

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons**, Pastor  
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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 are always welcome and are asked to register at the rectory. Please notify the rectory if you change your address, phone number, or move out of the parish.

### Communion to the Sick

Communion is taken to the sick after the Sunday Masses and during the month. The Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with individual homebound parishioners several times a year or at your request. 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  
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 11, 2019**

**Daily Masses**

Aug. 12, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna Hartzell	Betty Toolan
Aug. 13, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Louis Tepes, Sr.	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Aug. 14, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†John Najpauer, Sr.	Paul Mikulcik
	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	†Rosemarie Meiley	Bonnie and Elizabeth Kosman
Aug. 15, Thursday	<b>6:45 a.m.</b>	Intentions of Monsignor Koons	
	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Living & deceased members of our Parish	
Aug. 16, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
Aug. 17, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Poandl	Family
Aug. 18, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Annette Yurish	Family and Friends
	10:30 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	

**Next Week's Schedule:**

	<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>
Aug. 14, Wed.	7:00 p.m. Frank Kostecky	Leonard Kosciolk	Mikayla Warren	Mike Skweir/Bella Skweir
Aug. 15, Thu.	6:45 a.m.			
	8:00 a.m. Anita Kotoris	Brenda Fritz		
Aug. 17, Sat.	4:00 p.m. Anthony Molchany	Richard Shearman	Jeffrey Warren	Stephanie Bankos/Linda Stefaniak
Aug. 18, Sun.	8:00 a.m. Thomas Kovalchik	Joseph Ciecko	Karl Cuchran	Gloria Farkas/Lillian Gehringer
	10:30 a.m. Deb Heckenberger	Cindy Walsh	Ava Miletics	Ann Fry/Linda Shaak

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of William Kotoris requested by Anita Kotoris.

**Please pray** for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Frank Szoke, brother of Liz Bet and Mary Ellen Cser, and Ronald Lokay who died recently.

# Good News!

August 11, 2019

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Wis 18:6-9; Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Lk 12:32-48

Abraham is considered our father in faith because he practiced faith to an amazing degree. His faith brought him to obey God and to hope in him despite an apparent lack of evidence of God's fidelity.

In Ludovico Carracci's painting, The Sacrifice of Isaac, Abraham is looking up to God and not focused on the beloved son he is about to sacrifice. We also need to look up to God in order to value and love rightly the things here below.

Abraham understands that no creature, no gift, should take God's place in the human heart—even something as dear as a God-given child. This is the absolute, total trust God asks of us. When dealing with all of the good things God gives us, including those he has promised and those we love most, we must be willing to trust what he asks of us. God's will doesn't always make sense right away. We're often painfully aware that his ways are not our ways.

The stormy heavens in the painting's background remind us how the winds of our passions and the pressure of our secret expectations can clash with God's plans for us. A darkened front moves into our soul, making it difficult to hear his voice and see the light of his will. Here lies the heroism of faith. We walk by faith, not by sight.

For this reason, Abraham is the faithful servant found doing the Master's will. His treasure was in God.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Calendar:

**Monday – August 12**

Weekday  
Dt 10:12–22 / Mt 17:22–27

**Tuesday – August 13**

Weekday  
Dt 31:1–8 / Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

**Wednesday – August 14**

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr  
Dt 34:1–12 / Mt 18:15–20

**Thursday – August 15**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab  
1 Cor 15:20–27 / Lk 1:39–56

**Friday – August 16**

Weekday  
Jos 24:1–13 / Mt 19:3–12

**Saturday – August 17**

Weekday  
Jos 24:14–29 / Mt 19:13–15

**Sunday – August 18**

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Jer 38:4–6, 8–10  
Heb 12:1–4  
Lk 12:49–53

- Giving Sunday** : Sunday, August 11
- BVM Night – Iron Pigs** : Thursday, August 22, 2019
- Picnic Cooking** : Thursday, Sept. 5, 7:00 a.m.  
Friday, Sept. 6, 7:00 a.m.
- Church Picnic** : Sunday, September 8
- Breakfast** : Sunday, September 22
- Confirmation** : Thursday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.

