

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons**, Administrator  
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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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**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2017**

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Sep. 18, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Alfred Kosman	Lawrence Duncan
Sep. 19, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†William Ifkovits, Jr.	Dolores Remaly
Sep. 20, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Memorial Fund Members	
Sep. 21, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Serensits	Edward and Jeanette Holohan
Sep. 22, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Sons and Daughters of John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
Sep. 23, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Margaret Tepes	Monica Scannell
Sep. 24, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Parker Lessel	Robert and Kim Ludwig

### Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Sep. 23, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz
Sep. 24, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	P. Madea
10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza

### Euch. Min.:

C. Wuchter
K. Bennett
R. Shearman

### Altar Servers:

J. Warren/M. Warren
S. Kroll/E. Confer
A. Miletics/G. Miletics

### 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 Paul Horvath requested by Joanne Manning.

**PLEASE PRAY** for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Margaret Hoffman, sister of Elizabeth Kosman and Carl Nachesty, brother of Shirley Kovalchik and Jean Makovsky, who died recently.

# dear Padre:

***Pope Francis said, "Who am I to judge?" But aren't we supposed to hold each other to a higher standard of living and judge actions as moral or sinful?***

Pope Francis is not the only one to warn about judging. He is likely drawing his guidance from Jesus in Matthew 7:1-2. Both the Lord and the pope warn us about judging others and looking down upon those we consider "more sinful." That sort of comparison can easily lead us to arrogance and hypocrisy.

The Lord teaches us there will be a final (or particular) judgment each of us will have to face. We will all have to stand before God and give an account of our actions. This teaches us that God is the only one qualified to fully know a person's heart and intentions. If we begin to act as a judge of people, then we are playing God.

However, your question also implies that among believers we are to hold one another accountable in our Christian community. This is correct (Matthew 18:15-17). In the body of Christ, there is a responsibility to help and encourage each other to follow Jesus. Among the baptized, there should be the sharing of virtues and some accountability to the Church. We call one another higher, not through accusation, but through love and service. It is my duty to help fellow believers in their discipleship, as it is their duty to help me with mine. I find that I appreciate those who care enough about me to want to help me be a better Catholic, priest, or person. In community, we should build up in fellowship, not tear down in judgment.

—Fr. Matthew Bonk, CSsR

## Calendar:

### Monday - September 18

*Weekday*

1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 7:1-10

### Tuesday - September 19

*Weekday*

1 Tm 3:1-13 / Lk 7:11-17

### Wednesday - September 20

*Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs*

1 Tm 3:14-16

Lk 7:31-35

### Thursday - September 21

*St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Mt 9:9-13

### Friday - September 22

*Weekday*

1 Tm 6:2c-12 / Lk 8:1-3

### Saturday - September 23

*St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

1 Tm 6:13-16

Lk 8:4-15

### Sunday - September 24

*Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 55:6-9 / Phil 1:20c-24, 27a

Mt 20:1-16a

**PREP CLASSES RESUME** : Sunday, September 17  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., Oct. 7, 10:00 a.m.  
**DONUT SUNDAY** : Sunday, October 8  
**BLESSING OF ANIMALS** : Sunday, October 8 at 12 noon  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, October 22  
**PICNIC 2018** : Sunday, September 9, 2018



**WEDDING FLOWERS:** The flowers in church this week are in honor of the Wedding of Elyse Hozza and Thomas Dailey who were married today, Saturday, September 16.

**HURRICANE HARVEY – TEXAS RELIEF:** Having witnessed the extreme devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey and the historic flooding in Texas, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a time-sensitive collection to be taken up throughout the United States. **There will be a special second collection taken up at all Masses this weekend, September 16/17.**



**BLESSING OF ANIMALS:** In observance of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Assumption BVM Parish will have a Blessing of Animals on the rectory lawn (corner of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Lincoln Avenue) on Sunday, October 8 at 12:00 p.m. After

a brief prayer service the animals will be blessed. Bring your dogs, cats, birds and other pets to this celebration. Please make sure that animals are leashed or caged for their safety.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Rev. Francis P. Straka:** \$50 The Pennsylvania Villagers.

