

**DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS** The Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Youngstown and all other Catholics in the diocese and especially those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice. The Easter Duty obligation is extended for a period of one year from the end of the Easter Season 2020.

St. John in the Book of Revelation tells us that God will make God’s dwelling with the human race. The truth is that God chose to make God’s dwelling place with us in the person of Jesus, allowing the love of God to be revealed through us. Our Blessed Mother shows us in her own life how this is possible and the implications of saying “Yes” to God. Our Blessed Mother becomes the model for the Church (that is us) to follow. The Feast of the Assumption, on August 15 is a celebration of our Blessed Mothers’ “Yes” to God; a “Yes” to God’s love dwelling in her. Totally possessed by God’s vision, the surrender of her life enables God to come to earth and allowed the earth to become a means of revealing the reality of God. Mary is the pattern for our lives and teaches us the way of life in communion with God.



**The Feast of the Assumption Mass is Saturday August 15 at 9AM**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
Rita Kingsbury

One of the things that I loved best about being a school principal, was the time I was able to spend directly with the children. I remember one school year, right at the beginning of the year when I was in the lunchroom with our kindergarten classes. Keep in mind that kindergarten was an all-day program and the children ate lunch around 11:20 in the morning. All the children were eating, but this one little guy had packed up, thrown his garbage away and was walking towards the door. I asked him where he was going, and he stopped and looked at me and said: “I’m all done. I’m going home now.” He felt that he had been at school long enough. Lunch was over and it was time to head home. Containing my laughter, I sat down with him and we talked for a little bit. I explained to him that we had just a little more time left at school and that he would be going home soon! He was very understanding about the whole thing and agreed to stay.

I use this story because there are times in life when we too feel like kindergarteners. We are unsure about routines and how to move forward. During this time of pandemic, we pray, and we rely on each other to find the best way forward. Please know that we will look for sound guidance and put safety and best practices first as we move forward with our religious education programs.

We will be sending registration packets home soon for our Parish School of Religion which will begin this year as an at home program. We will be using materials that are suitable, engaging, and family friendly. Information will be coming soon, regarding the Sacraments of First Eucharist and Confirmation. God bless!

**RCIA**

*Please return the following information to the parish office or place in the collection basket*

*I am interested in the RCIA*

*Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Address:* \_\_\_\_\_

*Contact : Email or Phone:* \_\_\_\_\_

Are you grieving the loss of a loved one? Could you use some support and comforting? The Christ the Servant grief group is meeting on Sunday afternoons from 2 to 3:30pm. We wear masks and adhere to social distancing by meeting in the church pavilion, weather permitting, or spread out in Seton Hall. For more information, email Deacon Tom at [thomasmierzwa@att.net](mailto:thomasmierzwa@att.net).

There will be a Wedding Anniversary Celebration for couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries at St. Columba Cathedral on Sunday, October 18, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. The celebration includes Mass with Monsignor Siffrin, renewal of marriage vows, and a personalized certificate for each couple. Registration information will be sent to parishes in mid-August.

Due to COVID-19 concerns, this year the celebration will be open only to the couples celebrating anniversaries, with no other family members or guests present. Also, there will be limit on the number of couples that can be accommodated in the Cathedral with proper social-distancing. However, when registering for the Wedding Anniversary Celebration couples may opt not to attend the Mass and request that their certificate be mailed to them. For more information contact 330-744-8451 ext.272 or [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org).

### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday August 11

9AM –Sandy Auler by Larry & Janet Alexander

#### Wednesday August 12

9AM– Tyler Belden by Emil & Kathy Poporad

#### Thursday August 13

9 AM– Rosemary Ossman by Jessica Bove

#### Friday August 14 Masses Resume

9AM– Molly Samsa by Dan Styduhar

#### Saturday August 15

**Feast of the Assumption** 9:00 AM-Living and Deceased Members of CTS

4:30 PM– Virginia Lanzi by Robert Lanzi  
Dan Kunkel by Chris Mayberry

#### Sunday August 16

9 AM-William Bluman by Hilda Bluman & Family  
David Hussar by Chris Mayberry

11 AM– Cecilia Spitale by Teresa Spitale  
Mark Prestier, Jr. by Mark, Michelle & Julie

Masses that were scheduled during our closure due to COVID-19 will be rescheduled when there are openings. If you would like a specific date please call the office 330.492.0757.

If your life has been affected by an abortion or someone else's abortion, there is Hope and Healing available for everyone. For CONFIDENTIAL help contact *Project Rachel of N.E. Ohio* at 888-259-4806 or [support@projrachnezo.zohosupport.com](mailto:support@projrachnezo.zohosupport.com)

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