

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor
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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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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 15, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

July 16, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Tepes	Louis Tepes, Jr.
July 17, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Raymond Doiron	Sister, Bella and Mike Skweir and Family
July 18, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Peter Rodick	Daughter, Rita Pavlick, and Family
July 19, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
July 20, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Zoj Gegvata	M/M Lek Gegvata
July 21, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Marhefka	Children and Families
July 22, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Vittorio Berlingeri	Rossini Family

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
July 21, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	C. Wuchter	A. Colandrea/A. Miletics	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
July 22, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	E. Confer	C. Marth	A. Nederostek/J. Confer/C. Confer	G. Farkas/L. Gehringer
10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza	J. Nicosia	J. Bobko/S. Kroll	A. Fry/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Herb Bitenc requested by Wife, Marie.

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

dear Padre:

***Recently a genetic testing kit became available.
Does the Church have any teaching on these tests?***

In principle the Church is not opposed to genetic testing. The number of tests available seems to rise almost daily. The critical issue from a moral standpoint is what we do with the information that is gained.

Any use of the information to harm people would be judged immoral—for example, using genetic information to detect Down syndrome in a fetus with the subsequent abortion of a developing life. Another example would be using genetic information against people seeking employment or health insurance.

Another concern is the impact that genetic testing results might have on the person receiving it. For example, a person may wish to know if he carries the gene for Huntington's disease, an illness that will surface in his life if he has the gene. There is no cure for this debilitating disease. However, the information may assist him in preparing himself and others for the time when the disease will manifest itself.

In other instances, however, genetic information may lead to prevention and treatment of disease. Such testing would allow spouses to know if they carry a particular gene, for example, associated with cystic fibrosis. A couple finding themselves carriers of the gene should bear this in mind as they make decisions about responsible parenthood.

Summarizing, information obtained from genetic testing holds promise and potential peril. The dignity and life of persons should guide judgments about the morally acceptable use of genetic information.

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Calendar:

Monday - July 16

Weekday

Is 1:10-17

Mt 10:34-11:1

Tuesday - July 17

Weekday

Is 7:1-9

Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday - July 18

Weekday

Is 10:5-7, 13b-16

Mt 11:25-27

Thursday - July 19

Weekday

Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19

Mt 11:28-30

Friday - July 20

Weekday

Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8

Mt 12:1-8

Saturday - July 21

Weekday

Mi 2:1-5

Mt 12:14-21

Sunday - July 22

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6

Eph 2:13-18

Mk 6:30-34

PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING : Fri., Aug. 3 & Sat., Aug. 4
BAPTISMAL PREP : Saturday, August 4, 10 a.m.
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, August 12
BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS : Thursday, August 16
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 16
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 28

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 Shirley Woolever. They were donated by daughter, Debra Kay Bennett, 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.



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.

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.

PARISH FESTIVAL: The Holy Family Parish Festival takes place this year on Friday, July 27 (5-11PM), Saturday, July 28 (5-11PM) and Sunday, July 29 (4-10PM). Thursday, July 26 (5-9PM) is our annual Ethnic Food & Ride Preview Night (no games or bingo on Thursday night only). Join us for great food, music and fun! Saturday is Ride Night. Visit our website for complete information: www.holyfamilynazarethpa.com.



MERCY SCHOOL FOR SPECIAL LEARNING

wants a foursome from our parish for their Annual Golf Classic, scheduled for Monday, August 6th at Brookside Country Club in Macungie.

Singles also welcome; we will find a foursome for you if necessary! If you can't golf, consider a sponsorship in support of our parish children who are students at Mercy! It's always a great fun, a short distance, and an easy "drive." In fact several priests play each year, and are in charge of the weather! Call Mercy School at 610-797-8242, and ask for Mary, or you can register at www.mercygolfclassic2018.com. Thank you for your support!

CENTRAL AND EASTERN COLLECTION: Next weekend, July 21/22, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles with the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. There is an envelope in your packet for this special collection.

2018 SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC: The Annual Sacred Heart Church Picnic (Bath, PA) will be held on July 14 and 15. Entertainment will be provided by the following bands: Saturday, July 14, *Desire*, Do-wop band and Sunday, July 15, *Crazy Hearts*, Country Band. Wide variety of foods including homemade pierogi, turkey and pork barbeque, rib eye steaks, funnel cakes, potato pancakes, and more. Come enjoy the great food and entertainment, Saturday from 5 p.m. - 11 p.m. and Sunday from 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.

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 service hours? Come and help out at our parish picnic!

ADVANCE PICNIC TICKET SALES before all Masses the weekends of: **August 11/12, August 18/19, August 25/26 and September 1/2.** Pay **\$10.00** and receive **\$12.00** worth of tickets.

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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