**LEHIGH DEANERY MASS WITH BISHOP SCHLERT:** As we celebrate the Ordination and Installation of Bishop Alfred A. Schlert as the Fifth Bishop of Allentown, you are invited to attend a special Lehigh Deanery Mass being celebrated by Bishop Schlert on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at Saint Francis of Assisi Church, 1046 West Cedar Street, Allentown, PA 18103. The Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m. After the Mass a social with light refreshments will take place in Saint Francis of Assisi Social Center in which you will have the opportunity to meet our new Bishop. Please join us as we welcome our New Shepherd.

**DAY OF REFLECTION** will be held at St. Francis Center for Renewal, 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem on Saturday, **October 7, 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Father Patrick Lamb, Pastor of Queenship of Mary Parish, Northampton, will be the retreat director. In the year of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the apparitions of Fatima, Father Lamb will address the real, practical fruits that can come from faithfully praying and meditating on the Rosary. The Rosary is a very practical way to stay close to Jesus and Mary. Join us on this, The Feast of the Holy Rosary. Offering: \$45 includes lunch. Deposit: \$20 Registration is required. To register or for more information email [stfranciscenter@gmail.com](mailto:stfranciscenter@gmail.com) or call 610-867-8890.

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:** Good Shepherd Catholic School presents **"A Night at the Races"** on Saturday, November 4, 2017 in the School Gym. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Food will be served at 6:30 p.m. Racing begins at 7:00 p.m. To buy a horse, buy your tickets or for more information please call the school at 610-262-9171. You must be 21 years or over for this special event! Limited to the first 300 tickets! Cost is \$20 per ticket.

### Thank you!

I extend my heartfelt thanks and gratitude to all the people of the parish who helped to make our annual Parish Picnic on September 10 a great success! God blessed us with sunny skies, warm temperatures and a beautiful breeze, making the day special and memorable. I am edified by the sheer number of adults and young people who helped with everything: the volunteers who spent many hours in purchasing and preparing and cooking food, the gathering and the set-up of equipment, the manning of the kitchen and stands, bingo and games and parking, all the cleaning-up and storage. Many donations of food and baked goods and monetary contributions were received from generous people, as well as baskets and items for the "Baskets and More" raffle. Thank you to all the committee members who organized, planned and oversaw the operation of the picnic from start to end. Thanks to all who contributed in big ways and small. It is a blessing to see the parish coming together to enjoy each others' company. Thank you to everyone who volunteered, and participated, especially to those who attended and enjoyed the wonderful day!

A special thank you to all our sponsors especially: **MacArthur Family Medicine – Dr. Joseph Ciecko; Northampton Self Serve Car Wash - Jack and Iona Harhart; Edward and Denise Hozza; Reichel Funeral Home, Northampton – Kevin Reichel; Kathy and Robert Wiswesser** for sponsoring the picnic food; **Bernice and Louis Tepes - Tepes Construction Company and Tim Tepes - Assist 2 Sell** for sponsoring the picnic music; **Triple Crown Lawn Care Services - Mike Costello** for sponsoring the Picnic Grounds Rental; **Schisler Funeral Home, Inc.** for sponsoring our Food and Big Bucks tickets; **Daniel and Catherine Loikits** for sponsoring the Exotic Drink Stand; **Debra Kay and Joe Bennett** for sponsoring our Ice Cream Treats; **Tommy Burke Provisions, Inc.** for the use of their refrigerated truck and storing the picnic food during the week prior to the picnic; **Czonstka Plumbing and Heating Co. – Anthony Czonstka; Ann Fry; Thomas and Regina Krause; Tim and Angela Livengood;** for sponsoring the Children's Games.

Msgr. Koons

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