

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor
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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 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
Seventh Sunday of Easter – June 2, 2019**

Daily Masses

June 3, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Lisa Gardner	Parents, Edward and Carol Sisters
June 4, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†David Plata	M/M Andrew Kubik
June 5, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Lizak	Bennett Family
June 6, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Conarty	Mary Frances Young
June 7, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Kalamar	Daughter and Grandson
June 8, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Health and Blessing – Paul and Cathy Gergel on the occasion of their 40 th Wedding Anniversary	
June 9, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†James P. McKeon	Family

Next Week's Schedule:

June 8, Sat.	4:00 p.m.
June 9, Sun.	8:00 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.

Lector:

C. Fisher
M. Heist
F. Kostecy

Euch. Min.:

R. Shearman
B. Fritz
J. Nicosia

Altar Servers:

A. Nederostek/M. Hartman
N. Millan
G. Heidecker

Greeters:

L. Bet/P. Schuler
N. Birosik/D. Cesanek
H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Robert Haldeman requested by the Haldeman and Churetta Families.

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

Good News!

June 2, 2019

Seventh Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 7:55–60; Rev 22:12–14, 16–17, 20; Jn 17:20–26

In the Nicene Creed, we pray, “He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.” Jesus lived forty days in his glorified body after the resurrection, but at the end he rose into heaven, where he awaits each of us. It was planned all along that he who came down from heaven would return there. “No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man” (John 3:13).

The amazing truth is that he has opened heaven for us, cheering on each of us to join him forever! “And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be” (John 14:3). So we’re not only striving to get to heaven, but Jesus is there interceding with his power for “the permanent outpouring of the Holy Spirit” upon each of us (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 667).

Imagine Jesus as your intercessor in heaven, pleading your case as a brother before our loving Father! If God is for us, who can be against us? He is also there inaugurating his messianic kingdom. He told Pilate that his kingdom wasn’t of this world. He has now taken the throne of his kingdom and will draw all peoples to himself. You and I will become witnesses to “his kingdom [that] will have no end,” to quote the same Creed. So let’s live with newfound confidence that Jesus reigns in heaven, interceding for us, preparing our eternal home.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – June 3

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs
Acts 19:1–8 / Jn 16:29–33

Tuesday – June 4

Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17–27
Jn 17:1–11a

Wednesday – June 5

St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Acts 20:28–38 / Jn 17:11b–19

Thursday – June 6

Easter Weekday
Acts 22:30; 23:6–11
Jn 17:20–26

Friday – June 7

Easter Weekday
Acts 25:13b–21
Jn 21:15–19


Saturday – June 8

Easter Weekday
Acts 28:16–20, 30–31
Jn 21:20–25

Sunday – June 9

Pentecost
Acts 2:1–11
1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13
Jn 20:19–23

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.

 **Bishop's Annual Appeal:** As of May 27, our parishioners have raised \$19,321.00 from 86 parishioners. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal and to reach the 100% participation goal. Assumption B.V.M.'s goal is \$42,290.65. 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!

First Friday Adoration: The First Friday of June, June 7, our parish will offer a holy hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The 8 o'clock Mass will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and will last one hour concluding with Benediction at 9:15 a.m.

Rectory Summer Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or call for an appointment. **Rectory office is closed on Wednesdays.**

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Anna Hartzell:** \$50 Bernadine and Don Rizzetto. **In memory of Ferne Pletchan:** \$50 Janet Hagenbuch.



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.**

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.

Linden Tree Monument: Rev. Jerry Mraz, former pastor of Holy Trinity Slovak Lutheran Church in Northampton, and his family are personally donating a Linden Tree to be placed in the Northampton Boro Park in the vicinity of the other two monuments, to remember our Slavic forefathers of Northampton. Donations are still being taken to erect a small monument near the Linden Tree. Anyone interested in donating please make your check payable to the "Boro of Northampton" and mail the check to: Rev. Jerry Mraz, 1370 Washington Avenue, Northampton PA 18067.



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Robert Haldeman. They were donated by the Haldeman and Churetta Families.

Presentation of the Gifts: We invite and encourage you to participate in the offertory procession at Mass. This is especially appropriate if you have requested the Mass, or if the Mass is being offered for a family member or friend. If you would like to present the gifts, please see one of the greeters at least fifteen minutes before Mass begins.

"Giving Sunday": Next Sunday, June 9, is Giving Sunday. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding, or a jar of peanut butter. Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts.



Registration is now open for the 2019-2020 school year for Pre-K through Grade 8 at Good Shepherd Catholic School, 1300 Newport Avenue, Northampton. Please call our Advancement Director, Mrs. Victoria Frystack, at 610-262-9171 for a school tour or for more information.

St. Mary's Church, 2nd & Union Streets, Catasauqua will be holding their Annual Block Party on Thursday, June 20, Friday, June 21 and Saturday, June 22 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM all nights. There will be fabulous homemade foods, Bingo (in our air conditioned hall), Bake Sale, Basket and Money Raffle, Games for adults and children. Come by Friday night and enjoy our Children's lip Sync Contest and Saturday night for a chance to play our hourly game of "Minute to Win it". DJ entertainment by D.H. Production. For more information please email kim.stmarys122@gmail.com or call the Parish Office at 610-264-0332. All are welcome to attend!

Queenship of Mary Parish Festival, Northampton, will have its parish festival on Sunday, June 23, on the church grounds from 12 noon-8 p.m. There will be plenty of food, a bake sale, children's games, face painting, a cash raffle, basket raffle and bingo. All are welcome to attend! Music by MountainXpress Polka Band from 11:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. and Flirtin' With The Mob from 4:00 p.m. to 7:46 p.m. See flyer in vestibule for more information.

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.

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