

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
Mr. John-Paul Crescenzo, M.Ed., Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School
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			

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
Third Sunday of Easter - May 5, 2019**

Daily Masses

May 06, Monday	8:00 a.m.	Health and Blessing – Francesca Gegvata	M/M Lek Gegvata
May 07, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Shirley Woolever	Daughter, Debra Kay, and Family
May 08, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Allen Edelman	Wife and Family
May 09, Thursday	NO MASS		
May 10, Friday	NO MASS		
May 11, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Parish Mother's Day Intentions	
May 12, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Parish Mother's Day Intentions	
	10:30 a.m.	Parish Mother's Day Intentions	

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
May 11, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	B. Fritz	A. Nederostek	L. Bet/P. Schuler
May 12, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	K. Bennett	N. Millan	N. Birosik/D. Cesanek
10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger	C. Walsh	G. Heidecker	H. Stemp/B. Yezzo

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Stephen Kotoris requested by Sister, Nikki.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish.

Good News!

May 5, 2019

Third Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 5:27–32, 40b–41; Rev 5:11–14; Jn 21:1–19 or Jn 21:1–14

When we receive the power of the resurrection and experience its effects, then we become transformed Christians. Somehow we like to hold on to our fears and failures. They are what we know, and in some way they can make us feel strangely secure. Yet Jesus wants to free us from old fears and set us on a mission motivated by love.

All of the apostles, after encountering the risen Christ and the Holy Spirit, show new courage in proclaiming his name. Whether before politicians, church leaders, or before their fellow Jews, they had no fear of the consequences of preaching the Way. Why? Because Jesus showed them death wasn't something to fear. He had received the fullness of evil's wrath and, by rising victorious, proved love is stronger. The apostles had seen him tortured and dead, and then they saw him alive. Jesus had promised that same power to his followers. It is with this confidence and trust that they travel throughout Judea and all of the Roman Empire. Perfected love casts out all fear.

Although the apostles had failed Jesus and denied his friendship, each had experienced his mercy and forgiveness. Yet Jesus didn't blame them for their sin. He reassured them of his confidence in them. Once we have experienced love, there is no stopping us. We have seen it in a small way when we have fallen in love with someone or set our hearts and minds passionately on a goal. Once our hearts have been captured and we believe, everything else is absorbed into that gravitational pull.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – May 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:8–15 /

Jn 6:22–29

Tuesday – May 7

Easter Weekday

Acts 7:51–8:1a

Jn 6:30–35

Wednesday – May 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 8:1b–8

Jn 6:35–40

Thursday – May 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 8:26–40

Jn 6:44–51

Friday – May 10

Easter Weekday

Acts 9:1–20

Jn 6:52–59

Saturday – May 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 9:31–42

Jn 6:60–69

Sunday – May 12

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 13:14, 43–52

Rev 7:9, 14b–17

Jn 10:27–30

Prayer Shawl Meeting : 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal : Wednesdays after Mass
Baptismal Preparation Class: Wed., June 5, 5:30 p.m.
Picnic Pierogie Making : Fri., Aug. 2 & Sat., Aug. 3
BVM Night – Iron Pigs : Thursday, August 22, 2019
Church Picnic : Sunday, September 8

Dear Friends,

This weekend we kickoff the **2019 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA)**. I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important diocesan fundraising initiative. The Bishop's Annual Appeal funds the annual budget that offers vital services like Catholic Charities, care for our retired and infirmed priests, education of Seminarians and Deacons, Catholic schools and support for our centers for special learning. I encourage you to join me in making your gift to the BAA and support these important ministries. Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you will receive in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

Thank you for your generosity!

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons



NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Any boy or girl in the parish who has made First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server is asked to contact Joanne at the rectory by phone - 610-262-2559 or email - bvm1922@rcn.com before June 1.

Training will be held in June.



Pierogie Making for the 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.**

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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.

Mother's Day Carnation Sale: Carnations will be available after all Masses next weekend, May 11/12. All proceeds benefit the Diocese through Pennsylvanians for Human Life. This is their only fundraiser. Your donations fund Church buses to the March for Life, Four 40 Days for Life Campaigns, the Pro-Life Booth at the Allentown Fair, Generation Life talks in grade schools and Local Pregnancy Support Centers. Please help support Pro-Life Education with a lovely gift for every Mom. We ask a donation of \$2.00 per carnation.

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.

Men's Retreat at Malvern: In today's world of 24/7 sound bites, non-stop commercials, loud music and the like, it can be difficult to hear the really important voices in our life. Sometimes we just need a quiet, safe place where we can listen to our God who knows us, loves us and wants to tell us what is best for us. The Malvern Retreat House is such a place. **Join the men of the parish the weekend of August 23, 24 and 25 for their Malvern retreat.** To learn more, call Jack Harhart 610-262-8123 (or email jharhart@yahoo.com) or Richard Cuth 610-262-8045. For information on retreats for women, married couples and families visit Malvern's website at malvernretreat.com or please call 610-644-0400.

Care Packages for the Troops: Blue Star Mothers of America, Lehigh Valley Chapter PA201 is planning to send care packages to deployed military members in June. We'd love to send a package to your family members or friends. If you know someone deployed, serving overseas, or even stateside and would like them to receive a package, please email their name and address to Joan Glover at jglover@ptd.net or give her a call at 610-349-7791. If you'd like to know more about the Blue Star Mothers, please call or email Judy Miller, President of the LV Chapter @ 610-428-0778 or jmillerbsmx2@gmail.com.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! It's time to put your foursome together, round up your friends, family and co-workers. Good Shepherd Catholic School's **8th Annual Golf Outing** will take place on **Saturday, June 8, 2019** at **Allentown Municipal Golf Course, 3400**

Tilghman Street, Allentown. Registration forms are available in the church vestibule. For more information, please contact the school at 610-262-9171.

Save Aluminum Pull Tabs – 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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