

# The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption



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July 24, 2022

*Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time*

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	5:30 PM - Rick Schaad
SUN	8:00 AM - People of the Parish
	10:00 AM - Vincent & Alice Lang
	12:00 PM - Tom Brockmeier, 6 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
MON	7:45 AM - Liv/dec'd of the Rick & Shelly Medley Family
	12:05 PM - James M. Barrett
TUE	7:45 AM - Helen Henke Miller
	12:05 PM - Special Intention
WED	7:45 AM - Ken & Julia Strahler, Wedding Anniversary
	12:05 PM - Ray & Viola Dennis
THU	7:45 AM - Andrew Surella
	12:05 PM - Francis "Junior" Arnold
FRI	7:45 AM - George Hendershot
	12:05 PM - Mary Agnes Augenstein
SAT	9:00 AM - Russell Hilney
	5:30 PM - John Arnold
SUN	8:00 AM - Harry Way
	10:00 AM - People of the Parish
	12:00 PM - Dr. Edward R. Hintz

SUNDAY MASSES - Saturday 5:30 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM  
CONFESSIONS - Saturday 3:30-5:00 PM (or anytime by appointment)  
BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office  
WEDDINGS - Contact Parish Office *six months* in advance

Rector - Rev. Msgr. John Michael Campbell (fatherjmike@gmail.com)  
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Music Director - Mr. John Ontko (740-350-4224, ontkotb@suddenlink.net)  
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School Principal - Elizabeth Tokodi (elizabethtokodi@stmaryscatholic.org)  
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Health Ministry - Mrs. Janet Jaeger (740-374-6768)  
Daily Bread Kitchen - Mrs. Carol Henshaw (740-885-1181)  
St. Vincent De Paul - Help Line (740-376-1334)  
Welcoming Committee - Jim Naylor (740) 350-5510  
Divine Mercy Gift Shop - Barb Ritchie (740) 538-4733

**You have received a Spirit of adoption through which we cry, Abba, Father.**

## READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Eccl: 1-2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5,9-11; Lk 12:13-21.

## REST IN PEACE:

Stephen Hawn, son of Evelyn Hawn and brother of Larry Hawn of this parish passed away recently. He and his family were parishioners of our parish for many years. We offer our deepest condolences to the Hawn family and will remember Steve in our prayers. May he enjoy eternal peace and happiness in heaven, his eternal home.

## BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Bulletin announcements must be in by Noon Wednesday in order to be included in the following weekend's bulletin. All announcements must be in writing (fax, 3-mail or mail) We cannot accept bulletin announcements by phone.

## LECTOR MEETING

There will be a Lector Meeting this Tuesday evening, July 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Basilica Social Hall.

**VISITORS WELCOME!** We welcome any visitors who are joining us for Mass this weekend. We hope your stay in Marietta is enjoyable. Any new parishioners at the Basilica are asked to please register with the parish office.

**PARISH OFFICES** are open from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Mondays and from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM Tuesday through Friday, with a lunch break from Noon until 1:00 PM each day.

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## MEETINGS AND EVENTS

MON	6:15 PM	-	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions. See announcement.
TUE	5:30 PM	-	6:30 PM -Vacation Bible School Meeting in the Basilica Social Hall.
	7:00 PM	-	Lector Meeting in the Basilica Social Hall.
WED	8:20 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.
	1:30 PM	-	Vacation Bible School Meeting in the Basilica Social Hall.
	6:00 PM	-	Basilica Book Club Meeting in the Basilica Social Hall. See announcement.
FRI	8:20 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Chapel of the English Martyrs.

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**The Lord Will Never Be Outdone  
In Generosity!**

Total collection last weekend:	\$ 12,841.00
Amount needed each week for the Basilica budget:	\$ 14,225.00

*God bless those who support our Basilica Parish!*

### ONLINE GIVING

Online giving is available at the Basilica. For more information, please visit this website:

<http://www.stmarysmarietta.org> and go to the left side of the web page. Click on the GIVE ONLINE button to see more information or to sign up.

