

# SAINT FRANCIS CHAPEL STAFFED BY

THE OBLATES OF THE VIRGIN MARY

ENCOUNTER THE HEART OF CHRIST IN THE HEART OF BOSTON

Assumption of our lady August 15, 2021

## **CHAPEL STAFF:**

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## The Pope's Prayer Intention for August:

Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.



#### SCHEDULE

#### **Sunday Masses:**

Saturday Vigil 4:00PM, 5:30 PM, (en español)

Sun. 8 AM, 9:15AM, 10:30AM, 11:45AM, 1:15 PM (en español), 4:00PM, 5:30PM

#### Weekday Masses:

Mon.—Fri. 8:00AM, 12:05PM, 4:45PM Saturday 9:00AM, 12PM

#### Confessions:

Mon.—Fri. 11:15 -11:50AM, 12:45-4:15PM Saturday 9:30 - 11:45 AM, 12:45-3:30PM

#### **Devotions:**

Tuesday after Mass: Our Lady Wednesday after Mass: St. Joseph Thursday after Mass: St. Jude

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament:** Mon.—Fri. 8:30-11:50AM, 12:30-4:30PM: Sat. 9:30-11:30AM, 12:30-3:30PM; **Sunday** 2:30-3:30PM

#### Gift Shop Hours:

Monday—Friday 10:00AM - 5:30PM; **Saturday** 9:30AM - 6:30PM\*; Sunday 8:45AM - 6:30PM\* (\*Closed during Sun. and Sat. Vigil Masses)

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## Cover Art: Painting of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Baltimore MD. Photo by Jim The Photographer. Flickr



## **Reflection** by +Fr. Joseph L. Doran, SDB

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a singular participation in her Son's Resurrection and an anticipation of the resurrection of all other Christians. In Mary's Assumption, God the Father brings to full fruition the activity of His Grace, begun in her at the first moment of her conception and deepened so profoundly within her when she en-fleshed the Word of God.

In the first reading, we saw the "Dragon", the "Father of Lies", focusing all of his evil attention on the child, the "Child-to-be-born." The Dragon, the Devil is still pursuing the same work of death. Currently the Devil has given us our culture of death, with its constant attacks on the sacred character of human life, and upon marriage and the family by which God creates human life. The Devil is a liars, a murderer from the start who has extended his death penalty to destroy all human persons—as embryos -as preborn—as critically handicapped at any stage—as too elderly (all promoted and paid for by law).

Here are some events that you might support to remind you that the Blessed Virgin Mary is very active in our world and in your life as we note in these examples: The 1917 Fatima apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the resultant spread of penance, prayer; 1st Saturday devotions; Blue Army ministry; the great impetus of Marian devotion initiated by St. Maximilian Kolbe in Poland and in Japan—and the great Family Rosary movement championed by Fr Patrick Peyton; the definition of Mary's Assumption in 1950; the completion of the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C. in the late 60's. Vatican II's addition to the "Dogmatic Constitution on the Church," a Chapter 8, to specify Mary's role in the ministry of Christ and His Church—plus the addition of the Marian title, MOTHER OF THE CHURCH (1965); the May 13, 1981 saving of the life of Marian Pope John Paul, thereby giving him 23 more years on ministry; the daily broadcast of the Mass and Rosary on EWTN to a very large TV audience—and the prevalence of the daily Rosary before or after Mass by retired senior citizens throughout the USA.; the designation of 2003 as the Year of the Rosary, and the addition of the Luminous Mysteries.

Mary accompanied the Apostles to Jerusalem to support them, to pray with them, and to occasion the birth of the Church through the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Let us pray to Mary, pray the Rosary, that the Holy Spirit may come upon our present-day culture of darkness, sin, and death—and bring Americans to choose political leaders who will support the Judeo-Christian ethic—who will recognize that this nation must remain ONE NATION UNDER GOD—who will legislate protection for all human life. This is the will of God, of Christ, who said: "I CAME THAT MEN MAY HAVE LIFE AND HAVE IT ABUNDANTLY" (Jn10:10).

Finally, to honor Mary on this feast of her Assumption—we can rightly say: BLESSED BE THE GREAT MOTHER OF GOD, MARY MOST HOLY. BLESSED BE HER HOLY AND IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. BLESSED BE HER GLORIOUS ASSUMPTION.

## Life at the Chapel

#### Volunteers

As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace (1 Peter 4:10).

Please let us know if you are interested in assisting the Chapel in its mission with your time and talent.

Please respond to sfc.pru@gmail.com or let us know personally.

God bless you!



Fall 2021 Project

**Rachel Post-**

**Abortion Healing Retreats** 

September 25, October 16 & November 20

"Project Rachel led me to a place of forgiveness and mercy. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself."— A Project Rachel retreat participant.

