

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
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 30, 2019**

Daily Masses

July 01, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Clare Bennett	Son, Joe, and Family
July 02, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Erwin Kager	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
July 03, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†James P. McKeon	Joanne and Susan
July 04, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of the Sophie & Stephen Bankos Family	Family
July 05, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael and Catherine Cesanek	Daughter, Helen Kerbacher, and Family
July 06, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Robin Hall	Brenda and Bob Fritz
July 07, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†John Pavlick	Virginia Haldeman

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
July 06, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	L. Assante	M. Hartman	L. Bet/P. Schuler
July 07, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll	T. Melosky	N. Millan	N. Birosik/D. Cesanek
10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger	L. Santucci	A. Miletics	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Paul and Catherine Gergel and Frank and Catherine Miletics requested by Paul and Cathy Gergel.

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

Good News!

June 30, 2019

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19–21; Gal 5:1, 13–18; Lk 9:51–62

One characteristic of Luke's Gospel is that he arranges most of Christ's preaching within a long journey from Galilee to Jerusalem. Jesus leaves behind his home in the north and travels south toward Jerusalem, where his passion and death await. This steady focus on his true homeland is often depicted on early Christian tombs. What better thing to put on a tomb than Jesus' focus on heaven!

A farmer who plows a furrow or tills between rows of crops can't be looking back at what he has already plowed or he will inevitably stray off course. He keeps looking forward toward the end of the line. In the same way, we can't constantly look back at the pleasures, opportunities, and goods we have left behind to follow our Lord.

Elisha burns his plow in sacrifice and also to express his definitive yes to the call. Like an explorer who burns his ships upon reaching a new land, his acceptance of Elijah's invitation to be a prophet of Yahweh is total; there's no turning back.

As disciples of Jesus, we're called to a yes with no ifs, ands, or buts. Contradictory as this may seem, this is true freedom. Freedom isn't doing what we want when we want. That's actually slavery to our whims and constantly changing passions. We go nowhere and build nothing. Real freedom is having an unbounded capacity to recognize the truth, choose what's good, and live in the beauty of a life directed toward where we've set our hearts and minds.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – July 1

Weekday

Gn 18:16–33

Mt 8:18–22

Tuesday – July 2

Weekday

Gn 19:15–29

Mt 8:23–27

Wednesday – July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle

Eph 2:19–22

Jn 20:24–29

Thursday – July 4

Weekday

Gn 22:1b–19

Mt 9:1–8

Friday – July 5

Weekday

Gn 23:1–4, 19; 24:1–8, 62–67

Mt 9:9–13

Saturday – July 6

Weekday

Gn 27:1–5, 15–29

Mt 9:14–17

Sunday – July 7

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:10–14c

Gal 6:14–18

Lk 10:1–12, 17–20

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 25, our parishioners have raised \$31,280.00 from 131 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 Rev. Francis P. Straka. They were donated by the Haldeman and Churetta families.

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:

Dear friends,

Blessings of peace and joy in the Lord!

On behalf of our community, Sisters of Christ the Light, Sr. Regina and I extend our sincere gratitude to Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, and to each one of you for your prayers and support for our mission in India. Sr. Regina had a very unique and enriching experience at the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church. We greatly appreciate you for your goodness and generosity. Your prayers and generous donations will carry God's love to the poor especially to our Deaf and Mute Children. You will be remembered in our prayers. May God bless you all abundantly. Please continue to pray for us and support us in our endeavors in making Christ known and loved.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Sr. Agnes Mathew

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.**



MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of John Najpauer, Sr.:** \$75 Alliance Volunteer Fire Co. 1; \$200 Dale and Erma Smith. **In memory of Rosemarie Meiley:** \$25 Frank and Mary Cerino; \$25 Patricia Turbedsky.

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. **LAST CHANCE: Deadline for reservations is Monday, 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.

Mercy School For Special Learning would love to register golfers from your parish for our 30th Annual Golf Classic on Monday August 6th at Brookside Country Club in Macungie. Singles or foursomes ... all are welcome! If you are not a golfer, please consider a sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor a parish priest as a golfer, call Mercy School at 610-797-8242, and ask for Mary. You may register online at www.mercygolfclassic2019.com. *Our Golf Outing is always great fun, a short distance, and an easy "drive."* Thank you for any help you can offer to help support our Mercy students!

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.

Holy Trinity Annual Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, **July 14 at Egypt Memorial Park**, located just off Main Street on Rt. 329 west. Outdoor Mass starts at 11:30am and festivities will follow Mass until 8:00pm and will include children's games, Bingo, adult games, homemade foods including, pierogies, haluski, halupki, baked goods and many other items. Entertainment provided by Josef Kroboth from 12:30-3:30pm and Jump Start from 4:30-7:30pm. **Admission and parking are free.** The public is invited to attend rain or shine.

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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