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### BASILICA FOUNDATION:

A fund has been established by the Marietta Community Foundation for the maintenance and repairs of our Basilica. This fund is separate from the monthly maintenance collection. Our goal is to have at least One Million in the fund before using it.

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### RCIA INQUIRY SESSION

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith and teachings of the Catholic Church? Attend the open inquiry session on Monday, August 22 at 7:00 PM in the Social Hall (basement) of the Basilica. All are welcome to come and ask questions or just sit and listen. We will also share about the RCIA process if interested in learning how to join the church. Come join us. (If you attended the Inquiry Session on July 20<sup>th</sup> you do not need to attend this one as the information is the same.)

## ST. MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

**Classes for the 2022-23 Academic Year** will begin on Wednesday, August 31<sup>st</sup>. If you are interested in learning more about the wonderful educational opportunities Preschool 3 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade, please contact Tammi Bradley at [tammibradley@stmaryscatholic.org](mailto:tammibradley@stmaryscatholic.org) or call the school office at 740-374-8181.

**Talented and Gifted Teacher:** St. Mary Catholic School is seeking a part-time (3 days per week) Talented and Gifted teacher (TAG) for the 2022-2023 Academic year. The teacher would be responsible for providing creative enrichment for students Pre-kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade in reading and math, maintaining WEPS for all gifted students and assisting teachers with enrichment opportunities within the classroom.

The applicant should have an Ohio teaching certificate and bachelor's degree from an accredited College or University in Education and will need to obtain a TAG certificate. For additional information, telephone the school office, 740-374-8181, or email resume, three references, copy of teaching certificate, and college transcript to Ms. Elizabeth Tokodi at [elizabethtokodi@stmaryscatholic.org](mailto:elizabethtokodi@stmaryscatholic.org).

**Educational Apparel**, one of the uniform companies for school uniforms for St. Mary Catholic School will be set up in the Parish Center of the school for a try on/uniform ordering opportunity on Tuesday, July 26<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

**Save the Date:** Our back-to-school grounds cleanup is scheduled for Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> with our Partner in Education, Greenleaf Landscapes.

## **SCHEDULING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Before scheduling a meeting or event in the Basilica Social Hall, Conference Room or using the Basilica Kitchen, please check with the parish office to be sure the time and date is available. Also, before changing the time of an event, please check to be sure the new time is available.

**NOTE:** All meetings and events **MUST** be put in the master calendar book in the parish office.

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## **K OF C SUMMER SCHEDULE**

The K of C will meet August 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 PM. They will return to the regular schedule in September, which is the first and third Tuesday of every month.

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## **DIVINE MERCY GIFT SHOP**

**Christmas in July:** During the month of July, all previous years of Basilica Commemorative Christmas Ornaments will be on sale for just \$5.00 each, until all are gone. Ornaments are available in the social hall/gift shop.

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## **THIS WEEKEND'S FLOWERS**

This weekend, the roses and flowers for the altar are for a special intention of Ken and Julia Strahler. If you would like to request flowers for a particular weekend, in memory or in honor of someone, please contact the parish office to reserve the date. You should contact the florist of your choice to arrange for delivery.

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## **GOLF SCRAMBLE**

The Knights of Columbus Golf Scramble is scheduled for August 14<sup>th</sup> at Lakeside Golf Course. All proceeds will go toward the support of Saint Mary Catholic School and all of the charitable organizations supported by the Knights of Columbus. Contact Pete Saliba at 304-494-6107 or Kenny Offenberger at 740-350-4967 for more information.

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## **PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY**

We pray for all of the young men and women who are serving our country in the military. We especially remember those from our own parish May God watch over them and keep them safe.

## **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

### **CATECHIST NEED**

Mark 16:15 And Jesus said to them. "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature"  
CCD Registration will begin August 15, with classes beginning mid September. We are in need of some faith filled Catechists, Catechist Assistants, and Substitute Teachers for this coming year. Training and materials will be provided. See Deb Coty, or call the parish office if interested.

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## **BASILICA BOOK CLUB**

Our July book is: **Life is Messy**. Matthew Kelly. 220 pages. If you are not able to purchase the book, please contact Debbie Lazorik (see info below) and we will make sure you are able to get a copy of the book.

