

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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Mrs. Susan Parker, Director 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 3:30 p.m.
 or by request

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			

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 07, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Farkas	Coplay Senior Citizens
Jan. 08, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Susan and Rudolph Bauer	Carol and Gary Houck
Jan. 09, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Fred Gollatz	Ann Grossbauer
Jan. 10, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Jan. 11, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Virginia Leland	M/M William McCullough
Jan. 12, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Robin Hall	Jessica Englert
Jan. 13, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Raymond Doiron	Leon and Betty Skweir

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Jan. 12, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	D. Hozza	C. Marth	J. Warren	C. Kovacs/P. Madea
Jan. 13, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll	N. Birosik	K. Cuchran	B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
10:30 a.m.	F. Kostecky	C. Walsh	A. Miletics	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in honor of and for the safety of the young men and women of our military.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Joseph Kalamar, father of Gina Filipovits, who died recently.

Good News!

January 6, 2019

The Epiphany of the Lord (C)

Is 60:1–6 ; Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6; Mt 2:1–12

King Herod, the most powerful man in the region, was greatly troubled to hear about the birth of a king. Why would a reigning king fear a little child? Perhaps because he believed if word spread that a future messiah had been born, the Jews would be harder to control. They were easier to dominate when they were without hope, without a leader.

Herod was correct. Wise men from the East looking for the King of the Jews fulfilled prophecies that foretold all nations would come to Israel looking for a messianic leader.

Herod was also troubled because, if indeed this newborn was a king, he had a pretender and a competitor right under his royal nose. King Herod was correct again.

Although Jesus did not pretend to overthrow the Romans, he did come with authority and would upend the existing order. Jesus would preach to the heart and demand that no one sit on that throne except God his Father.

The painter Pseudo Domenico presents the arrival of the Magi as a procession of vassals showing homage to their king. Kneeling, bowing, and standing erect with gifts in hand, authorities from far away are showing reverence to the newborn royalty on Mother Mary's lap. His royal hall is the hillside, his scepter a baby finger, his royal family is Joseph and Mary.

These Gentile kings were the first to do what all of creation and all of history have been doing since then—bending their knee to the King of the Universe. Herod was right to worry.

— Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday - January 7

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 3:22–4:6

Mt 4:12–17, 23–25

Tuesday - January 8

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:7–10

Mk 6:34–44

Wednesday - January 9

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:11–18

Mk 6:45–52

Thursday - January 10

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 4:19–5:4

Lk 4:14–22a

Friday - January 11

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5–13

Lk 5:12–16

Saturday - January 12

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:14–21

Jn 3:22–30

Sunday - January 13

Baptism of the Lord

Is 42:1–4, 6–7

Acts 10:34–38

Lk 3:15–16, 21–22

- Rel. Ed. Classes** : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.
Prayer Shawl Meeting : 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
7th & 8th Grade Rel. Ed. : Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Baptismal Preparation Class: Wed., Jan. 9, 5:30 p.m.
Donut/Giving Sunday : Sunday, January 13
Breakfast : Sunday, January 27
Confirmation : Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.
BVM Night – Iron Pigs : Thursday, August 22, 2019



“DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY”: Next Sunday, January 13 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.**

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 + 19.* [The traditional names of the 3 Kings are: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.]

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION will be held on Wednesday, January 9, at 5:30 p.m. in a classroom above the Church. All parents who are expecting to celebrate baptism with their child are asked to attend one of these sessions, even before the child is born. Please call the rectory in advance to register.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Stephen Kerbacher, Sr.:** \$35 Rose Hurban; \$30 Conrad Marth, \$20 Frances and Eugene Grabarits.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **on Sunday, January 27.** 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.**

HELP NEEDED: We will be taking down the Christmas Decorations **this coming Saturday, January 12 beginning at 9:00 a.m.** All help is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help.

SOUPER SUNDAY OF CARING: On Super Bowl weekend, February 2/3 students from our 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. 2018 OFFERING STATEMENTS

will be mailed the week of January 7 to those who contributed \$1000 or more during 2018. If you desire a statement of your 2018 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.

ENVELOPE NUMBER: _____
 NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____

REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM: Please keep saving your Redner's Save-A-Tape Receipts by using your Save-A-Tape Card. If you don't have one, just ask the cashier during your next shopping trip. Our church receives 1% for items you purchase, just by turning in your receipts. **So far this year we have received \$3,448.52. Just think, that's almost \$3,450.00** received from pieces of paper you would normally throw in the garbage. Please place your **full receipts** in the containers located in the church vestibule.



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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BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 27, 2019

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