

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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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.
 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:00 a.m.
 Wednesday 7:00 p.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	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....	610-262-8428	Ministry to the Sick	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Parish Family Picnic	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
CYO	Tim Gribb	610-762-9072	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
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	484-226-0188	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491
Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....		484-540-5090			

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 08, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Susan and Rudolph Bauer	Daughter, Carol, and Gary Houck
Jan. 09, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael J. Janis	Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons
Jan. 10, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Family and Friends of Katherine Benarcik	
Jan. 11, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Virginia Leland	Tony and Debbie Posukonis
Jan. 12, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of Our Parish Memorial Fund	
Jan. 13, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Rita Roman	Bernard Marhefka
Jan. 14, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Pesarcik	Thomas and Patti Kuchera
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule:

Jan. 13, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Lector: A. Molchany	Euch. Min.: B. Fritz	Altar Servers: J. Warren/M. Warren	Greeters: C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
Jan. 14, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	J. Ciecko	J. Confer/C. Confer	B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
	10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger	B. Chambers	S. Kroll/K. Lesisko/L. Lesisko	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of John and Mary Wanisko requested by John and Elizabeth Kuchera.

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

dear Padre:

What is the real meaning of the visit of the three kings to Jesus, and does that visit have meaning for us today?

At the most fundamental level, the three kings represent all of the world's nations. These nations come and share their treasures with Jesus. In this context, the mission of the three kings can be seen as a challenge to all nations to recognize Jesus and share the treasures they have.

We can link the story of the three kings with another in Scripture—the multiplication of the loaves (see Matthew 14:13–21). In this story, the disciples represent the three kings. The disciples ask Jesus: “How can we possibly provide food for all these people?” But Jesus insists: “You yourselves give them food to eat.” So the disciples divide up their five loaves and two fish, and everyone has enough to eat.

The Gospel message is that when we share what we have, then we will have enough for all. We can look at it from a broader viewpoint: When one nation shares with another, there is enough for all. We all work toward this sense of sharing in our own lives by not accumulating more than we need and by trying to share with those who have less. We can contribute on another level by being heard through our political choices and through our involvement in local, national, and international issues.

We are not perfect, but the Lord does not demand perfection. The Lord asks for progress and an honest effort. May the Lord strengthen us to share more at home and internationally, so that all of us may royally sit together at our king's banquet.

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Calendar:

Monday - January 8

The Baptism of the Lord
Is 55:1–11
1 Jn 5:1–9
Mk 1:7–11

Tuesday – January 9

Weekday
1 Sm 1:9–20
Mk 1:21–28

Wednesday – January 10

Weekday
1 Sm 3:1–10, 19–20
Mk 1:29–39

Thursday – January 11

Weekday
1 Sm 4:1–11
Mk 1:40–45

Friday – January 12

Weekday
1 Sm 8:4–7, 10–22a
Mk 2:1–12

Saturday – January 13

Weekday
1 Sm 9:1–4, 17–19; 10:1
Mk 2:13–17

Sunday – January 14

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Sm 3:3b–10, 19
1 Cor 6:13c–15a, 17–20
Jn 1:35–42

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, **7:30 p.m.**
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, January 14
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: **Tues., January 16, 10 a.m.**
BREAKFAST : **Sunday, January 28, 2018**
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., February 3, 2018
CONFIRMATION : Thursday, March 8, 2018
BASKET SOCIAL : Sat./Sun., May 19/20
BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS : Thursday, August 16, 2018
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9, 2018

BLESSING OF A HOME ON THE EPIPHANY: The leader begins: ✽ *In the name of the Father.... Peace be with this house and with all who live here. All respond:* And also with you. **The leader introduces the blessing:** *During these days of the Christmas season, we keep this feast of Epiphany, celebrating the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, to John in the River Jordan, and to the disciples at the wedding at Cana. Today Christ is manifest to us! Today this home is a holy place. Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to John: "In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, and without him nothing came to be. And the Word became flesh And he made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. This is the Gospel of the Lord." All respond:* Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. **After a short silence, the leader continues:** *O God, by your heavenly star, you guided those who were wise to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. May your blessing come to rest on our home and all of us. Make our lives wise with your wisdom, true to your teaching, and enlivened by your love. May your Word made flesh make his home among us. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. AMEN. Everyone then processes from one room to another. In each room, God's blessing is asked on all that takes place in that room. Holy Water is sprinkled. The front and rear door frames are marked: 20 + C + M + B + 18.* [The traditional names of the 3 Kings are: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.]

"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": On Sunday, January 14 our Hospitality Committee will be hosting "Donut/Giving Sunday". Join us after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses for coffee, donuts and fellowship in our social hall. **Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding.** Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. **This month's donuts are being donated in memory of Bill Farkas by wife, Gloria, son, George & family and daughter, Valarie Gross & family.**



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses on **Sunday, January 28.** Please support this fund raising effort of the parish and enjoy a hearty, homemade breakfast with your friends. Menu includes: French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs or omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, hash brown, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.**

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will take place on **Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 10:00 am** in the Parish Religious Education classroom.

CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER: FAMILY HOLY HOUR: The Diocesan Office of Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry aspires to provide a culture of encounter. In this day and age, our culture has become consumed in technology and has forgotten the gift of encounters with one another and with the Almighty. These encounters happen in a special way through liturgy, prayer, Scripture, and fellowship. This year, we will provide real encounters for you through Culture of Encounter: Family Holy Hours. We hope these Holy Hours will foster encounter between: God and you, Parents and children, Families of the parish

On Sunday, January 28, at Assumption B.V.M., the 10:30 a.m. Mass will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a Holy Hour to follow and concluding with Benediction at 12:15 p.m. We hope you will bring your whole family to pray in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist!

Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 9, 2018
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
begins with a Mass at 11:00 a.m.,
continues with music, games and food
until 7:00 p.m.
Featuring the music of
"The Large Flowerheads"
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

SOUPER SUNDAY OF CARING: On Super Bowl weekend, February 3/4 students from our 7th Grade Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.) will be present at all Masses collecting funds for the Northampton Area Food Bank. Throughout the country Billions of dollars will be spent to celebrate the Super Bowl. Can you afford \$5 or \$10 to help feed the needy? Drop your donations in the soup pots that the teens will be holding after all Masses on Super Bowl weekend.

ASSUMPTION B.V.M. 2017 OFFERING STATEMENTS will be mailed the week of January 8 to those who contributed \$1000 or more during 2017. If you desire a statement of your 2017 contributions and your contributions are under \$1000 please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket any Sunday during the month of January.

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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, January 28, 2018

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
AT THE DOOR ONLY

ADULTS \$7.00

CHILDREN \$3.00

MENU

French Toast

Pancakes

Scrambled Eggs & Hash Brown

Choice of: Sausage, Bacon or Ham

Omelet your way & Hash Brown

Cheese Steak Omelet & Hash Brown

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea