

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons**, Administrator  
**Mrs. Karen Glose**, Director of Music  
**Mrs. Mary LaBianca**, Adult Choir Director  
**Mr. John-Paul Crescenzo, M.Ed.**, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School  
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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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### THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

AUGUST 6, 2017

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 07, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Josephine Miller	M/M John Marth
Aug. 08, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna, Peter and Vincent Rodick	Rita Pavlick and Family
Aug. 09, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Memorial Fund Members	
Aug. 10, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Louis Marano, Sr.	Carol and Frank Marano
Aug. 11, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Roseann Baer	Michael and Kathy Holzman and Family
Aug. 12, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Poandl	Family
Aug. 13, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Louis Tepes, Sr.	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

#### Next Week's Schedule:

Aug. 12, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	S. Parker
Aug. 13, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	M. Heist
	10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt

#### Lector:

#### Euch. Min.:

B. Kosman
K. Bennett
R. Shearman

#### Altar Servers:

J. Warren/M. Warren
S. Kroll/N. Bischof
B. DeVecchio/M. Thierer

#### Greeters:

M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
J. DeVecchio/R. Marakovits

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

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

# dear Padre:

*Now that I'm retired and my kids are grown  
I'm feeling directionless. Even my faith life  
doesn't feel like it used to. How can I  
recapture a feeling of purposefulness in my  
faith?*

People may long for liberation from their job and for an "empty nest" at home; yet, when some find it, they lose a clear sense of identity, purpose, or fulfillment. This loss can lead to depression, but many people are unable to name it or cope with these life-changing realities.

Is getting through the day more exhausting than a full day's work before your retirement? Do you prefer to live in the past? Are you burdened with lingering feelings of guilt or regret that need healing? Do you feel like a burden? What are your reasons for living?

Faith and spirituality are connected to the physical, mental, and emotional dimensions of our life. It is often easier to recapture vitality in faith when we recapture a purpose in other dimensions of life. Volunteer for a worthy cause. Balance your active outreach with introspection. Go on a retreat and reflect on what you're grateful for. Your relationship with the Lord in prayer may be affected by your lack of direction and purpose, but even a persistent emptiness in prayer can be an opportunity to have God fill the void—by focusing more on God than on what's presently lacking in your life.

*Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR*  
*Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

## Calendar:

### Monday – August 7

*Weekday*

Nm 11:4b–15 / Mt 14:13–21

### Tuesday – August 8

*St. Dominic, Priest*

Nm 12:1–13

Mt 14:22–36

### Wednesday – August 9

*Weekday*

Nm 13:1–2, 25–14:1,

26–29a, 34–35

Mt 15:21–28

### Thursday – August 10

*St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr*

2 Cor 9:6–10

Jn 12:24–26

### Friday – August 11

*St. Clare, Virgin*

Dt 4:32–40

Mt 16:24–28

### Saturday – August 12

*Weekday*

Dt 6:4–13

Mt 17:14–20

### Sunday – August 13

*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time*

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a

Rom 9:1–5

Mt 14:22–33

**IRON PIGS GAME** : Tuesday, August 8  
**GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, August 13  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., Sept. 2, 10:00 a.m.  
**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 in church this week are in memory of Edward and Mary Bankos. They were donated by their daughter, Ann Fry.

**"GIVING SUNDAY":** Sunday, August 13, is Giving Sunday. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding, or a jar of peanut butter. Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Frank Serensits:** \$500 Clean Energy; \$20 Martin & Anita Hozza; \$50 Sherwood & Loretta Yenser; \$25 John & Christine Csencsits; \$20 Edward & Martha Hozza; \$25 Ann Fry; \$25 Stephen, Helen & Stephanie Kerbacher. **In memory of Robin Hall:** \$100 Beverly Goll; \$100 Rudy & Michelle Raftshol; \$15 Michael Sommer; \$25 Ann Fry; \$100 Angie & Tim Livengood.

**THANK YOU:** My family and I would like to express our gratitude to the parishioners of Assumption B.V.M. Your many acts of kindness, prayers, memorial donations, flowers, sympathy cards or Mass cards on the sad occasion of the death of my husband, Frank, are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Elaine Serensits

**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.

**BAKED GOODS NEEDED:** Anyone interested in donating baked goods for the church picnic is asked to please bring your baked goods to Egypt Memorial Park on **Sunday, September 10 anytime after 9:00 a.m.**



**PICNIC COOKING:** We will be cooking for our annual church picnic on **Thursday, September 7 and Friday, September 8 starting at 7:00 a.m.** To make this another successful picnic we

need help in preparation of the food. All help is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help.

**2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** As of July 27 our parishioners have raised \$39,025.00 from 173 parishioners. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal of \$43,054.47. 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.



**MONEY BASKET:** From now thru September 3 there will be a box in the church vestibule for donations towards our **"Assumption B.V.M. Parishioners' Money Basket"**, which will be raffled off at our annual picnic on Sunday, September 10. All donations are greatly appreciated.

**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, please call Jack Harhart 610-262-8123 (or email jharhart@yahoo.com) or Richard Cuth 610-262-8045.

**SAVE ALUMINUM PULLTABS** – Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

**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.

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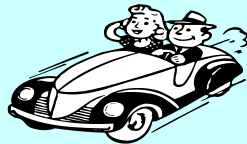
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**ASSUMPTION B.V.M. CHURCH  
ANNUAL PICNIC  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017  
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK  
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass  
Bingo - 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
The Pennsylvania Villagers - 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Children's Games,  
Basket Raffle and Games of Chance



Holubki, Haluski, Goulash, Homemade Pierogies,  
Kielbasi with Sauerkraut, Sausage Sandwiches,  
Steak Sandwiches, Cheese Steak Sandwiches, Turkey BBQ,  
Hamburger BBQ, Hot Dogs, Walking Tacos, French Fries

Waffles and Ice Cream, Ice Cream Cones,  
Home Baked Goods

Non-Alcoholic Frozen Drinks, Birch Beer on Tap,  
Beer, Wine, Soda, Bottled Water, Iced Tea, Coffee