Remember: **ALL** are welcome, bring a friend. If you are not able to read the book, a summary is presented, and you can participate at whatever level is comfortable for you. **Next meeting: July 27, 6:00 PM in the Basilica Social Hall.**

July book: Life is Messy by Matthew Kelly  
Life is messy.

It isn't a color within the lines exercise.

It's a wild and outrageous invitation full of uncertain outcomes.

So, what will we do with broken people, broken relationships, broken institutions, broken families,

and of course, our very own broken selves?

Matthew Kelly shares how the worst three years of his life affected him, by exploring this question:

Can someone who has been broken be healed and become more beautiful and more lovable

Then ever before?

The answer will fill you with hope.

There has never been a more urgent need

for us to attend to what is happening within us.

This is quite simply

the right book at the right time.

Any thoughts, questions or if you would like to be added to the BBC email list, contact: Debbie Lazorik – lazorikd@marietta.edu 740-434-3769

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF July 30 & 31**

	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Lectors	Altar Servers
<b>Sat:</b> <b>5:30</b>	Sandy George (CAPT) Gregg Black (HOST) Sheri Black (HOST) Jean Tornes (CHALICE) Missy Deskins (CHALICE)	Mary Ellen Evans	Madelyn Birge Parker Crum Mylee Lang
<b>Sun:</b> <b>8:00</b>	Suzanne Baker (CAPT) Cory Marshall (HOST) – sub req. John Douglass (HOST) Nancy Funk (CHALICE) Sharon Loken (CHALICE)	Janet Welch	David Baker Mike Iaderosa Joyce Iaderosa Charles Kremer
<b>10:00</b>	Cathy Rauch (CAPT) Ken Masselli (HOST) Deborah Coty (HOST) Elizabeth Tokodi (CHALICE) Gerald Cooke (CHALICE)	Tim Williams	Fiona Fowler Grant Palmer Ben Pfeiffer Annie Tokodi-Ruth
<b>12:00</b>	Stan Vanlandingham (CAPT) Sandy Bickert (HOST) Joe Schmidt (HOST) Lisa Taylor (CHALICE) Cheyenne Greenwood (CHALICE)	Mary LaBarre	Jonathan Schmidt Mary Tokodi-Ruth Emilie Wright

<b>Week of July 25<sup>th</sup> 7:45 AM</b>	Jonah Corcoran Avery Nichols	<b>Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM</b>	Connor Bichard Teddy Bauer
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# **THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN** **ORDINARY TIME** **JULY 24, 2022**

## **Notes on the Gospel**

In the gospel, the disciples asked Jesus how to pray. They received a lesson on how a Christian should live. The disciples expected Jesus to teach them ways to pray. Either John the Baptist set the stage for such an expectation, or rabbis in so-called "schools" taught prayer to their disciples as a matter of course. Jesus answered, "When you pray, say: Father! Let your name be honored! Let your Kingdom come! Give us each day our bread for tomorrow. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive everyone owing us. Do not bring us into Temptation.

Jesus then said to them, "Which of you has a friend, comes to him in the middle of the night, and says to him, 'Friend, loan me three loaves of bread, because a friend of mine visited me along (his) journey and I have nothing to offer him to eat. The neighbor said, 'The door has already been closed, my children are in bed, and I am not able to give you anything.' I tell you, even if awakened from sleep, he will not give him anything because he was a friend, because of his persistence, he will give him as much as he needs. I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you, seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone asking receives; the one seeking finds; and the one knocking, it will be opened. Which father among you, if your son might ask for a fish, will give him a snake instead of a fish? Or, if he asks for an egg, will he give to him a scorpion? If you, then, know to give your children good gifts, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those asking him."

In Luke's gospel, Jesus presented a teaching on prayer. In the process, he presented his message and urged his followers to pray that God bring the message to fruition. Luke indicated the man seeking the bread would do anything, even dishonor himself, to help his traveling friend. (Should we do the same in prayer? Yes!)

