

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons, Administrator
Mrs. Karen Glose, Director of Music
Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
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Mrs. Linda Santucci, Coordinator of Religious Education
Ms. Joanne Manning, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger, Youth Activities

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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

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 13, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 14, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of the Bernard Hudak Family	Children and Families
	7:00 p.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
Aug. 15, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna Plata	Daughters
Aug. 16, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
Aug. 17, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Benjamin Kovalcik	Mike and Penny Krempasky
Aug. 18, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Gavalla	June Mishko
Aug. 19, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Peter and Anna Demchyk	Children
Aug. 20, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Annette Yurish	Family & Friends
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Aug. 14, Mon. 7:00 p.m.	E. Hozza	J. Nicosia	J. Warren/M. Warren	H. Stempo/M. Bitenc
Aug. 15, Tue. 8:00 a.m.	N. Kotoris	C. Wuchter		V. Hall
Aug. 19, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	T. Melosky	E. Ossiander/G. Heidecker	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Aug. 20, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	P. Madea	C. Marth	C. Confer/J. Confer/E. Confer	A. Fry/V. Hall
10:30 a.m.	F. Kostecy	M. Sommer	M. Cuchran/K. Cuchran	L. Shaak/H. Stempo

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of William Kotoris requested by daughter, Nikki.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Anthony Hien and Albert Buchanan, father of Linda Santucci, who died recently.

dear Padre:

What are the gnostic gospels and apocryphal books? Is it OK to read them?

In the two earliest manuscripts of the Bible, both of which are in the Vatican Library, one contains the seven apocryphal books of the Old Testament and the other does not. The Catholic Church includes these apocryphal books and considers them to be the inspired word of God, as is everything included in Catholic translations of the Bible. Selections from these books are included in our *Lectionary* and proclaimed during Mass.

When Martin Luther left the Catholic Church, he used the Bible manuscript that did not contain the seven apocryphal books, but then he placed these books in a section between the Old and New Testaments, calling them Deutero-canonicals. He did not discard these books entirely but considered them of lesser importance than the other books. Some Protestant translations of the Bible exclude these books altogether.

The gnostic gospels, however, are entirely separate from these apocryphal books. Gnosticism is a heresy condemned by the Catholic Church. As part of their false proclamation, gnostics produced stories of Jesus' life that supported their belief, and these "gospels" contain teachings that are contrary to our Catholic faith. While the gnostic gospels could be read out of interest in their historical or philosophical context, they are not the inspired word of God and should not be read in that light.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar:

Monday – August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Dt 10:12–22 / Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday – August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27 / Lk 1:39–56

Wednesday – August 16

Weekday

DT 34:1–12 / MT 18:15–20

Thursday – August 17

Weekday

Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17

Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday – August 18

Weekday

Jos 24:1–13 / Mt 19:3–12

Saturday – August 19

Weekday

Jos 24:14–29 / Mt 19:13–15

Sunday – August 20

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6–7

Rom 11:13–15, 29–32

Mt 15:21–28

GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, August 13
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., Sept. 2, 10:00 a.m.
PICNIC COOKING : Thursday, Sept. 7, 7:00 a.m.
 Friday, Sept. 8, 7:00 a.m.
CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 10
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 17
DONUT SUNDAY : Sunday, October 8
BLESSING OF ANIMALS : Sunday, October 8 at 12 noon
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 22

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.**

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Tuesday, August 15, is a Holy Day of obligation, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses will be celebrated on Monday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, August 15 at 8:00 a.m. **The rectory office will be closed on Tuesday, August 15.**



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of John and Rosalie Cimino. They were donated by daughter, Joy Nicosia, and family.

"GIVING SUNDAY": Today, Sunday, August 13, 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.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Robin Hall:** \$25 Corrine & Chad Niebell; \$25 Jonathan & Amy Santucci; \$25 Linda & Richard Shaak; \$30 Stanley & Doris Royer; \$50 Michael & Margaret Sweeney; \$30 Karen Schoch.

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.



BAKED GOODS NEEDED: Anyone interested in donating baked goods for the church picnic is asked to please bring your baked goods to Egypt

Memorial Park on **Sunday, September 10 anytime after 9:00 a.m.**



PICNIC COOKING: We will be cooking for our annual church picnic on **Thursday, September 7 and Friday, September 8 starting at 7:00 a.m.** To make this another successful picnic we need help in preparation of

the food. All help is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help.

2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: As of July 27 our parishioners have raised \$39,025.00 from 173 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. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online.



MONEY BASKET: From now thru September 3 there will be a box in the church vestibule for donations towards our **"Assumption B.V.M. Parishioners' Money Basket"**, which will be raffled off at our annual picnic on Sunday, September 10. All donations are greatly appreciated.

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, please call Jack Harhart 610-262-8123 (or email jharhart@yahoo.com) or Richard Cuth 610-262-8045.

SAVE ALUMINUM PULLTABS – Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

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!

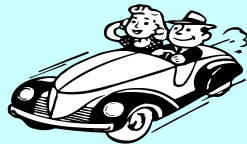
ADVANCE PICNIC TICKET SALES before and after all Masses the weekends of: **August 22/23 and August 29/30.** Pay **\$10.00** and receive **\$12.00** worth of tickets.

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ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
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



Holubki, Haluski, Goulash, Homemade Pierogies,
Kielbasi with Sauerkraut, Sausage Sandwiches,
Steak Sandwiches, Cheese Steak Sandwiches, Turkey BBQ,
Hamburger BBQ, Hot Dogs, Walking Tacos, French Fries

Waffles and Ice Cream, Ice Cream Cones,
Home Baked Goods

Non-Alcoholic Frozen Drinks, Birch Beer on Tap,
Beer, Wine, Soda, Bottled Water, Iced Tea, Coffee

