

# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

AUGUST 15, 2021



## CONDOLENCES

We extend our deepest sympathies to Jim and RoseMary Lancellotti upon the death of his mother, Marie Lancellotti, just days after her 95<sup>th</sup> birthday. Please keep them in your prayers.



5 p.m.: Rose & Mariano Cannone, Kevin Stanton and Tom Fay

10 a.m.: Jack Shapiro, Nika & Diella Vulaj, Mary Mazzeo and Marie Lancellotti

## AT THE SHRINE ...

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF KNOCK:** 11:30 a.m.

Mass this Tuesday, August 17, at the outdoor Knock Shrine, celebrated by Fr. Justin Cinnante, O.Carm.

For more information, contact Carol Bezak, Shrine director, at 343-1879.

# GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

# GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.

**Aug. 1-8: Totaled \$ 6,815.86**

Envelopes: \$ 2,953.00 – Online: \$ 3,862.86

THANK YOU!

*“If we forget the good,  
the heart shrinks.  
But if, like Mary, we remember  
the great things that the Lord does,  
if at least once a day  
we were to “magnify” Him,  
then our hearts will expand  
and our joy will increase.”*

- Pope Francis  
August 15, 2020

## COMPASSION



Compassion asks us to go where it hurts, to enter into the places of pain, to share in brokenness, fear, confusion and anguish.

Compassion challenges us to cry out with those in misery, to mourn with those who are lonely, to weep with those in tears. Compassion requires us to be weak with the weak, vulnerable with the vulnerable, and powerless with the powerless.

Compassion means full immersion in the condition of being human.

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## SEEKING A LEAD ELF

Are you creative, and do you have some free time during Advent and Lent? If so, you might want to consider becoming the **coordinator of the Art & Environment Ministry**, with a primary responsibility for the beautification of the church at Christmas and Easter.



There are photos from previous years to inspire – or duplicate – and plenty of support during the planning process. And when extra hands are needed to decorate or undecorate, they appear!

For more information, call the office at 361-3107.



## CALL TO SOCIAL JUSTICE

We continue to share resources into social justice issues from a Church/Biblical perspective.

Earlier this year, several bishops called into question the morality of the vaccines by citing their remote connection to cell lines derived from aborted fetuses. But Catholic ethicists, at the Vatican and in the United States, have said church teaching was clear when it came to the vaccines.

“Pope Francis has made it very clear that it is morally acceptable to take any of the vaccines and said we have the moral responsibility to get vaccinated,” reads a July 30 memo that the Archdiocese of New York confirms that it sent to its priests. “There is no basis for a priest to issue a religious exemption to the vaccine.”

To read the full article, visit:

<https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2021/08/03/religious-exemptions-covid-vaccine-catholic-241167>

## YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

The virtual meeting two weeks ago was peppered with puns and other word play. Deb and Chris set up the joke and then challenged the kids to come up with a creative response. (The actual answers are in italics.)

Singing in the shower is fun until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a ... *soap opera!*

What do you call a fish wearing a bowtie?

*Sofishticated.*

If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?

*Pilgrims.*

Have you heard about the chocolate record player?

*It sounds pretty sweet.*

What do you call a fibbing cat?

*A lion.*

What kind of car does a sheep like to drive?

*A Lamborghini.*

Why are elevator jokes so classic and good?

*They work on many levels.*

Where do you learn to make a banana split?

*Sundae school.*

## NEW EARLY INTERVENTION PROGRAM

Are you worried about a young person who might be starting to drink or experiment with drugs? Teen Intervene can help.

The new substance-use prevention program for 12- to 19-year-olds draws from various models proven effective in addressing mild to moderate alcohol or other drug use. It meets teens where they are, acknowledging that he or she might not see any reason to change behavior because they don't see their use as a problem.

The two- to four-session program is free and can be accessed by contacting Jessica Pforte, LMHC, at the Archdiocese of New York's Drug Abuse Prevention Program.

Ms. Forte says that when an adult reaches out and refers a teen, a counselor is assigned and a Zoom meeting scheduled. Family involvement is encouraged, and follow-up sessions provide specific tools and education. Citing environmental and peer pressures as common challenges, Ms. Forte says the tailored program often includes practicing assertive and refusal skills with the counselor. The teen is also assessed to ascertain whether further treatment is recommended.

To reach Ms. Forte and Teen Intervene, call 561-3633 Ext. 40 or email [jpforte@adapp.org](mailto:jpforte@adapp.org).

## IN THE LOOP



. Thanks to all of you who brought in your unwanted religious items. St. Mary Missions' trailer made its way to St. Paul's on Wednesday to pick up the dozens of boxes of items that will be repaired, repurposed and recycled worldwide.



Beginning Experience in the Hudson Valley is offering a **healing weekend** at St. Lawrence Retreat Center in Beacon from October 15-17 for those suffering from the loss of a spouse through death, divorce and separation. Registration is required. Call Kate at 914-850-5107 or Phyllis at 914-261-5812.

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