

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA, Pastor
Mrs. Karen Glose, Director of Music
Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
Ms. Irene M. Quigley, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School

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Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger, Youth Activities
Ms. Joanne Manning, Parish Secretary

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Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
 Weekdays 8:00 a.m.
 Holy Days 7:00 p.m. [Vigil]
 8:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
 or by appointment

Baptism

Every Weekend after Mass on request. Baptismal preparation classes are the first Saturday of every month at 10:00 a.m. in the classrooms above the church. Please call the rectory in advance to schedule class attendance and Baptism.

Sponsors

Parishioners need to meet with Fr. Straka to determine whether they are eligible to serve as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. Please call the rectory.

Marriage

Please call the rectory at least one year in advance to schedule a wedding. Attendance at diocesan Marriage Preparation Classes is required six months prior to the wedding date, as well as three or four sessions with the priest. Current Baptism and Confirmation certificates are needed for the Catholic parties. In the case of previously existing marriages, a death certificate or declaration of nullity is necessary before another marriage can be considered.

Parish Registration

New parishioners living in the parish boundaries are asked to register at the rectory. Please notify the rectory if you change your address or phone number or move out of the parish.

Communion to the Sick

Communion is taken to the sick after the Sunday Masses and on First Fridays. The Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with individual homebound parishioners on First Fridays several times a year. Please call the rectory to request being included on the homebound Communion list.

Please call the rectory when parishioners are admitted to a local hospital.

Parish Activities/Contacts

Adult Education	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....	610-262-8428	Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....	484-540-5090	
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ministry to the Sick	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Bible Study	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Parish Family Picnic	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
CYO	Tim Grubb	610-762-9072	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
Ecumenical Rep.	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RCIA	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	610-262-9012	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 12, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

June 13, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Vincent Poandl	Family
June 14, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Stephen and Sophie Bankos	Family
June 15, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Rachel Maine	Terry, Phyllis and Family
June 16, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
June 17, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Eileen Walter	M/M John Marth
June 18, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Parish Father's Day Intentions	
June 19, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Parish Father's Day Intentions	
	10:30 a.m.	Parish Father's Day Intentions	

Next Week's Schedule:

June 18, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker
June 19, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	P. Madea
10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt

Lector:

Euch. Min.:

L. Assante
F. Cerino
D. Maron

Altar Servers:

E. Zwolenik/E. Ossiander/B. Bankos
E. Confer/C. Confer/J. Confer
B. DelVecchio/A. Nemeth/S. Heidecker

Greeters:

M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
J. DelVecchio/C. Marano

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Edward Bankos requested by daughter, Ann.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Nello Rossini who died recently.

dear Padre:

Dealing with Catholics who ignore Church beliefs

How should the Church respond to Catholics who publicly ignore its beliefs and morals?

Let's begin with Jesus' recipe for dealing with a person who is living in known sin (Matthew 18:15-17). First of all, gently bring instruction or correction in private. This is a simple, friendly call to repentance. If he or she does not listen, a second witness or authority may be called. We then may approach the pastor or another leader to try to help the person to reject the evil. If the person still refuses, the Church may be forced to exclude him or her from the Eucharist until there are signs of repentance. This is known as "**excommunication**" and is an extreme last resort. It is an ugly word for an ugly reality. It is a public proclamation by the Church that an individual is defiant in his or her rebellion and has left the community of the faithful.

Notice that excommunication is not the Church kicking out a poor sinner, but it simply proclaims that the person has chosen to leave our values for the sake of selfishness, politics, money, or some other motive. In fact, the whole reason for excommunication is to try to show the person the seriousness of his or her offense so that he or she will return to Christ and the Church and receive mercy.

FR. MATTHEW BONK, CSsR
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Calendar:

Monday – June 13

St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

1 Kgs 21:1-16

Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday – June 14

Weekday

1 Kgs 21:17-29

Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday – June 15

Weekday

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday – June 16

Weekday

Sir 48:1-14 / Mt 6:7-15

Friday – June 17

Weekday

2 Kgs 11:1-4, 9-18, 20

Mt 6:19-23

Saturday – June 18

Weekday

2 Chr 24:17-25

Mt 6:24-34

Sunday – June 19

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zec 12:10-11; 13:1

Gal 3:26-29

Lk 9:18-24

GIVING SUNDAY : Sun., June 12
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., July 3, 10:00 a.m.
PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING : Fri., Aug. 5 & Sat., Aug. 6
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 11, 2016
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 18
BREAKFAST : October 30, 2016
CONFIRMATION : Wed., March 8, 2017

PICNIC PLANNING MEETING: There will be a picnic planning meeting this **Tuesday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m.** at the church rectory. Anyone interested in helping to plan the Annual Church Picnic is invited to attend.

PLEASE NOTE: Daily Mass will be celebrated in the church rectory (2174 Lincoln Avenue) starting tomorrow, Monday, June 13 until Thursday, October 6. Please enter through the rectory front door. First Fridays, Holydays, and Holiday Masses will be celebrated in church.

RECTORY SUMMER HOURS are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or call for an appointment. **Rectory office is closed on Wednesdays.**



2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: As of today, our parishioners have raised \$28,625.00 from 152 parishioners. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal of \$41,737.00. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal and to reach the 100% participation goal. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org or please call the parish office at 610-262-2559.

THE PENNSYLVANIA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE is asking for your help. This month the State Senate is considering legislation that would change state law to allow survivors of childhood sexual abuse from decades ago to file lawsuits against private institutions like the Catholic Church, parishes like this one, schools and ministries. This legislation will severely damage the ministries of the Catholic community in Pennsylvania. Public institutions, such as public schools, where the vast majority of abuse cases occur, would not face lawsuits from the past, under this law. Sexual abuse is a serious crime that affects every institution and community in Pennsylvania, public and private. Because of its gravity, it needs to be dealt with comprehensively and fairly going forward. To learn more about the legislation and to find out how to contact your State Senator about opposing it, contact www.pacatholic.org



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Frank Geosits. They were donated by wife, Dorothy, and Family.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: There will be a Holy Hour and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Queenship of Mary Church **today, Sunday, June 12 at 3:00 p.m.** Msgr. John Martin, Pastor of St. Peter's Church, Coplay, will give the reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Come for the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and then stay for Queenship of Mary's parish picnic. All are welcome.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Please note that we will not be meeting during the summer. Our next meeting will be September 20th. Thank you to all the ladies who so generously shared their time and talents to make the start of this ministry such a success. We have distributed over 20 shawls to some of our shut-ins, the newly baptized and those experiencing some difficulties and might be in need of our prayers. If you know of someone who could benefit from the feel of the Lord's embrace through a shawl, please contact Mary LaBianca at 610-502-0160. There is no charge.



PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 5 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 6 starting at 7:00 a.m.** Friday we will be peeling and cooking potatoes. Saturday we will be making, cooking and packing the pierogies. Please come and help. The more help we have, the faster we get done. We need both Men and Women. Please come and join us. We do have fun.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Agnes Bennett:** \$25 M/M Michael Spengler.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Any boy or girl in the parish who has made First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server is asked to contact Joanne at the rectory before June 19. **Training will be held when Fr. Straka returns.**

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: Next weekend of June 18/19, our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering. Please use the envelope included in your June/July packet of envelopes.

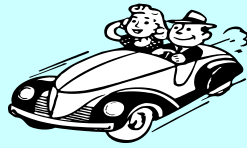
"CARE NOTES": Please check the "Care Notes" rack in the back of the church for helpful pamphlets in dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 11, 2016
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
begins with a Mass at 11:00 a.m.,
continues with music, games and food until 7:00 p.m.
Featuring the music of "The Pennsylvania Villagers"
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass
Bingo - 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
The Pennsylvania Villagers - 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Children's Games,
Basket Raffle and Games of Chance



Baked Goods, Exotic Non-Alcoholic Drinks
Soda, Bottled Water, Iced Tea, Beer, Coffee
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Steak Sandwiches
Turkey BBQ, Pork BBQ, Kielbasi with Sauerkraut
Sweet Italian Sausage Sandwiches, Ice Cream Treats,
Holubki, Haluski, Goulash, Pirohy (Pierogies), French Fries

