

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



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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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 18, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Sept. 19, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Bobinta	Luton-Clayton Family
Sept. 20, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Sept. 21, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Bernard Hudak	M/M Gerald Fabian
Sept. 22, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Sons and daughters of John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
Sept. 23, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Marge Hamm	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
Sept. 24, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Ryan Zawada	Parents, Joe and Diane, Brother, Joe, and Sister, Jenny
Sept. 25, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Parker Lessel	Millie Nemeth

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Sept. 24, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	B. Kosman	D. Bassert/N. Bischof/S. Haldeman	C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
Sept. 25, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	B. Fritz	J. Millan/N. Millan/S. Kroll	B, Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger	J. Nicosia	M. Cuchran/C. Cuchran/M. Hartman	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Edward Bankos requested by Wife, Anna.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish.

dear Padre:

Is it ethical for businesses to monitor employees' Internet use on workplace computers?

There is no divine command on this subject, though the issue behind your question probably concerns your sensitivity to your need for privacy in your workplace. Employees do, indeed, need confidence that privacy is safeguarded. Similarly, the company would not want just anyone to have access to what their employees are developing, and they have the same right to protect against breaches, even internally.

Another matter is that when an individual accepts employment with an organization or institution, he or she makes a commitment to give a just day's work for a just wage or salary. The Catechism categorizes this under the Seventh Commandment, specifically as a matter of "commutative justice [which] requires safeguarding property rights, paying debts, and fulfilling obligations freely contracted" (CCC 2411). Computers, the Internet, and even social media are marvelous technologies with great benefits to productivity and revenue. Most jobs today involve such tools, but they can also be misused. Some people waste hours playing games; checking posts, feeds, and forums; or idly surfing. Psychologists caution that some of these behaviors can increase to the level of an addiction, and if this becomes a reality at work, the employee is not living up to his or her contract, which is unjust. When management suspects this, it has the right to look into it so it knows how its payroll is being spent.

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Weekday

Prv 3:27-34 / Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday - September 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs

Prv 21:1-6, 10-13

Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday - September 21

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Eph 4:1-7, 11-13

Mt 9:9-13

Thursday - September 22

Weekday

Eccl 1:2-11 / Lk 9:7-9

Friday - September 23

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Eccl 3:1-11 / Lk 9:18-22

Saturday - September 24

Weekday

Eccl 11:9-12:8

Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday - September 25

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7

1 Tm 6:11-16

Lk 16:19-31

Calendar:

Monday - September 19

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PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 18
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., October 1, 10:00 a.m.
BLESSING OF ANIMALS : Sun., October 2, 12:00 noon
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, October 9
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 30, 2016
CONFIRMATION : Wed., March 8, 2017 4:30 p.m.

My Dear Parishioners,

Once again I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you from my heart for your many acts of kindness during my recent absence.

Some of you sent food to the rectory. It was simply delicious. We certainly have a great number of skilled cooks in the parish. Many of you sent get well wishes along with scratch-offs, the winners kept me in basic supplies. I also had many visitors. These acts of kindness were a source of strength and comfort to me. While I can never repay such kindness, I can offer prayers and love to all.

While I was a resident at the Villa, I was able to concelebrate daily and Sunday Liturgies. As a result I was able to say 96 Masses for deceased parishioners. The list of those for whom Masses were offered follows.

Once again, "Thank You" for your love and kindness. May God continue to bless all of you and our Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.

With love and respect,
 Rev. Francis P. Straka, Pastor

Edward Bankos, Hannah Bankos, Roseann Baer, William Birosik, Michael Cesanek, Jr., Mary Ann Coleman, Cliff Connors, Helen Farkas, Frank Geosits, Helen Hensel, William Ifkovits, William Ifkovits, Jr., Dorothy Kimak, Benjamin Kovalcik, Edward Kovalchik, Jennie Kovalchik, Helen Marhefka, Connie Marth, Frank Marth, Jr., Daniel Mason, Daniel McLane, Elizabeth Nederostek, George Nederostek, David Plata, Rita Roman, Colette Semler, Catherine Sentiwany, Helen Siekonic, Helen Sipics, Joan Skrapits, Arlene Sterner, Margaret Wright, Rose Zastko.

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.**



BLESSING OF ANIMALS: In observance of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Assumption BVM Parish will have a Blessing of Animals on the rectory lawn (corner of 22nd Street and Lincoln Avenue) on Sunday, October 2 at 12:00 p.m. After a brief prayer service the animals will be blessed. Bring your dogs, cats, birds and other pets to this celebration. Please make sure that animals are leashed or caged for their safety.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Ryan Zawada. They were donated by his parents, Diane and Joe, brother, Joseph and sister, Jennifer.

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 a.m. - noon and Wednesdays, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. 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.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Helen and George Gavalla:** \$100 Son, Joseph Gavalla. **In memory of Joseph Myirski:** \$20 Anna Miklos and Family.

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.**

PICNIC THANKS!!!

Thanks to you, once again, our picnic on September 11 was a success! A very special thank you to all who helped in any way—the helpers who put in long hours preparing for and working at the picnic, the helpers who worked days preparing the food for the picnic, the committee members who helped plan and set up, and all who gave of their time and talents. Special thanks to all committee people and all who coordinated the various stands and concessions. Also, many thanks to all those who donated delicious baked goods for the bake sale and to those who donated baskets/items for "Baskets and More" raffle. Most of all thanks to you, our parishioners, for your donations, your volunteering, and most especially, your attendance at our picnic.

Also, thank you to all our sponsors especially: **MacArthur Family Medicine – Dr. Joseph Ciecko; Northampton Self Serve Car Wash - Jack and Iona Harhart; Edward and Denise Hozza; Reichel Funeral Home, Northampton – Kevin Reichel; Bernice and Louis Tepes; Kathy and Robert Wiswesser** for sponsoring the picnic food; **Triple Crown Lawn Care Services - Mike Costello** for sponsoring the Picnic Grounds Rental; **Schisler Funeral Home, Inc.** for sponsoring our Food and Big Bucks tickets; **Daniel and Catherine Loikits** for sponsoring the Exotic Drink Stand; **Debra Kay and Joe Bennett** for sponsoring our Ice Cream Treats; **Tanczos Beverages** for donating all the ice used at the picnic; **Tommy Burke Provisions, Inc.** for the use of their refrigerated truck and storing the picnic food during the week prior to the picnic; **Czonstka Plumbing and Heating Co. – Anthony Czonstka; Ann Fry; Thomas and Regina Krause; Marvin Wright** for sponsoring the Children's Games.

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