

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 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 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	Msgr. Koons.....	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	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Bible Study	Msgr. Koons.....	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	Msgr. Koons.....	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.	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....	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.....	484-226-0188	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

May 1, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†John Humenik	Jim and Monica Bauer
May 2, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward S. Kovalchik	Carl and Yvonne Rieker
May 3, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Marsch Family	Steve Marsch
May 4, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Herb Bitenc	Wife, Marie
May 5, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of the Sophie and Stephen Bankos Family	Family
May 6, Saturday	11:00 a.m.	FIRST COMMUNION	
	4:00 p.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
May 7, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Gerald G. Makovsky	M/M Gerald M. Makovsky
	10:30 a.m.	†Thomas Marakovits	Wife, Ruth

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
May 6, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	Deacon Gene/B. Kosman/L. Kosciolek	D. Bassert/E. Ossiander	J. Kovacs/C. Kovacs
May 7, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	Deacon Gene/T. Melosky/K. Bennett	E., J. & C. Confer	B. Cwitkowitz/M. Weaver
10:30 a.m.	D. Hozza	Deacon Gene/R. Shearman/J. Nicosia	A. Miletics/G. Miletics	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Joseph Seko, Jr. requested by Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Thomas Osmunson, father of Linda Shaak, and Stasia Lukasik, mother of Sandy Bischof, who died recently.

dear Padre:

What does it mean when someone says the Eucharist contains the “glorified” body of our Lord Jesus Christ?

In 1551, the Council of Trent definitively taught that “in the most blessed sacrament of the Eucharist ‘the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained’” (CCC 1374).

I’m not sure what “the glorified body of our Lord Jesus Christ” might refer to in your question, but I can make an educated guess. Since Jesus has suffered, died, and risen from the dead, the sacramental presence contains the reality of the fullness of the experience of the paschal mystery. Every experience of the risen Jesus is an experience of the fullness of the mystery and, as such, must include the fact that he has been glorified through his resurrection from the dead.

References to the Lord’s appearances after his resurrection might be helpful here. “Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself” (Luke 24:39), Jesus told his disciples. The Catechism tells us that “Christ ‘will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body,’ into a ‘spiritual body’” (CCC 999). The reality of the resurrection “exceeds our imagination and understanding; it is accessible only to faith” (CCC 1000).

Source: Liguorian, April 2007

Calendar:

- Monday – May 1**
Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8–15
Jn 6:22–29
- Tuesday – May 2**
St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Acts 7:51–8:1a
Jn 6:30–35
- Wednesday – May 3**
Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
1 Cor 15:1–8
Jn 14:6–14
- Thursday – May 4**
Easter Weekday
Acts 8:26–40
Jn 6:44–51
- Friday – May 5**
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:1–20 / Jn 6:52–59
- Saturday – May 6**
Easter Weekday
Acts 9:31–42 / Jn 6:60–69
- Sunday – May 7**
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36–41
1 Pt 2:20b–25
Jn 10:1–10

CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, May 14
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: Tue., May 16, 10:00 a.m.
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., June 3, 10:00 a.m.
IRON PIGS GAME : Tuesday, August 8
CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 10

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

This weekend we kickoff the **2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA)**. I am so grateful for your continued generosity to this important diocesan fundraising initiative. The Bishop's Annual Appeal funds the annual budget that offers vital services like Catholic Charities, care for our retired and infirmed priests, education of Seminarians, Catholic schools and support for our centers for special learning. I encourage you to join me in making your gift to the BAA and support these important ministries. Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you will receive in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

With gratitude,
Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons

FIRST EUCHARIST: There will be practice for First Eucharist on Monday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. **All children and parent(s) must attend.**

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of John Humenik:** \$10 Marilyn Noll.

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 in June.

PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 4 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 5 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.

NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME: Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Tuesday, August 8** on the Party Porch, 1st base line, at Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Ironpigs Way, Allentown hosted by B.V.M. Choir. Food will be available from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Game starts at 7:05 p.m. Cost is \$37 per person and is due at time of reservation. Deadline for reservations is Saturday, July 1. For more information call Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138. You can place your payment in the church collection basket to hold your tickets (reservations).

ANNUAL CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS POPPY DRIVE: The Catholic War Veterans of Post 454, Northampton, would like to thank everyone for their donation to the Annual Catholic War Veterans Poppy Drive. Thank you for supporting their annual drive!

BAPTISM: We are happy to welcome Rowan Ray Hebebrand, child of Caitlin Hebebrand and Christopher Kristiansen, and Nathan Charles Moyer, child of Rachael and Jeffrey Moyer, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Rowan Ray and Nathan Charles as they continue to grow in our faith.

GSCS 6th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING: It's time to put your foursome together, round up your friends, family and co-workers. Good Shepherd Catholic School will be holding their 6th Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, May 6, 2017 at Willow Brook Golf Course in Catasauqua. Please pick up a sign up sheet in the church vestibule or if you have any questions please contact Tim 610-261-4649 or Pat 484-221-5044.

NIGHT OF THE ARTS & OPEN HOUSE: Good Shepherd Catholic School, 1300 Newport Avenue, Northampton Night of the Arts & Open House School Tours will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17 in front of the Main Office. Artwork created by our students will be on display. Musical Presentations by our school choir and instrumental band begin at 6:30 p.m. in the School Gym. All are welcome!

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: We invite and encourage you to participate in the offertory procession at Mass. This is especially appropriate if you have requested the Mass, or if the Mass is being offered for a family member or friend. If you would like to present the gifts, please see one of the greeters at least fifteen minutes before Mass begins.

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 25, 26 and 27 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.

Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 10, 2017
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.

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