



# Partners in Faith & Action

June and Summer 2018

## MASS CELEBRATIONS

Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 8:45 a.m. Eighth Grade Graduation Mass. Full Uniform.

Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 12:15 p.m. – A celebration of gratitude honoring Mrs. Ghisolfo. A reception in the school auditorium will follow the Mass.

During summer vacation, do not forget to celebrate your faith as a family at Mass.

Masses at NDV Church are Saturday at 5:15 p.m., Sunday at 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. (French Mass), and 12:15 p.m. There are also weekday Masses at 7 a.m., and 12:10 pm. Check Mass schedules at your Church.

While you are on vacation, celebrate Mass at the local Church. There are several websites which show Catholic Churches in cities in the United States, locations, Mass times, etc. Check out [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com), [www.masstimes.org](http://www.masstimes.org), or [www.thecatholicdirectory.com](http://www.thecatholicdirectory.com)

## FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is the third Sunday in June. The idea for Father's Day was born on Mother's Day. In 1909, Sonora Dodd listened to a sermon about mothers in her Spokane, Washington church and reflected on the fact that she had been raised almost entirely by her caring and generous father, because her mother died when she was very young. The following year, she organized a day to honor fathers on June 19, her father's birthday. The custom soon spread to the entire state of Washington, and then to other states. It was not proclaimed as a national celebration until 55 years later, in 1966.

*(Blessings and Prayer through the Year)*



## ASSUMPTION OF MARY

August 15<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of the Assumption of Mary, a holy day of obligation. According to tradition, Mary went to live in

Ephesus after the resurrection of Jesus. When the time came for her to die, John, Apostle and Bishop of Ephesus, sent word to the other Apostles, who were scattered around the Mediterranean area, and they hurried to her bedside. Thomas, who had to come from India, was delayed and did not arrive until after her death and funeral. Upon opening the tomb to allow him to pay his respects, they were amazed to find in place of the body of their venerable "mother" and friend, an abundance of lilies. Her body had been "assumed" into heaven uncorrupted and reunited with her spirit.

For hundreds of years the Church observed the feast of the Assumption of Mary, but it wasn't until November 1, 1950 that Pope Pius XII proclaimed as dogma that Mary, the Immaculate Mother of God, was taken body and soul (physically and spiritually) into heaven. *(Blessings and Prayers through the Year)*

Learn more about this feast day at [www.newadvent.org/cathen/02006b.htm](http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/02006b.htm) [www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/saint.aspx?id=1108](http://www.americancatholic.org/features/saints/saint.aspx?id=1108)

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

I am sure that many plans have been made for the summer; however, here are a couple of ideas that you might consider to provide service to the community, and to share your faith with your children.

1. Your family might offer your services at the Gubbio Project, Glide or St. Anthony's, a hospital, nursing home or some other organization near you. Remember, there are people in need all year.
2. Decorate flower pots and fill them with soil and flowers or succulents to give to others who need cheering up.
3. When looking for camps, check your Church to see if they have a Vacation Bible School.
4. Read books to your children. There are several good books for children about saints and popes. Check out the Max Lucado books.

5. Take some summer field trips: visit shrines or the California missions, attend a Latin Mass, participate in a novena, visit a saint's burial site, or visit a Cathedral.

6. Take some time to relax and reflect. Try the 3 minute retreat at

<https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer>

7. Check out "Real Life at Home" for activities.

<https://www.reallifeathome.com/category/family-life/>

8. Other sites you might check out:

[www.dltk-bible.com/](http://www.dltk-bible.com/)

[http://www.catholicmom.com/catholic\\_kids.htm](http://www.catholicmom.com/catholic_kids.htm)

<http://www.domestic-church.com/CONTENT.DCC/pages.dir/frige.htm>

<http://catholicblogger1.blogspot.com/>



## SUMMER SAINTS

Another activity you could do as a family is to learn more about saints. Perhaps you and your child could put together a booklet with the Saint's name, a little about the saint's life, and perhaps a quote by the saint that is meaningful to you. Or identify the patron saint of different occupations such as teachers, tailors, musicians, doctors, lawyers, etc.

Check out the following sites:

<http://www.americancatholic.org/Features/Saints/bydate.aspx>. A calendar with the saints for the month on it. Click on the saint and find more about his/her life.

Other sites to look at are:

<http://www.catholic.org/saints/>

[www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org) – Saint of the Day

## TUNE-UP FOR YOUR SUMMER PRAYER LIFE

Each summer, when we are away from the religious experiences afforded by school and church, be sure to think about how important your faith is to you and to your family.

The following activity was by Jean Grant from St. Charles, Missouri for *Today's Catholic Teacher*, April/May 2015.

**KEEP HOLY THE LORD'S DAY:  
MASS ON SATURDAY/SUNDAY**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serve at Mass.</li> <li>• Locate a Catholic church when traveling.</li> <li>• Encourage family members to join you.</li> <li>• Receive Eucharist.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Join in praying/singing.</li> <li>• Think about readings/homily.</li> <li>• Keep focused.</li> <li>• Talk to Jesus in prayer.</li> <li>• Get to church on time and don't leave early.</li> </ul>
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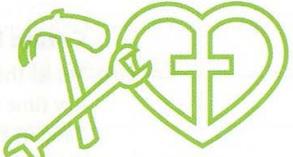
**LIBRARY/READING PROGRAM**

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Find the section about saints at the library.</li> <li>• Research the popes.</li> <li>• Join the library summer reading program.</li> <li>• Use internet to access Vatican info.</li> <li>• Use internet to access your diocese.</li> <li>• Check out videos about saints.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Research history of the Catholic Church in your area.</li> <li>• Read books about prayer to your siblings.</li> <li>• Choose a craft book to make a religious project.</li> <li>• Check out a religious magazine.</li> <li>• Read your diocesan newspaper.</li> </ul>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRAYERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eucharistic adoration</li> <li>• Rosary</li> <li>• Find a "prayer service" in nature.</li> <li>• While exercising</li> <li>• In hospitals</li> <li>• At the doctor's/dentist's</li> <li>• With friends and family</li> <li>• Teach children</li> <li>• Morning/evening</li> <li>• Before/after meals</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SERVICE TO OTHERS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help the elderly</li> <li>• Picnic cleanup</li> <li>• Gardening</li> <li>• Visits</li> <li>• Reading to those with poor eyesight</li> <li>• Chores</li> <li>• Brothers/sisters</li> <li>• Parents</li> <li>• (VBS) Vacation Bible School</li> </ul>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SUMMER RELIGIOUS FIELD TRIPS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cathedrals</li> <li>• Shrines</li> <li>• Traditional church (with Communion rail and Latin Mass)</li> <li>• Cloistered order</li> <li>• Novenas</li> <li>• Saint's burial site</li> <li>• Retreat</li> </ul>	 <p style="text-align: center;"><b>POCKET TUNE-UP FOR YOUR SUMMER PRAYER LIFE</b></p>
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Let's put ourselves into the hands of the Lord, and pray that God will bless us and our families during the wonderful months of summer. May we all help make our home a place of relaxation, joy, love, peace and safety. May we be generous and considerate, not thinking only about ourselves, but helping others enjoy the blessings of summertime. Lord God, Creator of all things, guide our steps and strengthen our hearts, during these months of summer and vacation days. Grant us refreshment of mind and body. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.