How should a disciple ask the Father for his kingdom? Constantly! And with complete confidence! Jesus used a parable to make his point. The disciple should always ask for the kingdom, and the disciple should trust that God will answer the prayer. But, for Jesus, constant prayer and complete trust in God were more than a prayer style; they defined Christian living. When Jesus answered the request, "Teach us to pray," Jesus taught his followers how to live as Christians. Ask, seek, knock for the kingdom. If God is good to all his sinful creatures, how much more will he bless his children. He will give them his power and his presence; he will give his children the Holy Spirit!

# Why is the Our Father called the "Lord's Prayer?"

The Our Father is not simply called the Lord's Prayer because Jesus taught it to his followers, the Our Father tells us how Jesus prayed and how Jesus lived. Jesus called God "Father." He actively worked for the coming of God's kingdom. He lived a simple life and depended upon God for his daily needs. He preached forgiveness and he forgave people. He fought against evil, even to the point of death. What Jesus prayed, He lived. His prayer sums up the Gospel.

The words "Our Father" describe our relationship with God. God is our Father and we are his children. But, we did not earn the right to be called children of God on our own; Jesus, God's only Son, came into the world to earn that privilege for us and to show us the way. When we believe in Jesus, we join with him and his relationship with the Father. When we call God our Father, we also recognize our relationship with his Son.

"As we pray, so we believe." This old theological insight is as true today as it was when Jesus taught his followers the Our Father. The prayer focuses our sights on things greater than daily concerns. It sets our sights on the Kingdom.

But questions remain. Do we dare allow the Our Father to change us as we repeat the words? Do we allow the prayer to make us citizens of the Kingdom in the making? If we dare, we can. Ask God!



## DECEASED PRIESTS OF OUR DIOCESE

On Wednesday, we remember the 22<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the death of Fr. Paul Welton. On Friday, we remember the 51<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the death of Fr. Francis Trettel. On Saturday, we remember the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the death of Fr. Michael Rotolo. These priests served our Diocese to the best of their ability. May God grant them eternal rest and peace.



## Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament

On Wednesday and Friday, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in the Basilica's Chapel of the English Martyrs (which is on the right side of the sanctuary). Adoration takes place on these two days from 8:15 am. until 7:00 pm. every week. We need more parishioners to become adorers and spend time in the chapel with the Lord. Jesus remains in the Blessed Sacrament to refresh us in mind, in heart and in spirit. Often, we take God for granted, and forget about Him. As He said to the apostles when He was in agony in the garden, "can you not spend one hour with Me?" Think about it!

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**PRAY FOR THE MEMBERS OF OUR TWO PARISHES WHO ARE ILL.**

## Special Events & Scheduled Pilgrimages at the Basilica:

- July - 26, - Lector Meeting (7:00 pm.)  
Aug. - 7, - St. Henry Parish Picnic  
Aug. - 8, - Parish Bible School through the 12<sup>th</sup>  
Aug. - 15, - Pilgrimage from Blessed Sacrament – Wintersville, Ohio  
Aug. - 22, - RCIA Inquiry Session (7:00 pm.)  
Aug. - 12, - RCIA Begins  
Oct. - 22, - Mass of remembrance (Bishop)
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### PILGRIMAGES TO OUR BASILICA



The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption welcomes all visitors encouraging them to come, pray, and enjoy our beautiful church. If you are a member of a group who would like to tour our Basilica or make a spiritual pilgrimage, please let us know how we can be of assistance. We are honored to host visitors and pilgrims to our Basilica.

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### Perpetual Help Devotions This Monday Evening

Perpetual Help Devotions will be celebrated this Monday evening at 6:15 pm. All parishioners are encouraged to participate in this beautiful devotion celebrated in our Basilica each week. We ask Our Lady to guide and protect our Basilica and each one of us. Since 1866 the Redemptorists have spread devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary under the icon and title of Our Mother of Perpetual Help.

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### CELL PHONES

We ask that all cell phones be turned off when inside the Basilica. If a cell phone rings during a Mass or a service, there is much distraction caused to the congregation and the celebrant. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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### Feast days this week

Monday, July 25, Saint James (Apostle)

James, the brother of John, is called "The Greater" because he followed Christ before the other apostle with the same name. He was the first of the twelve to be martyred by being decapitated by order of Herod Agrippa I in the year 44.

