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This very holy day will, I believe,
mark the ~~70th~~ annual Assumption
Day Parade! - Not even the weather can
dampened the spirit that surrounded
this day and its festivities.

In 1950 - Pope Pius XII proclaimed
The Assumption as doctrine and so named the day of
celebrations. In our borough we have been privileged
to witness the activities and catch the spirit and
meaning of The Assumption. Beth and I have been privileged
to share this day with you for past ~~31~~ years!



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I have observed that ^{on Assumption 2} this day
has seemed to have as its focal point
the family. This observation comes from
seeing several generations in a family
celebrate together.

Did you know the family is the world's
oldest form of government? It is here where we learn
the art of compromise, the need to participate in discussions
and decisions, and caring for the other person. It is in
the family where children are taught the love for God +
the Church and love of country.



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The modern day family ~~is~~ includes not only relatives but the school - teachers, administrators, fellow students - Community organizations and religious entities.

I firmly believe that our church can provide the mortar that can ^{seal} the cracks in the traditional family ~~unit~~ ^{unit}.

I found a quote written by Debbie Mears (Grade 7) Sts. Simon & Jude. W.C. Pa.

"A family is a crutch to lean on for support; a blanket to wrap yourself in for comfort; and a ruler that guides you through life. Without this unit ... what would we all do?"

It is on this day - ~~this~~ Assumption Day - that we
pause to honor those men & women who go to
foreign soil to protect and preserve the peace -

In the past - and to-day - Americans will stand
up & fight if necessary for basic liberties of all people.

my theme Keep the family strong

Protect the rights of all men

Preserve the peace - let fraternal ring

God Bless you



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It is here in the family where
children are taught right from wrong,
it is here where the work ethic is
taught ~~or respected~~. ^{with love} it is the
family where community service is respected. Interestingly by
enough, it ~~must be~~ ^{is} noted that from this family -
(in the larger sense) comes 2 candidates - Tony P + Mary Z
who are candidates for leadership ^{North Group} position in our
community. I congratulate them for their willingness to serve
others! Sons of Heloise / Danny + S + Patty - are advised