

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons, Administrator
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Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
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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 Msgr. Koons 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	Msgr. Koons.....	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	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Bible Study	Msgr. Koons.....	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	Msgr. Koons.....	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.	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....	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.....	484-226-0188	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

May 08, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Allen Edelman	Wife, Ann, and Family
May 09, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Strongowski	Donald Legath
May 10, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Connie Marth	Hilda Bankos
May 11, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Daniel Mason	Paul Gerkovich
May 12, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Carole Hawk	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
May 13, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Parish Mother's Day Intentions	
May 14, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Parish Mother's Day Intentions	
	10:30 a.m.	Parish Mother's Day Intentions	

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

May 13, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor
May 14, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	P. Madea
	10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth

Euch. Min.:

C. Marth
Deacon Gene
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Altar Servers:

S. Haldeman/E. Meister/G. Heidecker
W. Cuchran/J. Millan/N. Millan
M. Cuchran/C. Cuchran

Greeters:

L. Bet/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 Stephen Kotoris requested by Sister, Nikki.

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

dear Padre:

If I still attend Mass, may I work or shop on Sundays?

When I lived in Brazil, everything was closed on Sunday except a few restaurants. As a result, it was a day families could spend together. Even in our own country, some places have shortened hours on Sundays or are closed altogether, like banks and car dealerships.

For many of us, shopping is a way of resting. We go to the store and browse, stop at the mall, or see a movie. The Catechism doesn't go so far as to say we can't shop on Sundays. It tells us, "On Sundays and other holy days of obligation, the faithful are to refrain from engaging in work or activities that hinder the worship owed to God, the joy proper to the Lord's Day, the performance of the works of mercy, and the appropriate relaxation of mind and body" (CCC 2185).

However, many people have to work on Sundays. Even if we are resting by shopping or going out on Sundays, we are forcing other people to work. If we all made the choice to not shop or go out on Sundays, with the exception of emergency needs, Sundays could truly become a day of rest for all people, as it is intended to be.

So yes, you may shop on a Sunday, but I would encourage you to spend the day doing things that keep the whole day holy, not just the hour you're at Mass.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

Calendar:

Monday – May 8

Easter Weekday
 Acts 11:1–18
 Jn 10:11–18

Tuesday – May 9

Easter Weekday
 Acts 11:19–26
 Jn 10:22–30

Wednesday – May 10

Easter Weekday
 Acts 12:24–13:5a
 Jn 12:44–50

Thursday – May 11

Easter Weekday
 Acts 13:13–25
 Jn 13:16–20

Friday – May 12

Easter Weekday
 Acts 13:26–33
 Jn 14:1–6

Saturday – May 13

Easter Weekday
 Acts 13:44–52
 Jn 14:7–14

Sunday – May 14

Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 6:1–7
 1 Pt 2:4–9
 Jn 14:1–12

CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, May 14
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: Tue., May 16, 10:00 a.m.
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., June 3, 10:00 a.m.
IRON PIGS GAME : Tuesday, August 8
CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 10

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Last week we kicked off the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal, Growing Our Parish Family and we are grateful to our parishioners who have already made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$300 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$50 installments. Your sacrifice and generosity to those who are less fortunate will allow the ministries of our diocese to offer services to those who need our assistance. You can make your gift online at [6 FaithHopeCharityGives.org](http://6FaithHopeCharityGives.org), pick up a pledge form at the back of Church or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of the deceased members of the Hutnick and Lessel Families. They were donated by Eleanor and Suzanne Lessel.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU! The Breakfast Committee would like to thank the kitchen workers, cooks, servers and clean-up people, who give up their Sundays for the church's breakfast fundraisers. Also, thank you to all the guests who patronize our breakfasts. You are a big part of our success. The proceeds from these breakfasts are used to help with the cost of maintaining the church property.

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 5. Training will be held in June.

BAPTISM: We are happy to welcome Leah Collazos, child of John and Jennifer Collazos, and Isabella Marie Collazos, child of Walter and Stephanie Collazos, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Leah and Isabella Marie as they continue to grow in our faith.



PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 4 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 5 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.

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NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME: Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Tuesday, August 8** on the Party Porch, 1st base line, at Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Ironpigs Way, Allentown hosted by B.V.M. Choir. Food will be available from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Game starts at 7:05 p.m. Cost is \$37 per person and is due at time of reservation. Deadline for reservations is Saturday, July 1. For more information call Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138. You can place your payment in the church collection basket to hold your tickets (reservations).



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers that were in front of the altar last week were donated by Vicki Hall in memory of her mother, Helen Makovsky, and her sisters, Marie, Elaine and Rosemarie.

NIGHT OF THE ARTS & OPEN HOUSE: Good Shepherd Catholic School, 1300 Newport Avenue, Northampton Night of the Arts & Open House School Tours will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17 in front of the Main Office. Artwork created by our students will be on display. Musical Presentations by our school choir and instrumental band begin at 6:30 p.m. in the School Gym. All are welcome!



CARNATION SALE: Pennsylvanians For Human Life will be selling carnations at \$2.00 each **after all Masses next weekend, May 13/14 [Mother's Day Weekend].**

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 25, 26 and 27 for their Malvern retreat. To learn more, call Jack Harhart 610-262-8123 (or email jharhart@yahoo.com) or Richard Cuth 610-262-8045. For information on retreats for women, married couples and families visit Malvern's website at malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

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.

CARFIT: Northampton Regional EMS and Lehigh Township Police invite you to join them at the next **Northampton Regional EMS CarFit** event being held on Saturday, May 20, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Northampton Regional EMS located at 1525 Canal Street in Northampton. At the event, you'll be able to talk with senior drivers and see first-hand how trained technicians help aging drivers with the comfort and safety settings in their car including:

A clear line-of-sight over the steering wheel.

Adequate space between the front air bag/steering wheel and the driver's breastbone; properly adjusted head restraints.

Proper positioning on gas and brake pedals.

Proper seat belt use and fit, and safe positioning of mirrors to minimize blind spots.

See the flyers on the church bulletin boards for more information. Open to all seniors free of charge. Hope to see you there!

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