The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a "Come to the Waters of Healing" one-day retreat. Fall dates are September 25, October 16 and November 20 from 9 AM to 5 PM. Locations are confidential. Limited to ten participants per retreat. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

#### MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

## Sunday, Aug 15

8:00 AM +Tony, +Cecilia & +Sheila Byrne 9:15 AM +Peggy Powell 10:30 AM +Henry J. Feitelberg—anniv. 11:45 AM In honor of Our Lady 1:15 PM Por las intencions de Immacula-

**4:00 PM** +Brid Mulkerrins **5:30 PM** The Horsley Family living & deceased

## Monday, Aug 16

8:00 AM +Linda Kastor Bouton 12:05 PM Jennifer Goode & Family 4:45 PM Janine Deb & Family

## Tuesday, Aug 17

8:00 AM +Sr. Rosamond Ethier 12:05 PM +George Meloncourt & Father 4:45 PM Mary Bene & Family

## Wednesday, Aug 18

**8:00 AM** Donald Trump & Family **12:05 PM** +John Hannon **4:45 PM** +Snr Clara Clemencia Jimenez

## Thursday, Aug 19

8:00 AM +Richard Gibbs 12:05 PM Jorge Carrillo Jr.—successfully surgery 4:45 PM Carmen Carillo, for health

## Friday, Aug 20

8:00 AM Jasmine Dueuette & Emily Parone
12:05 PM Elvira Garcia
4:45 PM Maureen

## Saturday, Aug 21

9:00 AM Souls in Purgatory of the Siekiera Family
12:00 PM +Frank Garvin
4:00 PM +Anton Frederick Kloc
5:30 PM +Amado Sepulvera

## **Prayer Before Mass**



by Ven. Bruno Lanteri

My God, I offer you this holy sacrifice to proclaim, honor and glorify your infinite greatness, and in recognition of the supreme dominion which, as the first principle and last end, you have above all created things. I give you this homage for all those who still do not know you or do not want to recognize you.

I offer this too in thanksgiving for the benefits that I and all the world have received and will receive from your infinite goodness; in satisfaction for my sins and those of the whole world; to implore the graces that are necessary for my eternal salvation and for all mankind. Oh, my God, I offer to you the merits of Jesus Christ; grant me at this Holy Mass a profound adoration of him.

My God, my Creator, I implore you to grant me the grace of final perseverance. I know by faith that I do not deserve it, nor can I deserve it, but your Divine Son deserves it for me with all his virtues and with all the wounds he shows you in his Most Holy Body, on behalf of my wounded love. Amen.

## Year of the Eucharist Missionaries!

The Archdiocese of Boston continues with the Year of the Eucharist until the Feast of Corpus Christi, June 19, 2022. We are looking for those faithful who are called by the Lord to become a missionary for the Eucharist at St. Francis Chapel.

## What is a Year of the Eucharist Missionary?

It is someone who believes in the True Presence of the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and will dedicate him/herself to pray more, participate in, and promote the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

## Who can be a Missionary?

We welcome anyone who is currently or has been a patron of the Chapel, whether living in Boston, or visiting to join us as Missionaries, deepening your own love of the Eucharist, and praying for this Eucharistic Year to bear fruit in the whole Church. We want to invite others to a greater faith in the Eucharist, with adoration, and even to return to Holy Mass.

## What does a Year of the Eucharist Missionary do?

Prayer, Participation, Promotion, Mission

- 1. **PRAYER** Commit to praying an additional 1% each day. That's 15 minutes. This can be done at home, in front of the Blessed Sacrament, by going to Mass, or reading Scripture, etc.
- Families and/or youth under 12 promise to say at least 3 prayers a day, such as the morning offering, grace before meals and a bedtime prayer.
- Consider committing to one holy hour per week (or two 30 minute sessions, for example)
- Participate in days of recollection/retreats and invite others to do the same.

- 2. **PARTICIPATION** Commit to helping with and attending Year of the Eucharist events at your parish, school, shrine, campus ministry, or ecclesial community.
- Consider ways to help homebound missionaries participate, such as picking them up to attend an event and/or having them assist with an administrative task.
- 3. **PROMOTION** Commit to witnessing to the power of the Eucharist in your life. You can do this a few different ways: give a witness talk at the end of Mass, on a video, or at a faith formation gathering; write something for the bulletin; make a picture to hang up at home, at church, or at school; spread the word about the Year of the Eucharist events.
- 4. **Mission** Sharing our Eucharistic Faith
- Invite others to participate in adoration or to come to Mass. At the Chapel this could even be combined with going to lunch in the mall or walking to the Boston Public Gardens or Commons.
- Utilize your particular gifts and talents to promote the Blessed Sacrament and the Holy Mass. Examples of gifts and talents are those who know social media, video recording, organization, writing, singing, etc. Whatever talents that can benefit the mission to promote the Eucharist.
- Bring our Pilgrimage Icon to your home and invite others to pray
  with you and host an Agape Dinner. This is a dinner hosted by
  you that involves prayer, feasting and fellowship.

Missionaries may meet occasionally to share missionary stories, have fellowship with each other, brainstorm together. Prayer materials and other supplies will be provided by the Chapel. The Year of the Eucharist in the Archdiocese of Boston concludes with the Eucharistic Congress in July 2022.

To enroll or learn more, please contact our pastoral associate, Isabelle, at sfc.pru@gmail.com.