

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
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Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger, Youth Activities

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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
Pentecost Sunday – June 9, 2019**

Daily Masses

June 10, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Suzanne Minnich	cousin, Patty
June 11, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Strongowski	M/M Michael Ballas and Family
June 12, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Catherine and John Marth	Son, Conrad, and Family
June 13, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Vincent Poandl	Family
June 14, Friday	8:00 a.m.	Health and Blessing – Edward Ciecko on the occasion of his 60 th Birthday	Family
June 15, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Parish Father's Day Intentions	
June 16, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Parish Father's Day Intentions	
	10:30 a.m.	Parish Father's Day Intentions	

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
June 15, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	L. Kosciolk	J. Warren/A. Colandrea	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
June 16, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	K. Bennett	W. Cuchran	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	D. Hozza	C. Walsh	A. Miletics	J. DelVecchio/R. Marakovits

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of George and Mary Stefaniak requested by daughter, Linda.

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

Good News!

June 9, 2019

Pentecost (C)

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

In his bestseller *The 5 Love Languages*, Gary Chapman points out that a common way to show love is to give gifts. Perhaps Jesus' love language was giving gifts, because he sure did it a lot. He gave sight to the blind, power to the weak, food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, faith to the faithless, and love to the lonely.

One gift he wants to give us is the Holy Spirit. We read in Acts how the power of this gift of the Spirit transformed the early Church. Jesus wants to do the same for us.

When we were baptized, we received the Holy Spirit, and at confirmation we said yes to his spiritual gifts more completely. Yet for many, the power of the Holy Spirit is a pious thought rather than something we experience daily.

Here are a few ways to open your heart to the Sanctifier's inspirations: First, be grateful for God's gifts and inspirations. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux said, "What most attracts God's grace is gratitude, because if we thank him for a gift, he is touched and hastens to give us ten more." Second, practice detachment. If we cling to our possessions, viewpoints, and ourselves, there's little room for the Spirit to move us. Third, ask God for inspiration—then listen. God doesn't usually force himself on us, so ask him to come in more powerfully. Then practice a little silence and listen. You'll be surprised at how the Holy Spirit speaks to you.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – June 10

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9–15, 20

Jn 19:25–34

Tuesday – June 11

St. Barnabas, Apostle

Acts 11:21b–26; 13:1–3

Mt 5:13–16

Wednesday – June 12

Weekday

2 Cor 3:4–11

Mt 5:17–19

Thursday – June 13

St. Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church

2 Cor 3:15–4:1, 3–6

Mt 5:20–26

Friday – June 14

Weekday

2 Cor 4:7–15

Mt 5:27–32

Saturday – June 15

Weekday

2 Cor 5:14–21

Mt 5:33–37

Sunday – June 16

The Most Holy Trinity

Prv 8:22–31

Rom 5:1–5

Jn 16:12–15

- Giving Sunday** : Sunday, July 14
- 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 June 3, our parishioners have raised \$20,081.00 from 91 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!

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 Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Frank Geosits. They were donated by wife, Dorothy, and family.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Bernard Shara:** \$2,500 Daughter, Stephanie Sarris and Son, Mark Shara. **In memory of Ferne Pletchan:** \$50 Nancy Jane Birosik.

MISSIONARY CO-OP APPEAL 2019: During the weekend of June 22 - 23, Sr. Regina Gadikota will conduct mission appeals at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church on behalf of her congregation, Sisters of Christ the Light. The Sisters are from South India. Their works in India and abroad include evangelization, education, pastoral and prison ministry, care of the child laborers, school dropouts, the hearing and speech impaired, the elderly, the mentally challenged, the AIDS patients and other empowerment programs for women and children. Please be generous in supporting their mission work with your prayers and donations. God bless you.



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.**

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.

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.

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!



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.

"Care Notes": Please check the "Care Notes" rack in the back of the church for helpful pamphlets in dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Men's Retreat at Malvern: The Men's Retreat at Malvern will take place the weekend of August 23, 24 and 25. Mark your calendar and give either Jack Harhart 610-262-8123 or Richard Cuth 610-262-8045 to reserve your place and to obtain a reservation form. Hope to see you there. Reservation forms will be available in the church lobby soon.

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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