

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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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 1, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

July 2, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Erwin Kager	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
July 3, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Margaret Falatek	Jane and Ron Spengler
July 4, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Fred Gollatz	Naomi Serensits
July 5, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael and Catherine Cesanek	Daughter, Helen Kerbacher & Family
July 6, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†John Pavlick	George and Carolyn Wuchter
July 7, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Connie Marth	Steve Marsch
July 8, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†William Birosik	Shannon and Kevin Birosik
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
July 7, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	L. Assante	N. Bischof/M. Hartman	L. Bet/P. Schuler
July 8, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll	T. Melosky	J. Confer/C. Confer	N. Birosik/D. Cesanek
10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt	M. Sommer	K. Cuchran/M. Cuchran	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week for the health and blessing of Joseph Grabarits requested by wife, Pat, and daughter, Lisa and family.

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

dear Padre:

Is there any sense in suffering? A friend is in great pain, and I don't think she should have to suffer so much. No one should!

The most popular book of Catholic devotion is The Imitation of Christ, written by Thomas à Kempis. He wrote this as he watched his best friends and members of his religious community suffer and die from the plague. Much of the book revolves around suffering.

Thomas wrote that it was not deep words that made a person holy and upright, but a good life, lived in God's presence. He believed God walked with the simple, and revealed God's very self to the humble. For Thomas à Kempis, there is no solution to suffering except to put your faith in Christ.

The Book of Job explores the mystery of innocent people experiencing misery and evil. Job suffers great pains and hardships, but he comes to the conclusion that faith in God must transcend personal pain and suffering.

Jesus advises his followers to take up their cross and follow him (Matthew 10:38, 16:24; Mark 8:34; and Luke 9:23, 14:27). Saint Paul reminds us that we suffer with Christ so that we may be glorified with him (Romans 8:17). The epistle of James challenges Christians to consider trials of any kind as nothing but a joy (James 1:2).

We all suffer. It's part of life. Our faith in Jesus is the bridge that can lead us over the chasm of suffering to the place of peace that many of the early martyrs and saints found.

Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar:

Monday - July 2

Weekday
Am 2:6-10, 13-16
Mt 8:18-22

Tuesday - July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle
Eph 2:19-22
Jn 20:24-29

Wednesday - July 4

Weekday
Am 5:14-15, 21-24
Mt 8:28-34

Thursday - July 5

Weekday
Am 7:10-17
Mt 9:1-8

Friday - July 6

Weekday
Am 8:4-6, 9-12
Mt 9:9-13

Saturday - July 7

Weekday
Am 9:11-15
Mt 9:14-17

Sunday - July 8

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 2:2-5
2 Cor 12:7-10
Mk 6:1-6

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.**



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Michael and Catherine Cesanek. They were donated by daughter, Helen Kerbacher, and Family.

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.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Anthony Moccio:** \$50 Anita "Nikki" Kotoris and Hope Stempo.

PICNIC PLANNING MEETING: There will be a picnic planning meeting on **Thursday, July 5 at 10:00 a.m.** at the church rectory. Anyone interested in helping to plan the Annual Church Picnic is invited to attend.



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.

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.**

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, Whitehall, will have their annual Parish Picnic next Sunday, **July 8** at the **Egypt Memorial Park**, 4548 Main St., Whitehall, from **12:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Festivities begin with an outdoor Mass at the Park at 11:30 a.m. Ethnic foods, adult and children's games, bingo. Music and dancing with "Josef Krobath" 12:30-3:30 p.m. and "3 AM" from 4:30-7:30pm. Free parking. All are welcome.

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.

2018 SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC: The Annual Sacred Heart Church Picnic (Bath, PA) will be held on July 13, 14 and 15. Entertainment will be provided by the following bands: Friday, July 13, *Still Kickin'*, Classic Rock Band, Saturday, July 14, *Desire*, Do-wop band and Sunday, July 15, *Crazy Hearts*, Country Band. Inflatable fun for the children each night along with a variety of games. Wide variety of foods including homemade pierogi, turkey and pork barbeque, rib eye steaks, funnel cakes, potato pancakes, and more. *Clams Every Night!* Come enjoy the great food and entertainment, Friday & Saturday from 5-11 pm & Sunday from 3-9 pm.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS #4050 is hosting a bus trip to 91st Annual Feast of San Gennaro, held in Little Italy, NYC, Saturday, September 22, 2018. Feast of San Gennaro is one of New York City's most popular and longest-running street fairs. The streets of historic Little Italy, in lower Manhattan neighborhood, served as the first home in America for hundreds of thousands of Italian immigrants who came seeking to improve their lives in the early 20th century. Cost \$35. Bus leaves Holy Trinity at 9:00 a.m. Bus Leaves New York City at 7:00 p.m. There is a Saturday Vigil Mass at 5:30 p.m. at The Shrine Church of the Most Precious Blood is located at 113 Baxter Street (right north of Canal Street) New York City. For more information please contact Jeff Hummel 610-428-7776 (Fran).

MERCY SCHOOL FOR SPECIAL LEARNING has two positions available for the 2018-2019 school year.

Job Coach - This person will work to place students, ages 14 – 21 in a vocational setting. Position requires working with a variety of businesses and a partner coach to develop working relationships with employer worksites and throughout the school.

Teacher Assistant – This person will work with students having intellectual and developmental disabilities with the teacher in creating a well-defined educational experience in our classrooms. We are also seeking to create a list of available substitutes for this same position.

Both positions are part-time, 29 hours per week for the 10 month school year schedule requiring minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent certification plus current background checks & PA clearances. Those interested in the position should contact Beth Gryns, Principal, at 610-797-8242 or Principal@mercyspeciallearning.org.

HAVE YOU NOTICED the **CareNotes** display in the back of the church? CareNotes offer helpful ideas and inspiration on dealing with some of life's most difficult moments. Please help yourself.

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