

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

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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 3:00 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

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH**TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****JUNE 25, 2017****MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

June 26, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Janet Eck	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
June 27, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†William Ifkovits, Jr.	Anna Pavlo
June 28, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Joan Skrapits	Al and Sue Stubits
June 29, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Lizak	Anna Hudock
June 30, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Nederostek	Louise Nederostek
July 01, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Clare Bennett	Son, Joe, and Family
July 02, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Erwin Kager	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

July 01, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor
July 02, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll
	10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza

Euch. Min.:

C. Wuchter
T. Melosky
J. Nicosia

Altar Servers:

M. Warren/J. Warren
S. Kroll/N. Bischof
M. Thierer/A. Nemeth

Greeters:

C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
B. Cwitkowitz/M. A. Weaver
B. Skweir/M. Skweir

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Stephen and Pauline Marsch requested by Son, Steve.

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

dear Padre:

Did Adam and Eve repent of their sin, and if so, were they forgiven?

Genesis 1—3 is written primarily to convey truths about God: God is good, loving, and provident; humankind was ungrateful to God and introduced evil into the world. However, despite humanity's sinfulness, there is still hope because of God's goodness and mercy. The Garden of Eden story is focused more on the loss of original holiness and the consequences of original sin than on repentance.

So while the Bible doesn't state that Adam and Eve sought repentance, we can know with certainty that God offered them forgiveness, and we can imagine that they probably repented. God restores humanity after the Fall through Christ's redemptive act and offers all of us forgiveness (see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 410).

Christians believe that "the world has been established and kept in being by the Creator's love; has fallen into slavery to sin but has been set free by Christ, crucified and risen to break the power of the evil one" (CCC 421). Creation, therefore, already involves a re-creation in Christ, the eternal Word of the Father. Christ, the "New Adam," who amends for the disobedience of Adam, becomes the point toward which creation's history is directed.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church asks: Why did God not prevent the first man from sinning? "St. Leo the Great responds, 'Christ's inexpressible grace gave us blessings better than those the demon's envy had taken away.'...And the Exsultet sings, 'O happy fault, ...which gained for us so great a Redeemer!'" (CCC 412).

Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
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Calendar:

Monday – June 26

Weekday
 Gn 12:1–9 / Mt 7:1–5

Tuesday – June 27

Weekday
 Gn 13:2, 5–18
 Mt 7:6, 12–14

Wednesday – June 28

St. Irenaeus,
 Bishop and Martyr
 Gn 15:1–12, 17–18
 Mt 7:15–20

Thursday – June 29

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
 Acts 12:1–11
 2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18
 Mt 16:13–19

Friday – June 30

Weekday
 Gn 17:1, 9–10, 15–22
 Mt 8:1–4

Saturday – July 1

Weekday
 Gn 18:1–15 / Mt 8:5–17

Sunday – July 2

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary
 Time
 2 Kgs 4:8–11, 14–16a
 Rom 6:3–4, 8–11
 Mt 10:37–42

BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., July 1, 10:00 a.m.
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, July 9
IRON PIGS GAME : Tuesday, August 8
CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 10
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 17
BLESSING OF ANIMALS : Sunday, October 8 at 12 noon

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.**



BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: As of today, our parishioners have raised \$32,778.00 from 152 parishioners. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal of \$43,054.47. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal and to reach the 100%

participation goal. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday, July 7, is First Friday. Communion calls will be made as usual. If you have anyone at home who would like to be visited, please call the rectory.

OUR MONTHLY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION will be held on Saturday, July 1, at 10:00 a.m. in a classroom above the Church. All parents who are expecting to celebrate baptism with their child are asked to attend one of these sessions, even before the child is born. Please call the rectory in advance to register.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Anyone interested in learning more about Catholicism is invited to consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). Meetings will begin in September and meet weekly through May 2018. Please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number so Msgr. Koons can give you more information.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Minnie and Joseph Preisler. They were donated by Daughter, Mary Ann Holmes, and Family.

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). **LAST CALL!!**



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.**

"GREETER" NEEDED to greet people as they come into church at the **10:30 a.m. Mass** and also hand out bulletins after mass. If you are interested in helping the parish through this act of service, please call the rectory at 610-262-2559.

"WILLY WONKA KIDS": Good Shepherd Catholic School Summer Drama Camp will present Disney's "Willy Wonka Kids" on **Friday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 22 at 2:00 p.m.** Students from incoming grades 1 through 8 will be represented in our show. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and can be purchased at the door. For more information, please call the school office at 610-262-9171. We hope to see you there!

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL is currently seeking Parishioners interested in donating time, talent, and treasure to the school by becoming a member of the Board of Directors. Past business or professional experience in the fields of Sales, Marketing, Facilities Mgmt., and/or Legal a plus. Please call the school at 610-262-9171 or email Greg Chajacki, Vice-Chair, at gchajacki@rcn.com to obtain more information. **School Office Summer Hours:** The office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The entire School Building will be CLOSED the week of July 24th.

HOLY TRINITY ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC will be held on **Sunday, July 9 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, Belgian waffles, Turkey BBQ, Sausage, bleenies, baked goods and many other items. Entertainment provided by Josef Kroboth from 12:30-3:30pm and Steel Creek from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Admission and parking are free.** The public is invited to attend rain or shine.

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.

Daily Prayer – Eternal Father, I offer You the Most Precious Blood of Your Divine Son, Jesus, in union with the Masses said throughout the world today, for all the Holy Souls in Purgatory, for sinners everywhere, for sinners in the Universal Church, and those in my own home and in my family. Amen.

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