practicing Catholic (*Attend Sunday Mass weekly*). * Must have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Communion, and Confirmation. If married, must be married in the Catholic Church. * If single, not living with significant other, nor married civilly only. * **Godparent/Sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent.** Each child only requires one Godparent. If you wish to have two Godparents, there must be one female and one male. (CanonLaw872874)

Sacred Matrimony on Sacred ground

"ceremony" at the venue is not a valid Sacrament

For the Catholic Church the Sacrament of Matrimony is such a sacred matter that the Church requires for two Catholics to be married Sacramentally in the Catholic Church, not elsewhere. All the Sacraments except Confession are always celebrated in Church. Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation and the Sacred Orders (Priesthood is even celebrated at the Cathedral of a given Diocese). A Catholic priest can only officiate Sacrament of Matrimony of two Catholics on sacred grounds (Church). This wedding at the same time is a civil wedding. For more info contact Fr. Wojciech.

Respect Life Any woman who is pregnant and in need of assistance should **never** feel that abortion is her only option. For confidential assistance call: Archdiocese Respect Life Office: 973-497-4350 * Gateway Pregnancy Center: 908-353-0604 * Catholic Community Services: 201-246-7379 * Lifecall: 800-662-2678 * Birthright: 201-845-4646 * New Hope 201-722-4705.

OLV Needlers If you'd like to learn to knit or crochet, join us in the lower church Wednesdays at 6PM and/or Thursdays after 12Noon Mass. Yarn, crochet hooks and knitting needles supplied.

OLV Knights of Columbus All men over 18 are invited to join the Knights of Columbus, the world's largest men's fraternal organization. As Catholic men we are called to lead, serve, protect and defend our Faith, families, and our parish. The Knights of Columbus will help you grow as a husband, father and Catholic. Join us!

Catholic Daughters of the Americas For info' contact Marie 201-741-0499.

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat **Healing the pain of abortion...**

September 19-21, 2025

For info contact Cheryl Riley at 973-497-4350 or Cheryl.riley@rcan.org.

Youth Catholic Professionals: Join us on Friday, August 15 at Jim Dandy's in Rutherford, NJ for a **PRE-PALOOZA NETWORKING HAPPY HOUR** before Catholicpalooza! Appetizers and liquid refreshments will be provided. Ticket price: \$35. Doors open at 7:00pm. To register visit ycpnorthjersey.org (under "events")



