

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons, Administrator
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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

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 28, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

May 29, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Deceased Veterans	Catholic War Veterans Post #454
May 30, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
	12:00 noon	Living and deceased members of Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart	
May 31, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Susan Hartman	Helen and Skip Miller
June 01, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Lisa Gardner	Parents, Edward and Carol
June 02, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Siekonic	John and Patsy Polzer
June 03, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Rita Roman	Aunt Mary Gaydos
June 04, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Haldeman	Betty Rushatz
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
June 3, Sat.	4:00 p.m. S. Parker	Dcn Gene/B. Kosman/C. Marth	E. Meister/G. Heidecker	C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
June 4, Sun.	8:00 a.m. C. Kroll	Dcn Gene/T. Melosky/K. Bennett	W. Cuchran/J. Millan/N. Millan	B. Cwitkowitz/M. Weaver
	10:30 a.m. F. Kostecky	Dcn Gene/R. Shearman/M. Sommer	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 Herb Bitenc requested by Wife, Marie.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers John Nemeth, father of Daniel Nemeth, who died recently.

dear Padre:

What is "secularism," and is it possible for a Christian to also be a secularist?

Secularism is a philosophical movement that has its roots in England in the 1850s. The movement began because some felt religion and the Bible were inadequate sources for explaining many aspects of modern life. Secularists believe you can find all motivation for living a moral life in what is readily observable. Thus, secularism sees the Christian religion, and in fact all religions, as worthless.

Some might argue that secularism is the same as the separation of Church and state, that public schools should give a secular education, that they shouldn't be teaching the Christian, or any, religion. At first glance, that may sound right, but it isn't.

A Catholic second-grade public school teacher should not teach Catholic doctrine to her class in the same way that a Baptist second-grade public school teacher should not teach Baptist doctrine to his class, but the faith of the Catholic or the Baptist should influence the way they teach their class.

They might not teach specific doctrine, but the way each approaches the class should be done as one who has faith in Jesus Christ. The same is true of a politician or someone who works at a fast-food restaurant. In implicit ways, our faith in Jesus should always influence what we say and do.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR
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Calendar:

Monday – May 29

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1–8

Jn 16:29–33

Tuesday – May 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:17–27

Jn 17:1–11a

Wednesday – May 31

The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Zep 3:13–18a / Lk 1:39–56

Thursday – June 1

St. Justin, Martyr

Acts 22:30; 23:6–11

Jn 17:20–26

Friday – June 2

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b–21

Jn 21:15–19

Saturday – June 3

St. Charles Lwanga and

Companions, Martyrs

Acts 28:16–20, 30–31

Jn 21:20–25

Sunday – June 4

Pentecost


Acts 2:1–11

1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13

Jn 20:19–23

CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., June 3, 10:00 a.m.
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, June 11
IRON PIGS GAME : Tuesday, August 8
CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 10
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 17
BLESSING OF ANIMALS : Sunday, October 8 at 12 noon
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 22

RECTORY OFFICE will be closed on Memorial Day.

 **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** As of today, our parishioners have raised \$19,079.00 from 71 parishioners representing 9.79% of our total number of registered families in our parish. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal and to reach the 100% participation goal. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Herb Bitenc. They were donated by wife, Marie.

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday, June 2, is First Friday. Communion calls will be made as usual. If you have anyone at home who would like to be visited, please call the rectory.

OUR MONTHLY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION will be held on Saturday, June 3, at 10:00 a.m. in a classroom above the Church. All parents who are expecting to celebrate baptism with their child are asked to attend one of these sessions, even before the child is born. Please call the rectory in advance to register.

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).



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.

YARD SALE: Boy Scout Troop 79 will hold their Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, June 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church in Stiles. Cost is \$15 per table. Contact Robin at 610-440-1619 to reserve your table.

QUEENSHIP OF MARY CHURCH, Northampton, will have its parish festival on Saturday, June 10 5:00-9:00 p.m.; Sunday, June 11, on the church grounds from 12 noon-7 p.m. There will be plenty of food, a bake sale, children's games, a cash raffle, basket raffle and bingo. "Peter Johann Band" will play on Saturday night and "The Josef Kroboth Orchestra" will play on Sunday. All are welcome to attend!

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:
Good Shepherd Catholic School is proud to announce the recipients of this year's Bishop Scholarships! Congratulations to **Emma Ossiander (a parishioner at Assumption B.V.M.)**, Marko Popovic, Tyler Schifko, and Olivia Seaman. All 4 winners will go on to Allentown Central Catholic High School next year. We are so proud of our students and their accomplishments!
Good Shepherd Catholic School is currently seeking Parishioners interested in donating time, talent, and treasure to the school by becoming a member of the Board of Directors. Past business or professional experience in the fields of Sales, Marketing, Facilities Mgmt., and/or Legal a plus. Please call the school at 610-262-9171 or email Greg Chajnacki, Vice-Chair, at gchajnacki@rcn.com to obtain more information.
School Office Summer Hours begin the week of June 12. The office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The entire School Building will be CLOSED the week of July 24th.
Shepherd Gift Card Sales Summer Hours begin the week of June 12: The will be on sale on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There will be no gift card sales the week of July 4.

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.

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