

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.
 Weekdays 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days 7:00 p.m. [Vigil]
 6:45 a.m.; 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
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – June 23, 2019

Daily Masses

June 24, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Andrea Dias	The Kindergarten Staff at Good Shepherd Catholic School
June 25, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Farkas	Paul Dietz
June 26, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Theresa Sommers	Butch and Mary Ann Morgan
June 27, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
June 28, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Marcia Winkler	Linda and Vinnie Santucci
June 29, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Dennis Loikits	Sharon Schippamy
June 30, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Siekonic	M/M Francis Kovach
	10:30 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	

Next Week's Schedule:

June 29, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Lector: M.E. Schwartz	Euch. Min.: B. Kosman	Altar Servers: M. Warren	Greeters: C. Kovacs/M. Bitenc
June 30, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	N. Birosik	S. Kroll	B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
	10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth	M. Sommer	G. Heidecker	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of John and Mary Wanisko requested by John and Elizabeth Kuchera.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers John Najpauer and William Morgan, brother of Francis (Butch) Morgan, who died recently.

Good News!

June 23, 2019

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (C)

Gn 14:18–20; 1 Cor 11:23–26; Lk 9:11b–17

One of the most interesting paintings of the Last Supper is from the 1340s by the Master of Fossa. Typically this scene is illustrated much like da Vinci's *The Last Supper*—the Twelve Apostles sitting on one side of the table. In this rare interpretation, Jesus directly distributes the host to his apostles, reminding us how we receive Communion today. This rendering could be a nod to the feast of Corpus Christi, solemnly approved some thirty years earlier by Pope Clement V in 1311 in response to a eucharistic miracle in an Umbrian town.

A German priest struggling with his belief in the eucharistic presence of Jesus was celebrating Mass in Orvieto en route to Rome. After the consecration, the host turned to flesh and began to bleed. He wrapped up the Eucharist and brought it to the bishop in a nearby town. After studying the blood and the eyewitnesses, a miracle was declared.

Hundreds of documented eucharistic miracles help confirm our faith in the Eucharist. Should you question the belief that Christ's body and blood are really present in the Eucharist, perhaps reading about these miracles would help.

The Master of Fossa's Last Supper is placed directly beneath his painting of the crucifixion, in this way reminding us that the Mass and Eucharist make present to us today the power of Jesus' death. By celebrating the Eucharist, we unite ourselves with that Jesus and those events of his passion, death, and resurrection. For this reason, many Catholics silently repeat before receiving Communion, "My Lord and my God."

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – June 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Is 49:1–6 / Acts 13:22–26
Lk 1:57–66, 80

Tuesday – June 25

Weekday
Gn 13:2, 5–18 / Mt 7:6, 12–14

Wednesday – June 26

Weekday
Gn 15:1–12, 17–18
Mt 7:15–20

Thursday – June 27

Weekday
Gn 16:1–12, 15–16
or Gn 16:6b–12, 15–16
Mt 7:21–29

Friday – June 28

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Ez 34:11–16 / Rom 5:5b–11
Lk 15:3–7

Saturday – June 29

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1–11
2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18
Mt 16:13–19

Sunday – June 30

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 19:16b, 19–21
Gal 5:1, 13–18
Lk 9:51–62

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 14, our parishioners have raised \$26,605.00 from 116 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.

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 Minnie and Joseph Preisler. They were donated by daughter, Mary Ann Holmes, and family.

Picnic Planning Meeting: There will be a picnic planning meeting on **Tuesday, July 9 at 10:00 a.m.** at the church rectory. Anyone interested in helping to plan the Annual Church Picnic is invited to attend.

Missionary Co-Op Appeal 2019: This weekend, June 22/23, Sr. Regina Gadikota is conducting a mission appeal 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.**

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.

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.



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.

Queenship of Mary Parish Festival, Northampton, will have its parish festival **today, 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.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Victim Assistance Coordinator
 DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER
 1-800-791-9209

Email: victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.org

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

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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