

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor
Mrs. Karen Glose, Director of Music
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 3:30 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
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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Sep. 03, Monday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of the Bahnick Family	Family
Sep. 04, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Louis Yocco	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
Sep. 05, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Donna Procanyn	Butch and Mary Ann Morgan
Sep. 06, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Sep. 07, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†John S. Nederostek	Sister, Betty, and Family
Sep. 08, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Kovach	Son, Paul, and Family
Sep. 09, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
Egypt Memorial Park 11:00 a.m.		Health and Blessing of our Picnic Volunteers	

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Sep. 08, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	L. Kosciolik	J. Warren/A. Colandrea	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Sep. 09, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	T. Melosky	K. Cuchran/W. Cuchran	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
Egypt Memorial Park 11:00 a.m.	D. Hozza	C. Marth/D. Maron/C. Walsh	A. Miletics/G. Miletics	J. DelVecchio/R. Marakovits

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Michael James Janis requested by Family.

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

dear Padre:

I enjoy going to the casino to gamble, but I have seen people gamble and lose all of their money. Is gambling considered a sin?

To play games of chance, to bet on horse or dog races, or to buy lottery tickets are, in and of themselves, innocent undertakings that can be sources of fun—and even financial returns. But circumstances can change an innocent game into something morally suspect, even downright wrong. When a person gets so involved with gambling that it becomes addictive, when the welfare of the gambler and the gambler's family is jeopardized, gambling ceases to be a harmless amusement. Instead, it becomes an irresponsible practice—indeed, objectively, a sin. The sin lies in the neglect of one's responsibilities to self, family, and God.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* says this about gambling: "Games of chance or wagers are not in themselves contrary to justice. They become morally unacceptable when they deprive someone of what is necessary to provide for their needs or those of others. The passion for gambling risks becoming an enslavement" (CCC 2413).

A survey of a local group of Gamblers Anonymous highlights the potential destructive nature of this activity. Within this group, the gambling addiction has led 22 percent to divorce, 40 percent to lose their jobs, 49 percent to steal money with which to pay their gambling debts, and 63 percent to contemplate suicide. Hopefully, we and others will seek healthier ways to relax or seek out our fortunes.

—*Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

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Calendar:

Monday - September 3
St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church
1 Cor 2:1–5
Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday - September 4
Weekday
1 Cor 2:10b–16
Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday - September 5
Weekday
1 Cor 3:1–9
Lk 4:38–44

Thursday - September 6
Weekday
1 Cor 3:18–23
Lk 5:1–11

Friday - September 7
Weekday
1 Cor 4:1–5 / Lk 5:33–39

Saturday - September 8
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Mi 5:1–4a
Mt 1:1–16, 18–23

Sunday - September 9
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 35:4–7a
Jas 2:1–5
Mk 7:31–37

ADORATION : Friday, Sept. 7, after Mass
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, September 9
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 16
BAPTISMAL PREP : Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 28

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Beginning the First Friday of September, September 7, 2018, our parish will offer a holy hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Fridays of the months throughout the year. The 8 o'clock Mass on the First Fridays will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and will last one hour concluding with Benediction.

Our Lord appeared to **St. Margaret Mary Alocque** (1647-1690), a French nun in the Visitation Order, and gave her the special task to spread devotion to His Most Sacred Heart at a time when religion was growing cold in the hearts of mankind.

He said to her: "Behold this heart which, not withstanding the burning love for men with which it is consumed and exhausted, meets with no other return from most Christians than sacrilege, contempt, indifference and ingratitude, even in the sacrament of my love [the Eucharist]. But what pierces my heart most deeply is that I am subjected to these insults by persons especially consecrated to my service."

Jesus asked for special prayers and practices to make amends (reparation) for this great neglect to the proper reverence owed to God.

Please consider spending one hour with the Lord exposed in the Monstrance on the altar of our parish, to pray for the needs of the Church and the world.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Leonard Fry. They were donated by his wife, Ann.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS: Back to School Night will be **Tuesday, September 11th at 6:30 p.m.** in the gym. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the dedicated faculty and staff that work hard to give your children an excellent Catholic education. Save the Date: Night at the Races will be November 3, 2018.



PICNIC COOKING: We will be cooking for our annual church picnic **this Thursday, September 6 and Friday, September 7 starting at 7:00 a.m.** To make this another successful picnic we need help in preparation of the food. All help is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help.



BAKED GOODS NEEDED: Anyone interested in donating baked goods for the church picnic is asked to please bring your baked goods to Egypt Memorial Park on **Sunday, September 9 any time after 9:00 a.m. but, if possible before 3:00 p.m.**

HELP NEEDED next Saturday night after the 4:00 p.m. Mass to take the roasters and some supplies to Egypt Memorial Park. Any help would be greatly appreciated, especially with a truck or van.

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.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH, 3024 S. Ruch Street in Whitehall (Stiles) will have their annual Parish Picnic on **Sunday, September 2, from Noon to 9:00 p.m.** on the parish grounds. Music provided by The Pennsylvanian Villagers, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Common Bond from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Delicious foods, Children's games, raffles, refreshments, Bake Sale and more. All are invited!

**ASSUMPTION B.V.M. CHURCH
 ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018
 EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.**

11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass
 D.J. 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The Large Flowerheads - 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Children's Games,
 Basket Raffle and Games of Chance

Holubki, Haluski, Goulash,
 Homemade Pierogies, Kielbasi with Sauerkraut,
 Sausage Sandwiches, Steak Sandwiches,
 Cheese Steak Sandwiches, Turkey BBQ,
 Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs,
 Walking Tacos, French Fries

Ice Cream Sandwiches, Ice Cream Cones,
 Polish Water Ice, Popcorn

Home Baked Goods

Birch Beer on Tap, Beer, Wine,
 Soda, Bottled Water, Iced Tea, Coffee

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