SUNDAYS
Aug 10-Oct 12
10AM-2PM

7 Incredible Facts About Mary's Immaculate Heart

1. Mary's Immaculate Heart is our path to God - "Be not afraid," Our Lady told Lucia at Fatima. "My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and your safe path to God."
2. Devotion to Mary's Immaculate Heart is scriptural - Before Christ is born, Mary visits her cousin Elizabeth, who proclaims that Mary is blessed. In Luke's Gospel, the Beloved disciple writes about Mary's ability to ponder things in her heart. Luke also tells us about Simeon's prophesy, in which Mary was told that her heart would be pierced by a sword. The image of Mary's heart, pierced through with a sword is a popular image of Mary's Immaculate Heart. Later, Christ himself says "Blessed rather are they that hear the word of God and keep it." At the time of Christ's death, John emphasizes Mary's heart when she stands at the foot of the cross.
3. Countless saints had a devotion to Our Lady's Immaculate Heart - Saint Augustine points out that Mary was not just a passive observer at the crucifixion. Instead, "she cooperated through charity in the work of our redemption." Saint Augustine also tells us that Mary was more blessed to have "born Christ in her heart than in having conceived him in the flesh." Other saints to practice a devotion the Immaculate Heart include Saint Bernard, Saint Anselm, Saint Thomas Becket, Saint Bernadine of Siena, and Saint Francis de Sales.
4. Saint John Eudes popularized the devotion - Saint John Eudes was born in the 1600s in France. He became a priest in the Congregation of the Oratory of France in 1625. The saint was known for his continuous preaching on the hearts of Mary and Our Lord. In honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Saint John composed Masses and Offices for liturgical celebration. He also celebrated the first Feast of the Holy Heart of Mary on February 8, 1648 in France. He was canonized by Pope Pius XI on May 31, 1925.
5. Devotion to Our Lady points us back to Christ - Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus focuses on the fact that Christ's heart is full of love for humankind. He offers us His heart, yet we often reject it. Mary's Immaculate Heart emphasizes that her heart is on fire for God. Mary's heart always points us back to a love of God. Her Immaculate heart is a sign that she is the only human being who has been able to love Christ's Sacred Heart in a way that honors Him fully.
6. Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of the Immaculate Heart in 1944 - Thanks in part to Mary's appearance to Saint Catherine Labouré in 1830, the Congregation of Rites approved the Office and Mass of the Most Pure Heart of Mary in 1855. However, the Congregation did not impose this decision on the Universal Church. It wasn't until 1944 that Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The feast coordinated with the octave day of the Assumption. In 1969, Pope Paul VI moved the celebration to the Saturday immediately following the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Now the Church observes this feast on the third Saturday after Pentecost. The Church omits the celebration of Our Lady's Immaculate Heart in the liturgy on days when it is impeded by a higher feast day. For instance, if the celebration falls on the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist, or on the feast of the Visitation, it is omitted from the liturgical calendar for the year.
7. Saint Pope John Paul II consecrated the world to Mary's Immaculate Heart - Saint Pope John Paul II solemnly consecrate the world to the Immaculate Heart of Mary in front of the miraculous statue of Our Lady of Fatima on March 25, 1984. Later, in 2000, John Paul again entrusted the entire world to Mary's Immaculate Heart at the start of the millennium.

St. Lawrence - August 10

The year was 258 AD. Roman Emperor Valerian had issued an edict that all the Christian clergy - bishops, priests and deacons - were to be arrested and executed. Deacon Lawrence, knowing that the fervor of Valerians' hatred was extending to all Christians who owned property, began to give it all away. He distributed the money and treasures of the Church to the city's poor - believing the clear admonition of the Savior that they were blessed and especially loved by Him.



Valerian heard the news and wanted the treasure to satisfy his unbridled lust for worldly power. So, he offered Deacon Lawrence a way out of sure death. Show him where the Church's great gold and silver were located, and he would issue an order of demerit, sparing Deacon Lawrence's life. Valerian was delighted when the deacon asked for three days to gather all the gold and silver of the Church together in one central place

For three days, Deacon Lawrence went throughout the city and invited all the beloved poor, handicapped, and unfortunate to come together. When Valerian arrived, Deacon Lawrence presented him with the true gold and silver of the Church, the poor! Filled with rage, the emperor ordered Deacon Lawrence to be burned alive, in public, on a griddle. Witnesses recorded the public martyrdom.

Catholic tradition has long held that St. Lawrence suffered this unimaginable pain joyfully, even comically crying out, "Turn me over, I am done on this side!" The tradition records massive conversions to the Christian faith as a result of the holy life and death of one Deacon who understood the true heart of his vocation. It is still said to this day that all of Rome became Christian as a result of the faithful life, and the death, of this one humble deacon. He was buried in a cemetery on the Via Tiburtina. On that spot, Constantine would later build a Basilica.

Did You Know ... Tears of St. Lawrence

St. Lawrence's feast day is celebrated on August 10th. Every year, this date closely coincides with the great meteor shower named the Perseids. Yet this meteor shower is often known by another name, the Tears of St. Lawrence, because the meteor shower often falls on or around the feast of St. Lawrence and Christians have long drawn a connection between the fiery meteor debris and the blazing coals used to martyr St. Lawrence.

KIDZ KORNER

1. What is the Assumption of Mary?
2. Into what religion was Mary born?
3. In what city did the Blessed Virgin Mary live?
4. Which European country venerates Mary with the title, "Our Lady of Czestochowa"??
5. This dogma of the Assumption was declared by Pope Pius XII in what year?

Answers on page four.

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