

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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Sept. 26, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen D. Hensel	Kathleen Gerenser
Sept. 27, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†William Ifkovits	Kroboth Family
	12:00 noon	Living and deceased members of Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart	
Sept. 28, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Geosits	Joe Sentiwany
Sept. 29, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Deborah Rowley	M/M John Toolan
Sept. 30, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Frances Figura	Virginia Huber
Oct. 01, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Lucille Mikulcik	Husband, Paul, and Family
Oct. 02, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†John Humenik	Sons, David, John and Paul
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Oct. 1, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	L. Kosciolk/C. Wuchter/B. Kosman	J. Warren/M. Warren	M. Mraz/P. Schuler
Oct. 2, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	P. Madea	K. Bennett/R. Spengler/N. Birosik	M. Hudock/N. Clouse	N. Birosik/D. Cesanek G. Farkas
10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt	R. Shearman/L. Santucci/J. Nicosia	A. & G. Miletics/G. Heidecker	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in honor of and for the safety of the young men and women of our military.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Richard Carney, Mary Wasko, sister of Elizabeth Kosman, and Robert Plata, brother of Monica Plata, Mary Helen Plata and Ruth Grieshammer, who died recently.

dear Padre:

Do Catholics believe in tithing? Aren't we supposed to be charitable and support the Church?

The word "tithing" is not used very much in Catholic communities. We usually prefer to talk about stewardship or charitable donations. In Old Testament Law, God asked for ten percent of crops, livestock, or other earnings to be offered to God before we use the other ninety percent on ourselves. That portion was usually offered to the Temple priests or later in the synagogues. God wanted the people to support the religious workers and to show that their first priority is God. Some churches still preach that a literal ten percent is expected from Christians today.

In looking at Jesus, it appears that he expects even more. He tells the rich man to sell all that he has and to give it to the poor (Matthew 19:16-22). He also praises the widow who put "her whole livelihood" into the collection (Mark 12:44; Luke 21:4). The early Church held all of their belongings in common (Acts 4:32-35). The Christian standard is that we belong to Christ, and so does everything we own. Jesus does not ask everyone to embrace poverty, but he commands all of us to share our gifts freely and to love people more than money. We are called to be generous to the Church, to our families and communities, and especially to the needy. Generosity doesn't count percentages.

Fr. Matthew Bonk, CSsR
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

Monday - September 26

Weekday

Jb 1:6-22 / Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday - September 27

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23

Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday - September 28

Weekday

Jb 9:1-12, 14-16 / Lk 9:57-62

Thursday - September 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

Jn 1:47-51

Friday - September 30

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5

Lk 10:13-16

Saturday - October 1

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17

Lk 10:17-24

Sunday - October 2

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14

Lk 17:5-10

Calendar:

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PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
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.

RECTORY 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 the deceased members of the Hutnick and Lessel Families. They were donated by Eleanor and Suzanne Lessel.

BAPTISM: We are happy to welcome Frank Aaron Williams, child of Maria and Aaron Williams, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Frank Aaron as he continues to grow in our faith.

"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": Sunday, October 9, our Hospitality Committee will be hosting "Donut/Giving Sunday". Join us after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses for coffee, donuts and fellowship in our social hall. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding. Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Masses on **Sunday, October 30**. Please support this fund raising effort of the parish and enjoy a hearty, homemade breakfast with your friends. Menu includes: French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs or omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.** Thank you all for supporting this parish fundraiser.

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.

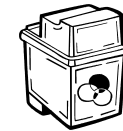
DIOCESAN YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE will be held on **Thursday, October 20, 2016** at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. Our parish, along with Holy Trinity and Queenship of Mary, are chartering a bus for the pilgrimage. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the pilgrimage.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



CEMETERY VIGIL LIGHTS will be available in the church social hall starting the weekend of October 8/9 thru October 31. We ask a donation of \$2.50 per candle to cover expenses.



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 \$2,779.97. Just think, that's over \$2,700.00** 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!



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.

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)

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