Tuesday, July 26, Saints Joachim & Anne (parents of Mary)

The veneration of the parents of Mary date from the 6<sup>th</sup> century.

Friday, July 29, Saints Martha, Mary, & Lazarus

They were the friends of Jesus in Bethany. Martha offered hospitality, Mary listened attentively to Jesus, Lazarus was raised from the tomb.

Saturday, July 30, Saint Peter Chrysologus (Bishop)  
Peter was called "Chrysologus" meaning "Golden Mouth" for his exceptional ability to preach.

## EVENTS AND MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### Monday, July 25,

7:45 am. - Mass  
12:05 pm. - Mass  
6:15 pm. - Perpetual Help Devotions

### Tuesday, July 26,

7:45 am. - Mass  
12:05 pm. - Mass  
7:00 pm. - Lector Meeting

### Wednesday, July 27,

7:45 am. - Mass  
8:20 am. - Adoration of the Eucharist  
12:05 pm. - Mass  
7:00 pm - Reposition of the Eucharist

### Thursday, July 28,

7:45 am. - Mass  
12:05 pm. - Mass

### Friday, July 29,

7:45 am. - Mass  
8:20 am. - Adoration of the Eucharist  
12:05 pm - Mass  
7:00 pm. - Reposition of the Eucharist

### Saturday, July 30,

9:00 am. - Mass  
3:30 pm. - Confessions  
5:30 pm. - Mass

### Sunday, July 31,

8:00 am. - Mass  
9:30 am. - Mass - Saint Henry Church  
10:00 am. - Mass  
12:00 pm. - Mass

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## SUMMER VACATIONS

All of us need to relax and take time from our ordinary activities and obligations. We need to get away to a different scene. As we consider different destinations, remember to include time and place to celebrate Sunday Mass.



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## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

In September we will begin a support grief group which will meet on Wednesday evenings. There have been several deaths earlier in the year, and it is beneficial to share our thoughts and grief. The death of child or a spouse is a very difficult journey – sharing with others who are going through the same process gives us support. Transforming loss into living again with faith, hope and love and moving toward healing and growth.

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## INVITE THEM BACK!

During the covid virus, the bishops excused Catholics from attending Sunday Mass in person. The threat of the virus is over! If you know of someone who has not yet returned to Mass, invite them



back and tell them that we miss them; yet they need to return for the right reason. The right reason being that they know that they are missing a personal encounter with the Lord. We don't come to Mass to see what we can get out of the celebration. We come to Mass to encounter the Risen Lord, and to be united to Him in the mystery of the Cross offered to His Father.



THE BASILICA OF  
**SAINT MARY**  
OF THE ASSUMPTION

506 4TH STREET • MARIETTA OH 45750 • 740-373-3643



July 24, 2022

Dear Parishioners,

We begin our Eucharistic Revival united to the entire Church throughout the world. Today, Eucharistic belief and practice have been greatly diminished because of our culture and Covid.

To deal with this problem, we need something more than programs or courses; we need to change the minds and hearts of all people in the Church from the top down! We need to change the culture of our parishes. The parish is more than bingo, a CWC raffle, an occasional dinner, and meetings. A parish enables Jesus Christ to become the center of all parish life. Parish life must radiate from the presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist.

I have no doubt that a renewal to Eucharistic devotion and worship is needed. There has been a massive drop in Mass attendance because of our culture and the covid virus. Many people have not returned to Mass as a result of the virus. The Church is in a Eucharistic crisis.

Strategic planning and business plans are not the answer to this problem. The Second Vatican Council described the Eucharist as the "source and summit of our faith". The Council was really reclaiming the Eucharist as the identity of the Church. When the Church is called the new People of God, this means that we are united not around a strategic plan, but around the Eucharistic love of Christ. The Eucharist is not just an event where the people can gather on Sunday to obey a church law to prove to themselves that they are good. Then, they leave the church for another week.

