

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 3:00 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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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 16, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

July 17, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Swankoski	Dorothy Geosits
July 18, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Peter Rodick	Daughter, Rita Pavlick
July 19, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Schisler	Son, Arthur, and Family
July 20, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Madea	Robert Janco and Family
July 21, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Marhefka	Children and Families
July 22, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
July 23, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael Cesanek, Jr.	Pinky Yanders
	10:30 a.m.	†Katherine and Michael Yatsura	Daughter, Dorothy, and Family

Next Week's Schedule:

July 22, Sat. 4:00 p.m. C. Fisher

July 23, Sun. 8:00 a.m. J. Santee

10:30 a.m. D. Heckenberger

Lector:

C. Fisher

J. Santee

D. Heckenberger

Euch. Min.:

L. Assante

N. Birosik

D. Maron

Altar Servers:

M. Warren/J. Warren

S. Kroll/N. Bischof

M. Thierer/A. Nemeth

Greeters:

S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak

A. Fry/V. Hall

E. Lessel/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Alfred Kosman requested by Wife, Betty.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Robin A. Hall, Frank Serensits, and Emma Kuchera, mother of Gerald Kuchera, who died recently.

dear Padre:

Why does the Bible have two creation stories?

Scholars believe these stories (Genesis 1–3) were written by two authors during different times and situations in Jewish history. The first story focuses on the creation of the universe; the second emphasizes the creation of man and woman.

The creation account that appears first in the Bible (Genesis 1:1–2:4a) was written six centuries before the birth of Christ by a priest wanting to reaffirm for the Jews that only one God is the all-powerful creator of all that exists. At that time, a belief in several powerful, warring gods was common in the cultures surrounding Judaism.

The story that appears later in the Bible (Genesis 2:4b–3:24) was actually written earlier—four centuries earlier—by a sage in the court of King David. It affirmed that human beings have an inherent dignity and a responsibility to live within boundaries. They must obey God, a rule that applies to kings as well.

Both accounts contain the closely held beliefs regarding human dignity (made in God's image and likeness) and responsibility (care for the earth as God would care for it) that are core to the Christian faith. At their heart they teach us through symbol and story about that God who is partially knowable, the source of life and hope amid the chaos and loss that beset every generation.

Source: "Dear Padre," October 2011 Liguorian

Calendar:

Monday - July 17

Weekday

Ex 1:8–14, 22

Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday - July 18

Weekday

Ex 2:1–15a

Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday - July 19

Weekday

Ex 3:1–6, 9–12

Mt 11:25–27

Thursday - July 20

Weekday

Ex 3:13–20

Mt 11:28–30

Friday - July 21

Weekday

Ex 11:10–12:14

Mt 12:1–8

Saturday - July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

Ex 12:37–42

Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

Sunday - July 23

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 12:13, 16–19

Rom 8:26–27

Mt 13:24–43

BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., August 5, 10:00 a.m.
IRON PIGS GAME : Tuesday, August 8
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, August
CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 10
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 17
BLESSING OF ANIMALS : Sunday, October 8 at 12 noon
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.**



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Shirley Woolever. They were donated by daughter, Debra Kay Bennett, and Family.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

Anyone interested in learning more about Catholicism is invited to consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). Meetings will begin in September and meet weekly through May 2018. Please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number so Msgr. Koons can give you more information.



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.**

“WILLY WONKA KIDS”: Good Shepherd Catholic School Summer Drama Camp will present Disney’s “Willy Wonka Kids” **this Friday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 22 at 2:00 p.m.** Students from incoming grades 1 through 8 will be represented in our show. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and can be purchased at the door. **For more information, please call the school office at 610-262-9171.** We hope to see you there!

HELPER’S PILGRIMAGE: On Saturday, August 12 please join the Helpers of God’s Precious Infants at a Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn and all those involved in abortion. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8:00 a.m. at Notre Dame Church of Bethlehem, 1861 Catasauqua Road and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way in the Bethlehem Industrial Park. The Mission: That through prayer, peaceful presence, and fasting we may be God’s instruments in the salvation of souls, so that innocent lives will be saved from abortion. Be part of the call to bring God’s everlasting, unconditional love to those involved in abortion that their hearts may be converted and receive God’s gift of life with joy. Contact: 610-674-4624 or visit our website <https://m.facebook.com/Helpers-of-Gods-Precious-Infants-of-Allentown>.

CYO FALL SPORTS: Visit our new website to complete your online registration/payment for CYO Fall Sports at <http://tshq.bluesombreo.com/default.aspx?portalid=21527>. Cross Country: K-8th grade Co-Ed: \$50; Girls Volleyball: 5th – 8th grade: \$60.00 Please contact Dave Sweetana at sweetana98@gmail.com with any questions.

MERCY SCHOOL FOR SPECIAL LEARNING wants a foursome from our parish for their Annual Golf Outing on Monday, August 7th at Brookside Country Club in Macungie. If you can’t golf, consider a sponsorship in support of our parish children who are students at Mercy. It’s always a great day – several priests play each year and are in charge of the weather! It’s a short “distance” and an easy “drive”. Go to www.mercygolfclassic2017.com to register or call 610-797-8242 for a brochure. Thank you for your support!

SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC: The Annual Sacred Heart Church Picnic (Bath, PA) will be held this weekend, July 15 and 16. Entertainment will be provided by the following bands: Saturday, a do-wop band, *Desire*, and Sunday a Country Band, *Crazy Hearts*. Inflation fun for the children each night along with a variety of games. Wide variety of foods including homemade pierogi, clams, turkey and pork barbeque, rib eye steaks, funnel cakes, potato pancakes and more. Come enjoy the great food and entertainment, Saturday from 5-11 p.m. and Sunday from 3-9 p.m.!

PARISH PICNIC NEWS

“BIG BUCKS”: We are counting on you to either purchase or sell the four “Big Bucks” tickets which were mailed to you in June. Also, please consider selling additional tickets, which are available at the rectory.

“WINE, LIQUOR”: In the past one of our most successful items at the Parish Picnic has been the WINE/LIQUOR stand. We have been fortunate in receiving all of these bottles as donations from parishioners. If you can donate bottles for this stand, it would be greatly appreciated! Kindly drop the bottles off at the rectory.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Letters were mailed in June asking for your help for our picnic. We need workers, donations of wine/liquor, baked goods, and/or monetary contributions. Please respond to our volunteer and donation form as soon as possible. Youth (Grades 8-12) are you looking for community/church service hours? Come and help out at our parish picnic!

ADVANCE PICNIC TICKET SALES before and after all Masses the weekends of: **August 5/6, August 12/13, August 19/20 and August 26/27.** Pay **\$10.00** and receive **\$12.00** worth of tickets.

HAVE YOU NOTICED the **CareNotes** display in the back of the church? CareNotes offer helpful ideas and inspiration on dealing with some of life’s most difficult moments. Please help yourself.

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