

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

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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.

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	Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....	484-540-5090	
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ministry to the Sick	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Bible Study	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Parish Family Picnic	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
CYO	Tim Gribb	610-762-9072	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
Ecumenical Rep.	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RCIA	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	610-262-9012	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Sept. 05, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of the Bahnick Family	Family
Sept. 06, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†George Nederostek	Josephine and Joe Trinkle
Sept. 07, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Rose Tallo	Virginia Huber
Sept. 08, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Madea	Irene Kedl
Sept. 09, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†John S. Nederostek	Sister, Betty, and Family
Sept. 10, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
Sept. 11, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Haldeman	Gene and Carol Zarayko
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK	11:00 a.m.	†Connie Marth	Assumption B.V.M. Picnic Committee

Next Week's Schedule:

Sept. 10, Sat. 4:00 p.m. M.E. Schwartz
Sept. 11, Sun. 8:00 a.m. C. Kroll
11:00 a.m. L. Nemeth

Lector:

Euch. Min.:

P. Kovach
J. Cieccko
C. Marth/D. Maron/C. Walsh

Altar Servers:

J. Warren/M. Warren
N. Clouse/B. Gallagher
B. DelVecchio/M. Hudock

Greeters:

M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
J. DelVecchio/C. Marano

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Lorenzo Mancino requested by Joanne and Juliet.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Beryl Faryna, mother of Adelaide Heist, who died recently.

dear Padre:

My mother has appointed me to make health-care decisions on her behalf if and when she is unable to do so for herself. I have prayed and thought about this, and for many reasons I don't want to do this. I feel guilty and fear that by refusing I would show a lack of respect for her wishes. Do you have any advice?

I will respond by making two points. First, you are free to decline your mother's request. You have no intrinsic or moral obligation to assume this responsibility. If you don't feel you could fulfill the duties of that role properly, tell your mother and ask her to choose someone else.

I would also like to point out that you may be making more out of this responsibility than is warranted. Your duties as a medical or health-care *power of attorney* are called upon only "if and when" your mother becomes incapacitated. If she hasn't already, your mother would fill out and sign an *advance directive* that indicates her intentions and preferences concerning the use of any extraordinary means of health care. You would not have to make independent decisions; you would only have to follow through on decisions she has already made. Finally, you would have your family and the medical team to guide you. All your mother asks is that you, rather than a stranger, oversee the implementation of her directives.

Fr. Daniel L. Lowery, CSsR
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

1 Cor 5:1-8 / Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday - September 6

Weekday

1 Cor 6:1-11

Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday - September 7

Weekday

1 Cor 7:25-31 / Lk 6:20-26

Thursday - September 8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Friday - September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday - September 10

Weekday

1 Cor 10:14-22

Lk 6:43-49

Sunday - September 11

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14

1 Tm 1:12-17

Lk 15:1-32

Calendar:

Monday - September 5

Weekday

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PICNIC COOKING : Thursday, Sept. 8, 7:00 a.m.
Friday, Sept. 9, 7:00 a.m.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Sat., Sept. 10, 10:00 a.m.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 11, 2016

GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, September 11

PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 18

BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., October 1, 10:00 a.m.

BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 30, 2016

CONFIRMATION : Wed., March 8, 2017

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.

Please note: Labor Day Mass will be held in church.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Leonard Fry. They were donated by his wife, Ann.

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 at 610-262-2559. Training will be held on Saturday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. in church. If you can't make the training, please let Joanne know.



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 11 anytime after 9:00 a.m.**



PICNIC COOKING: We will be cooking for our annual church picnic on **Thursday, September 8 and Friday, September 9 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.



MONEY BASKET: There is 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 11. All donations are greatly appreciated.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH, 3024 South Ruch Street in Whitehall (Stiles) will have their annual picnic **today, Sunday, September 4, from noon to 9:00 p.m.** on the parish grounds. Music provided by the Joe Weber Band and Common Bond. Delicious Foods, Children's Games, Raffles, Refreshments, Bake Sale and more. All are invited!

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS: The School Office Hours are Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Shepherd Gift Card Sales are Tuesdays & Thursdays 9-noon. Save the Date: Early Childhood Education Preview will be held on Saturday, October 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for parents of children entering Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten.

DIOCESAN YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE will be held on **Thursday, October 20, 2016** at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. Our parish, along with Holy Trinity and Queenship of Mary, are chartering a bus for the pilgrimage. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the pilgrimage. **Call Holy Trinity Rectory at 610-262-9315 to reserve your seat. Cost \$30/person.**

OUR PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM IS BEGINNING: This year our first class is Sunday, Sept. 18th and the Catechetical Sunday Theme is, "The Faith Prayed"! We ask all of you to say a special prayer for all the children of our parish, our catechists, our teen and adult aides, all our volunteers and of course, our two loyal leaders, Linda Santucci and Robin Hall! They make the program run smoothly and keep us motivated. I would also like to ask you to make a special effort to notice and appreciate all the Stained Glass Windows in our lovely church. They each tell a story about a special saint or an event that took place in our Faith. Don't forget the choir loft windows and the front doors! Our Religious Education children have been asking about them and a special effort has been made to give them this information! Blessings to all of you! Brenda Fritz



SAVE ALUMINUM PULLTABS – Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM: Please keep saving your Redner's Save-A-Tape Receipts by using your Save-A-Tape Card. If you don't have one, just ask the cashier during your next shopping trip. Our church receives 1% for items you purchase, just by turning in your receipts. So far this year we have received \$2,362.62. Just think, that's over \$2,300.00 received from pieces of paper you would normally throw in the garbage. Please place your full receipts in the containers located in the church vestibule. We need the WHOLE receipt, not just the bottom portion of the receipt. See the letter from Redner's Markets, Inc. posted on the bulletin boards for more information. Thank You!

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

Phone No. _____

Check One:

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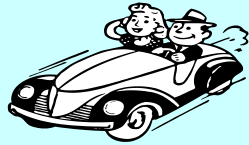
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ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass

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
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