

# 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  
**Mrs. Susan Parker, M.Ed.**, Interim 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 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
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore..... 610-262-3193	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Susan Parker..... 610-262-7343
CYO	Tim Gribb ..... 610-762-9072	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch..... 610-428-9053
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning..... 610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca..... 610-502-0160
Finance Committee	Drew Maron..... 610-393-9126	Pro-Life Activities	Msgr. Koons..... 610-262-2559
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore..... 610-262-3193	Religious Education	Susan Parker..... 610-262-7343
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office..... 610-262-9171	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh..... 610-837-0376
Greeters	Joanne Manning..... 610-262-2559	RCIA	Msgr. Koons..... 610-262-2559
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore..... 484-226-0188	Ushers	Michael Sommer..... 610-262-7904
Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler..... 610-262-8138	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock..... 610-262-3478
Knights of Columbus Council #4050..... 484-540-5090		Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger... 610-760-9491

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish  
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 25, 2019**

**Daily Masses**

Aug. 26, Monday	8:00 a.m.	Health and Blessing – Francesca Gegvata	M/M Lek Gagvata
Aug. 27, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Irene Kedl	Debra Kay and Joe Bennett
Aug. 28, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Bruce Keller	Mary Ann and Butch Morgan
Aug. 29, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Margaret Kent	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart Family
Aug. 30, Friday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intentions	Helen Sweryda
Aug. 31, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Catherine Holena	Gene and Carol Zarayko
Sep. 01, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Haldeman	
	10:30 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	

**Next Week's Schedule: Lector:**

Aug. 31, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Charles Fisher
Sep. 01, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Christine Kroll
	10:30 a.m.	Larry Nemeth

**Euch. Min.:**

Frank Cerino
Nancy Birosik
Drew Maron

**Altar Servers:**

Andrew Nederostek
Nicholas Millan
Grace Heidecker

**Greeters:**

Liz Bet/Pat Schuler
Nancy Birosik/Diane Cesanek
Hope Stempo/Bonnie Yezzo

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Louise Kotoris requested by daughter, Nikki.

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

# Good News!

August 25, 2019

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*  
Is 66:18-21; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

A fragment from a church ceiling fresco crumbled and fell to the ground. It was eventually added to the Vatican collection. A piece of rubble is now a priceless object of art. Viewers look up at Head of an Apostle from below as he gazes toward Christ's divine glory.

We also are striving to attain that heavenly vision, and Jesus advises us on how to realize it. We should work to enter the smaller gate, the narrow door. It's not the bigger main entrance that everyone uses. The narrow door is a less-traveled side entrance used by those who are close to the owner and his family. Christ invites us to be so familiar and comfortable with him that we come through the side door.

Many pass the Master's house, know where it is, but have lost the practice of stopping inside. They know about God, even pray occasionally, and don't hurt anyone. No doubt not hurting others is admirable, but there is so much more for someone baptized into Christ. We're not called to merely avoid hurting others but to have a deep, transforming experience of healing love that we then share with others.

Jesus' warning seems to be that when there is a mad rush to enter the front gate, those well-intentioned but out-of-practice souls who "don't know him" might find themselves struggling to squeeze in.

Jesus and the Church don't want that to happen to anyone. He invites us to get familiar, stop in often. He might say, "When you get here, just come in the side door!"

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Calendar:

**Monday – August 26**

Weekday  
1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10  
Mt 23:13–22

**Tuesday – August 27**

St. Monica  
1 Thes 2:1–8  
Mt 23:23–26

**Wednesday – August 28**

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
1 Thes 2:9–13  
Mt 23:27–32

**Thursday – August 29**

Passion of St. John the Baptist  
1 Thes 3:7–13  
Mk 6:17–29

**Friday – August 30**

Weekday  
1 Thes 4:1–8  
Mt 25:1–13

**Saturday – August 31**

Weekday  
1 Thes 4:9–11  
Mt 25:14–30

**Sunday – September 1**

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sir 3:17–18, 20, 28–29  
Heb 12:18–19, 22–24a  
Lk 14:1, 7–14

- Picnic Cooking** : Thursday, Sept. 5, 7:00 a.m.  
Friday, Sept. 6, 7:00 a.m.
- Church Picnic** : Sunday, September 8
- Giving Sunday** : Sunday, September 8
- PREP Classes Resume 1-6** : Sunday, September 15
- PREP Classes Resume 7-8** : Wednesday, September 18
- Children's Mass** : Sunday, Sept. 22, 10:30 a.m.
- Breakfast** : Sunday, September 22
- Confirmation** : Thursday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.



