

To: J. S. Paluch Co.

**From: Jane
Infant Jesus-St. Lawrence Parish**

**Re: This is our bulletin for the
weekend of August 14-15, 2004**

If there are any questions, just call.

Thank you

INFANT JESUS – SAINT LAWRENCE PARISH
ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
August 15, 2004

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 14, 2004

5:00 PM *no special intention*

Sunday, August 15, 2004

8:00 AM Parish Family

10:00 AM *no special intention*

Saturday, August 21, 2004

5:00 PM *no special intention*

Sunday, August 22, 2004

8:00 AM Parish Family

10:00 AM *no special intention*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS
(for your prayer at home)

Aug. 15 Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15: 20-27 Lk 1: 39-56

Aug. 16 Stephen of Hungary

Ez 24: 15-23 Mt 19: 16-22

Aug. 17 Ez 28: 1-10 Mt 19: 23-30

Aug 18 Jane Frances de Chantal, religious

Ez 34: 1-11 Mt 20: 1-16

Aug. 19 John Eudes, priest

Ez 36: 23-28 Mt 22: 1-14

Aug. 20 Bernard, abbot, doctor

Ez 37: 1-14 Mt 22: 34-40

Aug. 21 Pius X, pope

Ez 43: 1-7ab Mt 23: 1-12

Aug. 22 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66: 18-21 Heb 12: 5-7, 11-13

Lk 13: 22-30

The First Disciple

Revelation 11: 19a; 12: 1-6a, 10ab

A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun.

There is no story in the Bible about Mary's assumption into heaven. But it is the logical conclusion to her life. The assumption of Mary is an assumption, but a good one.

From the moment Mary spoke, "Let it be" when the Holy Spirit overshadowed her and she conceived the Savior of the world, she revealed herself to be the one chosen by God. She was the vessel of our salvation, the model of discipleship, and the first to enjoy the fruits of redemption through her assumption into heaven.

There is an image in the book of Revelation that is often applied to Mary. It depicts a woman clothed with the sun, standing on the moon, and wearing a crown of 12 stars. This dynamic image of a woman reigning over the universe has become an icon of Mary as queen of heaven and earth. Artistic representations of Mary often depict her dressed as the woman in Revelation. They signify the belief that the scriptures symbolically verify Mary's place in heaven.

Today's celebration is meant to give all Christians hope. Throughout our lives we strive to keep Mary as our model, ever ready to accept whatever may happen as long as it is God's will. If we pattern our life on hers, her new life will become the pattern for ours.

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Special Mass Intention – Did you know that you can remember your deceased loved ones with prayer by having the intention of the Mass made in their honor? To do this, call the parish office and we will be happy to help you with the arrangements. There can only be one intention per Mass and arrangements are made on a first com-first serve basis.

Parish website: Remember to check out our parish website! There is a lot of very helpful information to enlighten you on parish happenings and religious subjects. It also gives you links to other interesting and spiritually educational sites. *There is a link to the Reconfiguration Page for the Archdiocese.*

Bulletin Mailings – If you know anyone in the parish who can't come to church for whatever reason and you think they would appreciate having the bulletin mailed to the, please let us know at the parish office. We would love to mail to them weekly so that they can keep up with what's going on.

Next weekend is Brown Bag Weekend! (Third Sunday of every month) You are invited to bring non-perishable food which will benefit the needy in our area. Baskets are near the doors for these items.

A Letter from the Pastor

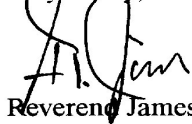
Dear Friends,

On Thursday evening August 5, a representative group of the Parish Pastoral Council and Finance Council and I met with Archbishop O'Malley and Bishop Lennon in the Chancery conference room. We explained to Archbishop Sean and Bishop Lennon why Infant Jesus-St. Lawrence Parish needs to remain open. While only a representative group participated in the meeting the group carried with it the concerns of all the members of the parish. The meeting was excellent. We spoke from a faith perspective and presented clear and cogent reasons why this parish should remain open. If you visit the web site {IJSL.org} there is a picture of the group with Archbishop O'Malley.

Today is the Feast of the Assumption. Let us ask the Lord to give us the faith of Mary. May we look forward to the day when we will live with God and Mary in eternity.

I hope the remainder of the summer is enjoyable for you.

Prayerfully,



Reverend James G. Burke,
Pastor

The second collection next weekend will be for the **Home Missions**. Funds from this appeal will help extend and strengthen the presence of the Church in the US and its dependencies through the support of basic pastoral services in areas that struggle to provide such necessities on their own.

PARISH BOOK CLUB NIGHT: The next Book Club meeting will be held on September 15th @ 7 PM in the Parish Hall. We will be discussing, **Father Joe: The Man Who Saved My Soul** by Tony Hendra. All are invited to join in this social evening of lively discussion and light refreshment.

Hospice of the Good Shepherd is having their monthly Open House on Sept. 3, 2004 from 10 AM – Noon at 2042 Beacon Street, Newton. This is an opportunity to check out their staff and how they can help with compassionate care in your home or nursing home. They have volunteer opportunities and career possibilities. For more information, call Meg at 617-969-6130.

Adoption is a beautiful way to build a family!

Every day, foster children of all ages wake up dreaming of a family. Children need the nurturance and support that only a permanent family can provide. Catholic Charities is recruiting families for adoptive parenthood. MAPP training is an educational program that prepares families who are looking to start or add onto their families. The training will be held at: Laboure Center, 275 West Broadway, South Boston, September 13-November 8 (8 Mondays) 6-9 PM and October 16-November 6 (4 Saturdays) 9 AM-4 PM. If you can open your heart and your home to a waiting child, a sibling group, older children, especially minority children, please contact Pauline Richard at 617-464-8586 for more info. All potential families must register and complete a packet before attendance.

Get involved? ME? You often hear “please get involved...pray for increased involvement of laity in the Church.” You may sit and wonder what it is YOU could do – well, here’s an opportunity for you to consider and pray about...

The Archdiocese’s *Respect for Life Program* is seeking mature, articulate, grounded Catholics willing to be trained to deliver presentations regarding God’s plan for life, love, relationships and sexuality to challenging middle and high school students in parishes throughout the Archdiocese. A team made up of two people typically average five talks for the school year to parishes in a particular geographical area, which usually are on Sunday evenings. You may choose the *Respect for Life* talk or the *Respect for Human Sexuality* talk to present after completing training on both.

Although the material is factual and statistically based, it remains, unfortunately, counter-cultural and unpopular in today’s society. Therefore, we request persons considering this ministry to understand and emulate the calm, humble and gentle approach in which Jesus taught. Many students are hungry for the truth and this is an opportunity to positively influence a youth’s future.

Training will be held at the Archdiocese’s Creagh Library at 2121 Commonwealth Ave., Brighton on: Tuesday, Sept. 21, 5:30-8:30 PM for the *Respect for Life* presentation and Thursday, Sept. 23, 5:30-8:30 PM for the *Respect for Human Sexuality* presentation.

If you plan on attending, please pre-register by calling Deb O’Hara-Rusckowski, at 617-746-5860. Two referrals and a written recommendation (preferably by your pastor) will be required.