

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons, Administrator
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Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
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Ms. Joanne Manning, Parish Secretary
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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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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Sep. 25, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Grabarits	Joe and Kathy Maziarz
Sep. 26, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Paul Horvath	Steve Marsch
Sep. 27, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†John M. Humenik	Jo Ann Klucsarits
Sep. 28, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Alfred Nederostek	M/M John Schneck
Sep. 29, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Thomas Marakovits	Wife, Ruth
Sep. 30, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Anna and Henry Jaindl	Connie and Conrad Marth
Oct. 01, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Lucille Mikulcik	Husband, Paul, and Family
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Sep. 30, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor
Oct. 01, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee
10:30 a.m.	F. Kostecky

Euch. Min.:

C. Marth
N. Birosik
J. Nicosia

Altar Servers:

G. Heidecker/N. Bischof
J. Confer/C. Confer
A. Nemeth/M. Thierer

Greeters:

L. Bet/P. Schuler
N. Birosik/D. Cesanek/G. Farkas
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.

dear Padre:

Why don't we end the Our Father with an Amen during Mass? When we pray the Our Father outside of Mass, we conclude by saying, "Amen."

I remember this discussion growing up. My father noticed that the pastor of our parish insisted on saying "Amen" after the Our Father by adding his very loud "Amen!" and inviting parishioners to follow.

We know early Christians prayed the Our Father daily, though its inclusion in the eucharistic liturgy happens later, and its placement in the liturgy is not yet consistent. An early reference to the placement of the Our Father from a late-fourth-century text places it at the end of the eucharistic prayer (*A Commentary on the Order of Mass of The Roman Missal*, 597). Here the people would have responded with the final petition, "deliver us from evil" or "Amen" (597).

Today the Our Father is part of the Communion rite, but we do not end the Our Father with an Amen because in the current structure of the Communion rite the Our Father forms part of a unit. Immediately following the Our Father, the celebrant elaborates on the final petition ("deliver us from evil"). He then says the prayer for peace, which concludes with an Amen. These elements are all connected, one flowing to the next and culminating with the people saying, "Amen" ("Mystagogical Implications," *A Commentary on the Order of Mass of The Roman Missal*, 616). Thus, we do conclude the Our Father with an Amen at Mass, but because it is part of a larger prayer during the Mass, the Amen doesn't immediately follow "deliver us from evil."

—Fr. John Schmidt, CSsR

Calendar:

Monday - September 25
Weekday

Ezr 1:1-6 / Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday - September 26
Weekday

Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20
Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday - September 27
St. Vincent de Paul, Priest

Ezr 9:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6

Thursday - September 28
Weekday

Hg 1:1-8
Lk 9:7-9

Friday - September 29
Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
Jn 1:47-51

Saturday - September 30
St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a
Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday - October 1
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

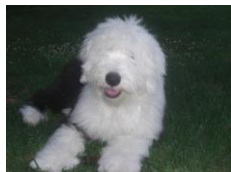
Ez 18:25-28
Phil 2:1-11
Mt 21:28-32

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., Oct. 7, 10:00 a.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, October 8
BLESSING OF ANIMALS : Sunday, October 8 at 12 noon
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 22



WEDDING FLOWERS: The flowers in church this week are in honor of the Wedding of Laura Rycek and Christopher Richards who were married today, Saturday, September 23.

HURRICANE IRMA RELIEF: Hurricane Irma, which struck the Caribbean Islands, the State of Florida and the southeastern United States, was an unprecedented storm in size, strength, and the severity of damage that it inflicted. Coming on the heels of Hurricane Harvey, it brings to mind the plight of those affected by that previous storm and now begs for our support of those who are recovering from this storm. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a time-sensitive collection to be taken up throughout the United States. There will be a special second collection taken up at all Masses next weekend, September 30/October 1. The timing of this collection, coming so soon after the collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey, is unfortunate, but the need is great, especially because of the total devastation and the destruction of homes and infrastructure in the Caribbean Islands and the Florida Keys.



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 8

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.

LEHIGH DEANERY MASS WITH BISHOP SCHLERT: As we celebrate the Ordination and Installation of Bishop Alfred A. Schlert as the Fifth Bishop of Allentown, you are invited to attend a special Lehigh Deanery Mass being celebrated by Bishop Schlert on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at Saint Francis of Assisi Church, 1046 West Cedar Street, Allentown, PA 18103. The Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m. After the Mass a social with light refreshments will take place in Saint Francis of Assisi Social Center in which you will have the opportunity to meet our new Bishop. Please join us as we welcome our New Shepherd.

DAY OF REFLECTION will be held at St. Francis Center for Renewal, 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem on Saturday, **October 7, 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Father Patrick Lamb, Pastor of Queenship of Mary Parish, Northampton, will be the retreat director. In the year of the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Fatima, Father Lamb will address the real, practical fruits that can come from faithfully praying and meditating on the Rosary. The Rosary is a very practical way to stay close to Jesus and Mary. Join us on this, The Feast of the Holy Rosary. Offering: \$45 includes lunch. Deposit: \$20 Registration is required. To register or for more information please email stfranciscenter@gmail.com or call 610-867-8890.



"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": Sunday, October 8, 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. **This month's donuts are being donated by Marie Bitenc in memory of her husband, Herb Bitenc.**



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Masses on **Sunday, October 22.** 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.



CHOIR REHEARSAL for Christmas and weekly Mass will be held Wednesday evenings **starting this Wednesday, September 27**, from 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. (we are usually finished before 9:00 p.m.). We need singers in all voice parts!! No special skills are needed - just a desire to sing. If you are unable to make a commitment for weekend Masses, please consider joining us just for Christmas, when we sing at the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. If you have any questions please call Karen at 610-691-0525.

RACE FOR EDUCATION: The Good Shepherd School community will have their annual Race for Education on Friday, October 6. This is our largest and most successful fundraiser of the school year! There will be a second collection the weekend of October 7/8 to support our students and our school. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generous support.

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.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES: Good Shepherd Catholic School presents "A Night at the Races" on Saturday, November 4, 2017 in the School Gym. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Food will be served at 6:30 p.m. Racing begins at 7:00 p.m. To buy a horse, buy your tickets or for more information please call the school at 610-262-9171. You must be 21 years or over for this special event! Limited to the first 300 tickets! Cost is \$20 per ticket.

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