**Memorial Flowers:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Lauren Geosits. They were donated by Aunt Carol, Uncle Jerry and Aunt Sharon.

**P.R.E.P. Classes Beginning Sunday, September 15.**

*Attention: Parents of parish children in Grades 1-8.* If you have not registered your child for P.R.E.P. classes, please complete the registration form and return it immediately with your tuition payment. Grades 1-8 are mandatory. The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Confirmation is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Grades 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> meet on Sunday mornings starting September 15. Grades 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will meet on Wednesday nights starting September 18. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Parker at 610-262-7343.



**Memorial Flowers:** The flowers by the St. Joseph's altar this week are in memory of James Kovacs. They were donated by his wife, Connie.

**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.

**Saint John the Baptist Parish,** 3024 S. Ruch Street in Whitehall (Stiles) will have their Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 1, from noon to 9:00 p.m. on the parish grounds. Music provided by The Pennsylvania Villagers, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Common Bond from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Delicious foods, Children's Games, Raffles, Refreshments, Bake Sale and more. All are invited!

**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.

**Good Shepherd Catholic School** has an opening for an intermediate grade level teacher long term substitute. Pennsylvania teacher certification, all clearances, Safe Environment Requirements, and resume should be sent to: [mrsparkegscs@gmail.com](mailto:mrsparkegscs@gmail.com). For more information, please call the school at 610-262-9171.



**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.

**"Miracle of Christmas"** Sight & Sound Theater and lunch at Shady Maple Lancaster on **Saturday, December 14, 2019.** Miracle of Christmas will return to Sight & Sound Theater for the 2019 Christmas season and after that, will not return until 2021. It's rapidly selling out and we don't want you to be disappointed! Come see the world class cast, spectacular special effects and live animals on stage and in the aisles. Join us on a journey of theater and a good ole fashion Dutch Buffet lunch at Shady Maple. Package includes motor coach transportation, theater seats, lunch, and driver's gratuity. \$157 per person/\$146 (age 10 and under). Bus departs Assumption B.V.M. 7:45 a.m. Approximate 6:30 p.m. return. Please fill out the form in the church vestibule and return it to the rectory or place it in the collection basket no later than Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited, so please reserve your seats early. 50% of the cost will be due by September 15<sup>th</sup>, and the balance will be due November 15<sup>th</sup>. More information will be sent to those attending after reservations are sent in.

**Memorial Fund:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Lucy Minor:** \$20 Carol Jean Susko.

**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 next weekend, **August 31/September 1.** Pay **\$10.00** and receive **\$12.00** worth of tickets.

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**ASSUMPTION B.V.M. CHURCH**  
**ANNUAL PICNIC**

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019**

**EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK**

**FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

**11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass**

**DJ – 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.**

**Large Flowerheads - 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**Children's Games, Basket Raffle and Games of Chance**



**Halupki, Goulash, Homemade Pierogies,  
Kielbasi with Sauerkraut, Sausage Sandwiches,  
Steak Sandwiches, Cheese Steak Sandwiches,  
Turkey BBQ, Hamburger BBQ, Chicken Fingers,  
Hot Dogs, Hot Dogs with Sauerkraut, Chili Dogs,  
Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Summer Pasta Salad,  
Walking Tacos, French Fries, Cheese Fries**

**Ice Cream and Waffles, Ice Cream Cones,  
Ice Cream Sandwiches, Popcorn, Cotton Candy,  
Home Baked Goods**

**Birch Beer on Tap, Beer, Wine, Soda,  
Bottled Water, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee**



## BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 22, 2019

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD  
AT THE DOOR ONLY

ADULTS \$7.00

CHILDREN \$3.00

## MENU

French Toast

Pancakes

Scrambled Eggs & Hash Brown

Choice of: Sausage, Bacon or Ham

Omelet your way & Hash Brown

Cheese Steak Omelet & Hash Brown

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea