

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA, Pastor
Mrs. Karen Glose, Director of Music
Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
Ms. Irene M. Quigley, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School

Mrs. Linda Santucci, Coordinator of Religious Education
Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger, Youth Activities
Ms. Joanne Manning, Parish Secretary

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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., 7:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
 or by appointment

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 Fr. Straka 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	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....	610-262-8428	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ministry to the Sick	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Bible Study	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Parish Family Picnic	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
CYO	Tim Grubb	610-762-9072	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Ecumenical Rep.	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
First Friday Adoration	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	RCIA	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Young at Heart Bus Trips	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	610-262-9012	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

May 16, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Bankos	Richard, Barbara and Joseph Ebner
May 17, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
May 18, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Geraldine Stracqualursi	Marietta Stanz
May 19, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Carmela Mazzola	Leland Family
May 20, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Poandl	Ernestine Gerancher
May 21, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†George Nederostek	Walter and Becky Strongowski
May 22, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Parker Lessel	Leo and Catherine Witzcak

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
May 21, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor	B. Fritz	E. Zwolenik/J. Warren/M. Warren	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
May 22, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	F. Cerino	J. Millan/N. Millan/B. Gallagher	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza	M. Sommer	B. DeVecchio/M. Cuchran/C. Cuchran	J. DeVecchio/C. Marano

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 blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish.

dear Padre:

The Bible on life on other planets

What does the Bible say about life outside our solar system?

The simple answer to this question is that the Bible doesn't specifically mention life on other planets. However, there are some important biblical principles that would speak to the possibility of such a discovery.

Begin with the account of creation in Genesis: "In the beginning, when God created the heavens and the earth..." (1:1). We believe that everything that exists was created by God. All stars, planets, minerals, plants, and animals flow from the creative activity of the Holy Trinity. If there is any type of life anywhere in the universe, it owes its existence to the God we worship. So if we discover plants, animals, or even ameba on some distant planet, we should praise our Creator for that life as we do our own.

Implicit in this question is the possibility of intelligent life, and not simply lower organisms. Are there possibly societies, technologies, or even churches on other planets? Again, the Bible does not really say. If we find intelligent life, it will not be any threat to our faith. Remember: we understand that we are created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26-27). If there are intelligent species out there, they in no way would challenge that unique relationship. After all, the Son of God came to the earth as one of us.

FR. MATTHEW BONK, CSsR
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

Calendar:

Monday – May 16
Weekday

Jas 3:13-18
Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday – May 17
Weekday

Jas 4:1-10
Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday – May 18
Weekday

Jas 4:13-17
Mk 9:38-40

Thursday – May 19
Weekday

Jas 5:1-6
Mk 9:41-50

Friday – May 20
Weekday

Jas 5:9-12
Mk 10:1-12

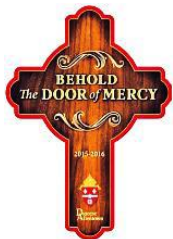
Saturday – May 21
Weekday

Jas 5:13-20
Mk 10:13-16

Sunday – May 22
The Most Holy Trinity

Prv 8:22-31
Rom 5:1-5
Jn 16:12-15

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., June 4, 10:00 a.m.
GIVING SUNDAY : Sun., June 12
PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING: Fri., Aug. 5 & Sat., Aug. 6
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC: Sunday, September 11, 2016
BREAKFAST : October 30, 2016



2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:

We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make

your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal online at FaithHopeCharityGives.org. Thank you for your support!



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

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Connie Marth:** \$40 Gloria Farkas; \$25 Miller Supply Ace Hardware; \$100 Marvin Wright.



PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 5 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 6 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.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS:

Any boy or girl in the parish who has made First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server is asked to contact Joanne at the rectory before June 5. Training will be held on Saturday, June 18 at

10:00 a.m. in church.

GSCS Second Annual Women's Retreat: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the school gym. The Keynote Speaker will be Sister Lisa Valentini, a Missionary Sister of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus is a well-known and respected inspirational speaker. To RSVP please call 610-262-9171.

CHANGE OF DAILY MASS TIME FOR WEDNESDAYS:

Until further notice and starting this Wednesday, May 11, Mass will be celebrated in the morning at **8:00 a.m.** instead of 7:00 p.m.



2017 ALTAR FLOWERS: We would like to keep live flowers on the altar for all weekend Masses. **The cost is \$60.** If you would like to honor a deceased loved one or friend, or honor a living person by placing flowers by the altar in their name, please call Joanne at the rectory 610-262-2559.

HAVE YOU NOTICED the **CareNotes** display in the back of the church? CareNotes offer helpful ideas and inspiration on dealing with some of life's most difficult moments. Please help yourself.

INK CARTRIDGE AND TONER RECYCLING: Recycle your empty ink and toner cartridges and Assumption B.V.M. Church will get \$2 back in Staples Rewards® for each one. So not only will we save on future purchases, but we can also feel good about reducing waste in our landfills. Please deposit them in the box located in the vestibule. **Did you know?** In 2011, Staples U.S. customers recycled more than 67 million ink and toner cartridges. Their goal is to recycle 100 million each year, globally, by 2020.

MEN'S RETREAT AT MALVERN: In today's world of 24/7 sound bites, non-stop commercials, loud music and the like, it can be difficult to hear the really important voices in our life. Sometimes we just need a quiet, safe place where we can listen to our God who knows us, loves us and wants to tell us what is best for us. The Malvern Retreat House is such a place. **Join the men of the parish the weekend of August 26, 27 and 28 for their Malvern retreat.** To learn more, call Jack Harhart 610-262-8123 (or email jharhart@yahoo.com) or Richard Cuth 610-262-8045. For information on retreats for women, married couples and families visit Malvern's website at malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.



YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 in the church social hall

Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 11, 2016
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 Pennsylvania Villagers"
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

Phone No. _____

Check One:

New Registration Change of Address

Moving out of Parish Request Envelopes

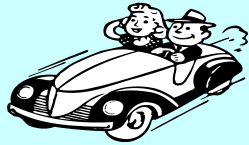
Request envelopes (returned home from college)

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory

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**ASSUMPTION B.V.M. CHURCH
ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass
Bingo - 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
The Pennsylvania Villagers - 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Children's Games,
Basket Raffle and Games of Chance



Baked Goods, Exotic Non-Alcoholic Drinks
Soda, Bottled Water, Iced Tea, Beer, Coffee
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Steak Sandwiches
Turkey BBQ, Pork BBQ, Kielbasi with Sauerkraut
Sweet Italian Sausage Sandwiches, Ice Cream Treats,
Holubki, Haluski, Goulash, Pirohy (Pierogies), French Fries

