

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA, Pastor
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Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
Mr. John Paul Crescenzo, 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 Gribb	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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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 3, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

July 04, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Fred Gollatz	Michael Pierzga and Family
July 05, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael and Catherine Cesanek	Daughter, Helen Kerbacher, and Family
July 06, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Schisler	Son, Arthur, and Family
July 07, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of the Stephen Bankos, Sr. Family	Bankos Family
July 08, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael Kuchera	M/M Bernard Kuchera
July 09, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†John Zampino	Kevin and Laura Gale and Family
July 10, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Annette Yurish	Greg and Joan Glover
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule:

July 09, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz
July 10, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik
	10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger

Lector:

M.E. Schwartz
T. Kovalchik
D. Heckenberger

Euch. Min.:

P. Kovach
N. Birosik
R. Shearman

Altar Servers:

E. Meister/E. Ossiander
B. Gallagher/M. Hudock
A. Nemeth/M. Thierer

Greeters:

M. Mraz/P. Schuler
N. Birosik/D. Cesanek/G. Farkas
H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Betty Crouthamel requested by Crouthamel Family.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish.

dear Padre:

Parent is concerned about kids who have fallen away

I raised my children in the faith, but two of them left the Church to embrace another denomination, and two others, although still Catholic, have not committed to regular church attendance. I worry about their salvation.

Your experience is not unknown to many Catholic parents. I'm sure my own mother could carry on a good conversation with you about her concern for the faith life of her children.

The journey of faith has many paths. An individual may think more deeply about the meaning of life or find religion after a momentous experience or in the process of gathering and sharing with a community in which they find support, clarity, or rituals that express their beliefs, or guidelines for living morally.

For those of us who grew up believing, chances are we were not introduced to religion through logic. Children are brought to church long before they are aware of their need for God. They learn doctrine and attend worship before questions of faith and religion form within them. Passing on the faith is a great gift that parents give, and it will serve these young people well. Your children have tools to help them find their way, and God continues to be with them. Follow the example of St. Monica, and pray for them. Trust this one to God, and continue to give good example.

FR. RICHARD BOEVER, CSsR, PhD
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

Calendar:

Monday – July 4

Weekday

Hos 2:16, 17b–18, 21–22
Mt 9:18–26

Tuesday – July 5

Weekday

Hos 8:4–7, 11–13
Mt 9:32–38

Wednesday – July 6

Weekday

Hos 10:1–3, 7–8, 12
Mt 10:1–7

Thursday – July 7

Weekday

Hos 11:1–4, 8c–9
Mt 10:7–15

Friday – July 8

Weekday

Hos 14:2–10
Mt 10:16–23

Saturday – July 9

Weekday

Is 6:1–8 / Mt 10:24–33

Sunday – July 10

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 30:10–14
Col 1:15–20
Lk 10:25–37

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

PLEASE NOTE: Daily Mass is being celebrated in the church rectory (2174 Lincoln Avenue) now 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 \$34,164.00 from 173 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.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Michael and Catherine Cesanek. They were donated by daughter, Helen Kerbacher, and Family.

"GIVING SUNDAY": Sunday, July 10, is Giving Sunday. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding, or a jar of peanut butter. Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts.

2016 PARISH PICNIC: The Annual Sacred Heart Church Picnic (Bath, PA) will be held July 8, 9, and 10. Entertainment will be provided by the following bands: Friday, a Classic Rock Band, *Still Kickin'*, Saturday, a do-wop band, *Desire*, and Sunday a country band, *Crazy Hearts*. Inflatables fun for the children each night along with a variety of games. Wide variety of foods including homemade pierogi, turkey and pork barbeque, rib eye steaks, walking tacos, funnel cakes, potato pancakes, and more. *Clams Every Night!* Come enjoy the great food and entertainment, **Friday and Saturday from 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. and Sunday from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**



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.**

MEN'S RETREAT AT MALVERN: In today's world of 24/7 sound bites, non-stop commercials, loud music and the like, it can be difficult to hear the really important voices in our life. Sometimes we just need a quiet, safe place where we can listen to our God who knows us, loves us and wants to tell us what is best for us. The Malvern Retreat House is such a place. Join the men of the parish the weekend of August 26, 27 and 28 for their Malvern retreat. To learn more, call Jack Harhart 610-262-8123 (or email jharhart@yahoo.com) or Richard Cuth 610-262-8045.



HOLY TRINITY ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC will be held next **Sunday, July 10** at **Egypt Memorial Park**, located just off Main Street on Rt. 329 west. Outdoor Mass starts at 11:30 a.m. and festivities will follow Mass until 8:00 p.m. and will include children's games, Bingo, adult games, homemade foods including, walking tacos, Belgian waffles, funnel cakes, bleepies, baked goods and many other items. Entertainment provided by Josef Kroboth from 12:30-3:30pm and UUU from 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Admission and parking are free.** The public is invited to attend rain or shine.

PARISH PICNIC NEWS

"BIG BUCKS": We are counting on you to either purchase or sell the four "Big Bucks" tickets which were mailed to you in June. Also, please consider selling additional tickets, which are available at the rectory.

"WINE, LIQUOR": In the past one of our most successful items at the Parish Picnic has been the WINE/LIQUOR stand. We have been fortunate in receiving all of these bottles as donations from parishioners. If you can donate bottles for this stand, it would be greatly appreciated! Kindly drop the bottles off at the rectory.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Letters were mailed in June asking for your help for our picnic. We need workers, donations of wine/liquor, baked goods, and/or monetary contributions. Please respond to our volunteer and donation form as soon as possible. Youth (Grades 8-12) are you looking for community/church service hours? Come and help out at our parish picnic!

ADVANCE PICNIC TICKET SALES before and after all Masses the weekends of: **August 6/7, August 13/14, August 20/21 and August 27/28.** Pay **\$10.00** and receive **\$12.00** worth of tickets.

HAVE YOU NOTICED the **CareNotes** display in the back of the church? CareNotes offer helpful ideas and inspiration on dealing with some of life's most difficult moments. Please help yourself.

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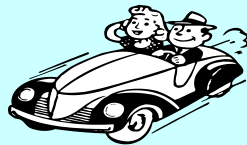
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ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

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



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