The Eucharist is the gift of Jesus Christ Himself. The Eucharist is the Body, Blood, soul and divinity of Christ Himself. The Eucharist is the reality of Jesus Christ dwelling among us. The Eucharistic Revival is a call to a deep life of prayer in Jesus Christ and let Him change our lives.

Since the closing of the Second Vatican Council, we've been so focused on "What direction is the priest facing" and what language we are using, that we've forgotten what is important. The liturgy of the Mass is not just something to excite and entertain people, it is our inspiration to live out our call to teach and preach Jesus Christ in our own lives. It is not what we get out of the Mass, but what we put into it. The sacrifice of the Mass is the Church's offering. Christ becomes present at the Mass, offering the sacrifice of the Cross, and enabling us to receive Him. The Mass is the formal liturgy of the Church.

The Eucharistic Revival is a call to understand the Eucharistic identity and mission of the Church. May we embrace it!

Sincerely,

Rev. Msgr. John M. Campbell



### The Devil does not have Full Power over us!

“Among the angelic powers the chief – Lucifer - the one to whom God had entrusted the task of looking after the earth, was not evil by nature, he had not received any trace of evil from God - his Creator. He was created good. However, he did not maintain the light and the honor that God had given him. By a deliberate act of his own free will he rebelled against the Creator. He turned his face away from goodness and fell into evil. Evil is in fact merely the absence of good, as darkness is the absence of light. A host of angels placed under his command followed him in the fall. Despite their angelic nature, they also freely plunged from goodness to evil. The devils cannot do anything against us without God’s permission. But with God’s permission they are powerful. All wickedness, all the passions are inspired by them. God allows them to suggest sin to a person, but they cannot force us to commit that sin. We ourselves are responsible for accepting or rejecting their seductive suggestions.”

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## Schedule released for beatification of Pope John Paul I



Pope John Paul I, is known as the smiling pope. The Vatican announced July 11 that Pope John Paul I will be beatified Sept. 4, 2022, during a Mass in St. Peter’s Square.

The Diocese of Rome will host a prayer vigil the evening before the beatification of Pope John Paul I and his hometown will host the main Mass of Thanksgiving a week later.

Pope John Paul served only 33 days as pontiff; he died in the papal apartments Sept. 28, 1978, three weeks shy of his 66th birthday.

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## Pope Francis rules out living in the Vatican or Argentina if he resigns

Pope Francis ruled out the possibility of staying in the Vatican or returning to Argentina in the event of an eventual resignation from the papacy. In an interview, Pope Francis said he would “surely not” stay in the Vatican if one day he resigned. He wouldn’t return to Argentina either, he added, because “I am the Bishop of Rome.” He said he would be “the Bishop Emeritus of Rome.”

Asked if he would reside at Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran, the Holy Father said “that could be,” since he would like to retire “to hear confessions at a church.” However, he said that “for the moment” he hasn’t considered resigning from the papacy. “I really don’t feel like the Lord is asking me that right now. When I feel that the Lord is asking me, yes,” he said, regarding an eventual

resignation from the papacy.

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**“It is truly the one Lord himself whom we receive in the Eucharist, or better: the Lord who receives us and makes us part of him.”**

**—Joseph Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI)**

## **THE MIRACLE OF THE EUCHARIST TODAY**

Dr. Franco Serafini, a prominent cardiologist and author, reveals the science behind the Eucharist and provides proof from other scientists the research into five Eucharistic Miracles. One of the most fascinating discoveries in the studies of the Eucharist is the type of tissue. In these miracles, it not only contains blood, but tissue that is part of the heart. Not skin, lung or stomach, but of the heart. Under normal ‘human’ conditions, these cells degrade after the death of a person, but in each of the Eucharistic miracles, the cells remain ‘live’ and whole. Also, certain stresses put on the body can actually change the cells of the heart, often linked with “extreme physical, emotional and spiritual suffering in broader nonmedical terms. Amazingly, these signs of suffering could still be appreciated and distinguished.”

After doing “normal” tests on the blood that we all do at our annual physicals, the blood showed someone with extreme dehydration (which could be from the poor storage over time), but interestingly, the Blood of Lanciano showed to be in the normal ranges, therefore showing a man in good health in regards to immune system and protein metabolism. White blood cells were also found, which dissolve within hours after death. There was also lymphocytes, which are found in the bloodstream as a “response to significant stressful stimuli.”

There are three blood types, A, B, and O, and there is also the AB type. On each of the samples that were studied from the miracles, all of them are of AB blood type, a type that only 1-5% of the population has (showing how rare it is, on top of this same type appearing in each miracle). There is also a positive or negative Rh blood group, and all of the studied samples are AB Rh-negative. “I shall remind the reader that 15 percent of all human beings are Rh negative. After doing the math, only 0.75 percent of all human beings are AB Rh negative: only about 1 in 133 people.” This would make it extreme difficult to fake these miracles as they all are the same extremely rare blood type.

A very complex topic, but a couple of simple facts: There was no Y chromosome which goes along with the miraculous conception of Christ. While there are several instances to disprove other ‘miracles’ using DNA throughout the world, the DNA from the authentic Eucharistic miracles show “normal” DNA to human males, and that half his chromosomes came from his Mother Mary.

While complex and detailed, the general take away is that we have a lot more studying and research to do, but we must do it using both science and faith . Is this the proof we need to believe in the Real Presence? Is there truly a miracle performed during every Mass around the world? We ultimately all need to decide for ourselves if the Eucharist is Jesus’ body and the wine contains his Blood, but with the help of science and modern technology, we are one step closer to determining the authenticity of these miracles.

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## **Report: 1 cardinal and 57 priests killed in the last 30 years in Mexico**

A report by the Mexican Catholic Multimedia Center shows that from 1990 to 2022, the violence in Mexico has claimed the lives of one cardinal and 57 priests. The document also notes that in the

first three and a half years of President Andrés Manuel López Obrador's six-year term, seven priests have been murdered in the country. In perhaps the most shocking case, the archbishop of Guadalajara, Cardinal Juan Jesús Posadas Ocampo, was gunned down at the city airport on May 24, 1993. In just three and a half years of the López Obrador administration, more than 121,000 homicides have been recorded in the country, which is on track to exceed the more than 156,000 murders committed during the six-year term his predecessor. From Jan. 1 to July 7 of this year, 13,679 homicides have occurred in Mexico.

## Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton shrine



### begins renovation of museum, & visitor center

The National Shrine of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton broke ground last month on a renovation of its museum and visitor center, which is meant to transform the pilgrimage experiences of visitors for years to come.

Mother Seton is a saint for all of us. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton is the first native-born American to be canonized, and a symbol of “faith, hope, and perseverance in the face of adversity,” said a recent press release on the project. This modernized museum will include interactive and innovative techniques to tell Seton’s story.

Among the artifacts that the museum will contain are Seton’s bonnet and childhood dance slippers. The museum will also include videos and other exhibits to help visitors experience Seton’s life in a realistic way.

Visitors will learn about Seton’s journey from being a socialite in 18th century New York to being the founder of the first community of women religious established in the U.S.: The Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph’s. They will also learn about the legacy that she has today.

Seton, who was canonized in 1975, was born in New York City in 1774. She was raised Episcopalian and was received into the Catholic Church in 1805, two years after the death of her husband, William. She and William had five children together, including Catherine, the first American to join the Sisters of Charity.

Following her conversion to Catholicism, Seton eventually moved to Emmitsburg and founded a Catholic school for girls and a religious community to care for the poor.

The legacy of Mother Seton is she was fearless at a time when women weren't exactly known for that. She's a great role model whether you're a mother, an educator, or a widow.

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## Ukrainian Catholic bishops pray for victims of missile strike

Ukrainian Catholic bishops gathered in prayer together for the victims of a Russian missile strike on the city of Vinnytsia, which killed at least 23 people and wounded more than 200. Among the victims of the Russian missile attack was a four-year-old girl with Down syndrome named Liza. The missile strike destroyed a medical center, killing people arriving for treatment and severely wounding two doctors. Three Russian missiles hit the city center, the most crowded place of this regional center, where there is a medical facility, a maternity hospital, and other life support facilities.