**Holy Day Of Obligation:** Thursday, August 15, is a Holy Day of obligation, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Masses will be celebrated on **Wednesday, August 14 at 7:00 p.m. and Thursday, August 15 at 6:45 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.** The rectory office will be closed on Thursday, August 15.



**Memorial Flowers:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Catherine Sentiwany. They were donated by son, Joseph.

**Are You Interested In The Catholic Faith?** Anyone interested in learning more about Catholicism is invited to consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). Meetings will begin in September and meet weekly through May 2020. Please call the rectory and leave our name and phone number so Msgr. Koons can give you more information.



**Picnic Cooking:** We will be cooking for our annual church picnic on **Thursday, September 5 and Friday, September 6 starting at 7:00 a.m.** To make this another successful picnic we need help in preparation of the food. All help is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help.

**Baked Goods Needed:** Anyone interested in donating baked goods for the church picnic is asked to please bring your baked goods to Egypt Memorial Park on **Sunday, September 8 any time between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**



**Money Basket:** From now thru September 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a box in the church vestibule for donations towards our **"Assumption B.V.M. Parishioners' Money Basket"**, which will be raffled off at our annual picnic on Sunday, September 8. All donations are greatly appreciated.

**Used Clothing Drive** will be held the weekends of **August 10/11 and August 17/18** for underprivileged men, women and children of Kenya. Gently used pants, shorts, tops, dresses, shoes and sneakers would be greatly appreciated. Please place your donations in the boxes located in the church social hall.

**Journey Through Grief:** Assumption BVM will be offering a six-week Grief Support Group to those who have lost a loved one. This journey of support will be offered each week in our Church Social Hall beginning on Wednesday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Group will meet for six weeks, ending on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> with a guest speaker and Mass. The purpose and goal of this group is to support and encourage those who have lost a loved one recently or some time ago and offer accompaniment through their loss. The program will be a journey of remembrance and celebration of our loved ones who have passed. Light snacks, and drinks will be available. Please see the flyers in the church vestibule for more information. To register please contact Brenda Fritz at 610-349-2300 or Lynda Janis at 610-762-4634.



**Church Flowers:** Flowers will be placed on either side of the main altar this week for the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. They were donated by Anita Kotoris in memory of her father, William Kotoris, and Joanne and Juliet Manning for Special Intentions.

**A Special Thank You** to Dr. Joseph Cieccko and Dr. Edward Cieccko for donating a new chest freezer to our parish. We will certainly put it to good use, especially for our church picnic.

**Memorial Fund:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Dale Hartzell:** \$50 Bella and Mike Skweir.

**Chicken Dinner:** St. Mary's Church, 122 Union Street, Catasauqua will be holding a Drive-Thru Chicken Dinner. Advanced tickets only \$12/meal by September 2nd include 1/2 Chicken, baked potato, coleslaw, local corn on the cob, roll and butter. Ticket cost is \$12 per meal. Pick up is Friday, September 13th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Simply drive up Union Street from Front St., stop in front of the parking lot and hand us your ticket(s) and we will hand you dinner. For tickets, send payment to St. Mary's, 122 Union Street, Catasauqua, PA 18032. If you have any questions please contact the Parish Office at 610-264-0332 or [kim.stmarys122@gmail.com](mailto:kim.stmarys122@gmail.com).

**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.

## PARISH PICNIC NEWS

**Please Note:** We will **NOT** be having a **WINE and LIQUOR** stand at the picnic this year.

**"Big Bucks":** We are counting on you to either purchase or sell the four "Big Bucks" tickets which were mailed to you in June. Also, please consider selling additional tickets, which are available at the rectory.

**We Need Your Help!** Letters were mailed in June asking for your help for our picnic. We need workers, donations of baked goods, and/or monetary contributions. Please respond to our volunteer and donation form as soon as possible. Youth (Grades 8-12) are you looking for community service hours? Come and help out at our parish picnic!

**Advance Picnic Ticket Sales** before all Masses the weekends of: **August 17/18, August 24/25 and August 31/September 1.** Pay **\$10.00** and receive **\$12.00** worth of tickets.

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