

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor
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Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
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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	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.	Susan Parker.....	610-262-7343
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.....	610-393-9126	Religious Education	Susan Parker.....	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			

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ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 17, 2018

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK:

June 18, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Lisa Gardner	Parents, Edward and Carol
June 19, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Bankos	Daughter, Ann
June 20, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Vincent Santucci, Sr.	Carol and Frank Marano
June 21, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Rev. Francis P. Straka	Dolores Snyder
June 22, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Lizak	Monica and Frank Paukovits
June 23, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Frank and Ann Walakovitz	Daughter, Ruth
June 24, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Parker Lessel	Walter Kucheros

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
June 23, Sat.	4:00 p.m. S. Parker	B. Kosman	J. Warren/M. Warren	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
June 24, Sun.	8:00 a.m. J. Santee	K. Bennett	W. Cuchran/E. Confer	G. Farkas/L. Gehringer
	10:30 a.m. D. Heckenberger	D. Maron	K. Cuchran/M. Cuchran/N. Millan	A. Fry/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Edward Bankos requested by daughter, Ann.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Patricia Rocco who died recently.

dear Padre:

I try to be responsible in my Christian duty to visit the sick. While my visits have good intentions, I often feel they aren't well received. Please advise.

I commend you for your commitment in carrying out your Christian duty. Saint Rose of Lima said, "When we serve the poor and the sick, we serve Jesus" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2449). Works of mercy, such as visiting the infirm, "are charitable actions by which we come to the aid of our neighbor in his spiritual and bodily necessities" (*CCC* 2447). When we perform these works, the primary focus is on the recipient, not on how these acts make me feel good about myself or how I appear before God and others.

My advice for visiting the sick at home or in the hospital is to avoid showing up unannounced, whenever possible. (I offer this advice after my unexpected visit to a patient in the ICU, who never appeared in public without her wig.) Also, observe verbal and nonverbal signs on how long to stay. Some patients may appear bored or lonely and are open to guests; others are in pain or they've been awakened throughout the night and desire rest more than greeting visitors for a prolonged time. Ask yourself: Are the sick being polite in keeping *me* company? Am I the latest guest asking them to repeat their diagnosis? Do they really feel like praying right now? While the sick appreciate our concern, visiting them is most beneficial when we're acutely sensitive to *their* needs.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar:

Monday - June 18

Weekday

1 Kgs 21:1–16 / Mt 5:38–42

Tuesday - June 19

Weekday

1 Kgs 21:17–29
Mt 5:43–48

Wednesday - June 20

Weekday

2 Kgs 2:1, 6–14
Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday - June 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Sir 48:1–14 / Mt 6:7–15

Friday - June 22

Weekday

2 Kgs 11:1–4, 9–18, 20
Mt 6:19–23

Saturday - June 23

Weekday

2 Chr 24:17–25
Mt 6:24–34

Sunday - June 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Is 49:1–6
Acts 13:22–26
Lk 1:57–66, 80

BAPTISMAL PREP : Saturday, July 7, 2018
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, July 8, 2018
PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING : Fri., Aug. 3 & Sat., Aug. 4
BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS : Thursday, August 16, 2018
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9, 2018
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 16
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 28, 2018

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.**

MASS OF INSTALLATION OF PASTOR: We are pleased to announce, next Sunday, June 24, at the 10:30 a.m. Mass, Reverend Monsignor Daniel Yenushosky, Vicar Forane of the Lehigh Deanery, will install Reverend Monsignor Thomas Koons as pastor of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish. A reception will follow the Mass in the church social hall.

2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – CALLED TO SERVE: As of today, our parishioners have raised \$35,927.18 from 165 parishioners. 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. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please or visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org or call the parish office.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Rev. Francis P. Straka. They were donated by the "SKAT CLUB" – Monica Plata, Jane Spengler, Ruthann Greishammer, Steve Marsch, Barb & Richard Ebner, Janice & Rob Bauer, Jean & Peter Keschl.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: This weekend, June 16/17, our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering. Please use the envelope included in your June/July packet of envelopes.

PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 3 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 4 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.

YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The Young-at-Heart Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Hollywood Casino on Thursday, June 21. You do not have to be a member to come along. Cost: \$23 per person. For tickets please call Louise at 610-262-6308.

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 2019. Please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number so Msgr. Koons can give you more information.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Any boy or girl in the parish who has made First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server please call the rectory and let us know which training session you would be able to attend. **Training will be held in church at 9:00 a.m. on the following Sundays: July 1, July 8 and July 15.**

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"
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

QUEENSHIP OF MARY CHURCH, Northampton, will have its parish festival on Sunday, June 24, on the church grounds from 12 noon-8 p.m. There will be plenty of food, a bake sale, children's games, a cash raffle, basket raffle and bingo. All are welcome to attend!

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, Catasauqua, will have its annual parish festival on Thursday, June 21, Friday, June 22 and Saturday, June 23 from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be fabulous homemade foods, bingo, a bake sale, basket and money raffles, and games for adults and children.

NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME: Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Thursday, August 16** 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 Sunday, 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). Please make checks payable to the church

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.

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