

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:

April 1, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Josephine Miller	Bill and Ronnie Rockovits
April 2, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Barbara Amable	Linda and Vinnie Santucci
April 3, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Sophie and Stephen Bankos	Family
April 4, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna Hartzell	Linda and Vinnie Santucci
April 5, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Andrew and Margaret Nederostek	Son, Stephen, Christine and Family
April 6, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Ryan Zawada	Parents, Joe and Diane, Brother, Joe, & Sister, Jenny
April 7, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†John Humenik	Allan and Linda June Pomicter

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
April 6, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	B. Kosman	A. Colandrea/J. Warren	C. Kovacs/T. Njenga
April 7, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	N. Birosik	N. Millan	B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger	C. Walsh	G. Heidecker	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of David Liskanich requested by Joanne and Juliet.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Helen Maron, mother of Drew Maron, who died recently.

Good News!

March 31, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Lent (C)

Jos 5:9a, 10–12; 2 Cor 5:17–21; Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

It is good that we are here—joined in community for Sunday worship, here, in this moment of prayer.

Our lives are so hectic and fast-paced that it's often hard to enjoy just being in the present moment with God. It's not just the pressure of work, but the added responsibilities of home. You know the routine...getting the kids to school; getting to work on time; leaving from work; running a few errands; preparing dinner; going back out to pick up the kids from practice; then back home for dinner, dishes, laundry, homework; and then finally to bed on time so you can get up early and start again.

But just stop! Take the time to enjoy the grace of the Eucharist, to rejoice in one another and savor Christ who reveals his love to you. Give yourself this gift. Each moment has power, poetry, and grace. Each instant is a gift from God, and each moment is an opportunity to encounter Jesus Christ. It's an occasion to return within ourselves and turn back to our Father who is eagerly waiting for us.

It's good to be here—not somewhere else, not in another time when we were happier, healthier, or life was easier and simpler. Right here, right now, right where God has you is where he is revealing his love. It may not be easy, but this is where God is, and it's good to reflect on the graces each moment presents.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – April 1

Lenten Weekday

Is 65:17–21

Jn 4:43–54

Tuesday – April 2

Lenten Weekday

Ez 47:1–9, 12

Jn 5:1–16

Wednesday – April 3

Lenten Weekday

Is 49:8–15

Jn 5:17–30

Thursday – April 4

Lenten Weekday

Ex 32:7–14

Jn 5:31–47

Friday – April 5

Lenten Weekday

Wis 2:1a, 12–22

Jn 7:1–2, 10, 25–30

Saturday – April 6

Lenten Weekday

Jer 11:18–20

Jn 7:40–53

Sunday – April 7

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Is 43:16–21

Phil 3:8–14

Jn 8:1–11

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.
Stations of the Cross : Wednesdays, after Mass
Choir Rehearsal : Wednesdays, after Stations
Healing Our Church : Tues., Apr. 2, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Baptismal Preparation Class: Wed., April 3, 5:30 p.m.
Healing Our Church : Thu., Apr. 4, 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Donut/Giving Sunday : Sunday, April 14
Breakfast : Sunday, April 28
PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING : Fri., Aug. 2 & Sat., Aug. 3
BVM Night – Iron Pigs : Thursday, August 22, 2019

LENTEN ACTIVITIES: Mass: Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:00 a.m. **Stations of the Cross:** Wednesdays after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. **Confessions:** Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

FIRST EUCHARIST: Pick a First Eucharist Prayer Partner. Bookmarkers are on display in the church vestibule (3) for each child preparing to receive the Blessed Sacrament of First Eucharist. On the back of the bookmarkers are the dates when the children will come together for their First Reconciliation and their First Eucharist.

OPERATION RICE BOWL is a wonderful way to bring the spirit of Lenten sacrifice home. Operation Rice Bowl allows millions of our starving brothers and sisters to benefit and it doesn't cost us a cent! To participate, choose one night a week to eat a sacrificial meal. We will publish suggested meals in the bulletin each week. The meal is designed to imitate the quantity of food eaten by the poor. Take the cost of the meal, subtract it from what you normally would have spent for dinner that day, and give the difference to Operation Rice Bowl. **This week's menu: Broccoli Cheese Soup, Captain's Wafers, Citrus Sections OR Grilled Cheese and Tomato Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread, Banana and Orange Sections.**

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Anna Hartzell:** \$50 Ed and Denise Hozza.



EASTER SLOVAK KOLACH SALE: Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14.

NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME: Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Thursday, August 22** 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.



MARY POPPINS, JR.: Good Shepherd Catholic School Senior Drama Club proudly presents "Mary Poppins, Jr." on **Friday, April 12 at 7:00 p.m.** (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) **and Saturday, April 13 at 12:00 noon** (doors open at 11:30 a.m.) in the school gym. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and can be purchased in the school office during school hours or at the door. For more information, please call the school at 610-262-9171.

BAPTISM: We are happy to welcome Maximus Joseph Yost, child of Bryanna Rycek and Gunnar Yost, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Maximus Joseph as he continues to grow in our faith.

YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be Tuesday, March 26, in the church social hall. Bus Trips: Hollywood Casino on Thursday, March 28; Dover Casino on April 24/25 overnight. You do not have to be a member to come along. For tickets please call Louise at 610-262-6308 or Bella at 610-262-2673.

HAMS NEEDED: The Northampton Area Food Bank is looking for donations of Hams to distribute to needy families for Easter. Anyone interested in donating is asked to please call the church rectory weekdays between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at 610-262-2559.



PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 2 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 3 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 8, 2019
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.

Lenten Confession Schedule

Saturday, April 6	3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 13	3:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
(after 4:00 p.m. Mass)	5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Holy Week Confession Schedule

Monday, April 15	7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
Tuesday, April 16	7:00 a.m. – 7:45 a.m.
Wednesday, April 17	6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
(following stations)	7:45 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Good Friday, April 19	1:00 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Holy Saturday, April 20	12:15 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

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BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 28, 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