

Pastor's updates

August 13, 2021



Things you may want to know this week

1. This Sunday we celebrate the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**. On November 1, 1950, Pius XII defined the dogma of the Assumption and solemnly proclaimed that at the end of her earthly life, the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up, body and soul, into the glory of heaven. The solemnity supersedes the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary which could have been celebrated if August 15 did not fall on a Sunday.
2. My heart goes out to the parish families who recently lost their loved ones. We had a funeral today for **ROY BLANCO**, an active parishioner and choir member of our parish, who peacefully passed away August 7th at the age of 75. The funeral for **NICHOLAS "Nick" SALAZAR** will be this Tuesday, August 17th at 1:30PM. Nick passed away August 8th at the young age of 21. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.
3. With a loss of a loved one, we are blessed to have a grief support in our parish. **Saint Robert's Grief and Consolation** will resume monthly support meetings beginning Thursday, Sept. 2nd after the 8:30 mass in the Convent. The meeting is open to all who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Masks are required. If you plan to attend or would like more information, please contact **Judy Kerrigan** at srconsolationmin@att.net.
4. Where there is new life with Christ in Heaven, there is also new life with Christ on Earth through the waters of Baptism. This weekend I will baptize **Julianne Alota** (Saturday) and **Declan Smith** (Sunday). Deacon John Meyer will baptize **Faith Earl** (Saturday). Let us join their families in welcoming these children to the Family of God!
5. The first day of school is right around the corner. We welcome new and returning faculty and staff at their Recollection Day on Monday, August 16th. **The First Day of School** is this Tuesday, August 17th. According to our school principal, Dr. Patrick Sullivan, we have 315 students this year. We will start the new school year with a Eucharistic Celebration of the Mass at 10:30 AM. Early dismissal will be at 12:30PM.
6. Let us welcome **GP Eleria, our new Music Director**. He joins us from Williston, North Dakota, where he was a church music director for half a decade. Prior to that, he was a music teacher and choir director at St. Peter's Preparatory School in Jersey City. GP is a graduate of Berklee College of Music and has been involved in music ministry all his life. He brings with him a keen interest in nurturing and growing our music program at Saint Robert.

FAZnotes
(Father Arnold Zamora)
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Dear parishioners and friends of St. Robert's,

**Our BEST stories will come from our struggles.
The SEEDS of our SUCCESS are in our FAILURES.
Our PRAISES will sprout from our pains.
Let's bend if we will, cry if we must but let's keep STANDING.
God is with us in every challenge in our lives.**

**Even in the most difficult times, there is ALWAYS something to be grateful for.
Not matter how bad things are, there is always HOPE,
there is the RISING after a fall,
a NEW LIFE, a NEW WORLD will dawn.**

God is blessing you today!

Fr. Arnold