

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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Diocesan Website:

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
Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 26, 2019**

Daily Masses

May 27, Monday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased veterans of our parish	
May 28, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Andrew B. Nederostek	Daughter, Betty, and Family
May 29, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Stephen Kerbacher, Sr.	Elizabeth Rushatz
May 30, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
May 31, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Anton Walter	Bella and Mike Skweir
June 1, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
June 2, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Haldeman	Sylvester and Shirley Pany
	10:30 a.m.	†Frank Geosits	Wife, Dorothy, and Family

Next Week's Schedule:

May 29, Wed.	7:00 p.m.
May 30, Thu.	8:00 a.m.
June 1, Sat.	4:00 p.m.
June 2, Sun.	8:00 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.

Lector:

D. Heckenberger
M. Heist
M.E. Schwartz
C. Kroll
E. Hozza

Euch. Min.:

B. Kosman
T. Melosky
L. Assante
J. Ciecko
L. Santucci

Altar Servers:

M. Warren
S. Kroll
G. Miletics

Greeters:

M. Bitenc/L. Stefaniak
M.A. Weaver/A. Fry
C. Kovacs/M. Bitenc
B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
B. Skweir/M. Skweir

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 blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Irene Kedl, mother of Frank Kedl, who died recently.

Good News!

May 26, 2019

Sixth Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29; Rev 21:10-14, 22-23; Jn 14:23-29

This passage of Acts shows us something about the early Church that we often overlook. Paul, Silas, and the other apostles felt a responsibility to preserve the true doctrine passed on to them. When they understood that certain Christians were teaching demands that didn't come from the Holy Spirit, they corrected that doctrine by sending a letter and endorsing the true interpretation.

Even in the earliest Church, there was an evolving hierarchy that interpreted what was God's will for the Christian community. This charism of the proper interpretation of Christ's teaching continues in today's Catholic Church through the pope and the bishops.

Jesus declared to the apostles at the Last Supper that the Holy Spirit would remind them of all he told them. Jesus gave this gift to the Church, and it's something we should value. How often do we do an internet search about a subject and then trust what a few articles say? Yet, are we as quick to look up what the Holy Father and the bishops say on different subjects in order to be guided by that light?

We are not sheep without a shepherd. We have bishops and priests who preach the word of God and lead us toward the truth. When the bishops, in communion with the Holy Father, exercise their ordinary teaching office (magisterium), they help us to better understand God's revelation in faith and morals. This is the way the early Church developed and the way the Church still lives today.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – May 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11-15

Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tuesday – May 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34 / Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday – May 29

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1

Jn 16:12-15

Thursday – May 30

Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11 / Eph 1:17-23

Lk 24:46-53

Friday – May 31

Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:14-18a / Lk 1:39-56

Saturday – June 1

St. Justin, Martyr

Acts 18:23-28 / Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday – June 2

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60

Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Jn 17:20-26

- Choir Rehearsal** : Wednesdays after Mass
- Baptismal Preparation Class**: Wed., June 5, 5:30 p.m.
- Giving Sunday** : Sunday, June 9
- Picnic Pierogie Making** : Fri., Aug. 2 & Sat., Aug. 3
- BVM Night – Iron Pigs** : Thursday, August 22, 2019
- Church Picnic** : Sunday, September 8
- Breakfast** : Sunday, September 22
- Confirmation** : Thursday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.



Golf Outing: 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.

Bishop's Annual Appeal
Faith • Hope • Charity

Bishop's Annual Appeal: As of May 20, our parishioners have raised \$14203.00 from 42 parishioners. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal and to reach the 100% participation goal. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org. Thank you for your support!



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.

Banns of Ordination

Reverend Mr. Zachary Robert Wehr, baptized in this parish, has been called to the Order of the Presbyterate by His Excellency, Alfred A. Schlert, D. D., J.C.L., Bishop of Allentown. Deacon Wehr will be ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, 1 June 2019.

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.



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Herb Bitenc. They were donated by wife, Marie.

Pennsylvanians for Human Life sends a profound THANK YOU to the Parishioners for their generous response to our Mother's Day Flower Fundraiser. All donations support Pro-Life Education right here in the Diocese.

Holy Day of Obligation: Thursday, May 30, a Holy Day of Obligation, the Ascension of the Lord. **Masses will be celebrated** on Wednesday, May 29, at 7:00 p.m. and on Thursday, May 30, at 8:00 a.m. **Please note: The rectory office will be closed on Thursday, May 30.**

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

Phone No. _____

Check One:

New Registration Change of Address

Moving out of Parish Request Envelopes

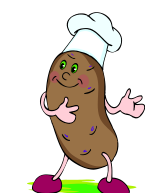
Request envelopes (returned home from college)

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory



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.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Agnes Lobach:** \$30 Hilda Frisch; \$50 Susan and John Marakovits. **In memory of Julia Shara:** \$15 Steve Marsch.



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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