

# 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  
**Mrs. Linda Santucci**, Coordinator of Religious Education  
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**Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger**, Youth Activities

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### Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
 Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.  
 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:00 a.m.  
 Wednesday 7:00 p.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	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....	610-262-8428	Ministry to the Sick	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Parish Family Picnic	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
CYO	Tim Gribb .....	610-762-9072	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
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	484-226-0188	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491
Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....		484-540-5090			

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

May 21, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Shellock	Edward and Joseph Ciecko
May 22, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†members of the Stanley and Suzanne Piervallo Family	Family
May 23, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Fred Hurban	Conrad Marth
May 24, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Health and Blessing – Francesca Gegvata	M/M Lek Gegvata
May 25, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Andrew B. Nederostek	Daughter, Betty, and Family
May 26, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Barbara Bilder	Robert and Jean Strohl
May 27, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Sipics	Cheryl and Stephen Kuchera
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

<b>Next Week's Schedule:</b>	<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>
May 26, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor	C. Marth	J. Warren/M. Warren	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
May 27, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	N. Birozik	M. Cuchran/K. Cuchran	V. Hall/G. Farkas
10:30 a.m.	F. Kostecky	M. Sommer	L. Lesisko/K. Lesisko	L. Shaak/A. Fry

**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.

dear Padre:

***There are many gifts given by the Spirit, but I don't understand "speaking in tongues." What is the significance of this gift?***

You are probably speaking from the experience of a "charismatic" prayer service, in which an individual suddenly enters into an ecstatic state and begins speaking what sounds to others like gibberish.

Sacred Scriptures offer us some examples of this phenomenon. On the day of Pentecost, for example, the apostles were overtaken by the Holy Spirit and were understood by people of many nations, each in his or her own tongue (Acts 2:3-4, 6). The phenomenon occurred again when the first Gentiles were converted to the faith: Peter heard them "speaking in tongues and extolling God" (Acts 10:46). Paul, too, saw the ecstatic condition of the people he confirmed (Acts 19:6).

Saint Paul reminds us that speaking in tongues is one of many gifts the Spirit may bestow upon a person (1 Corinthians 12:10, 28, 30), but that, above all of them, there is love (1 Corinthians 13:8). He tells us that, like the gifts of prophecy and knowledge, so also will the gift of speaking in tongues come to an end. Love will prevail.

We must remember Paul's words as we contemplate all the gifts of the Spirit: "So, my friends, be eager to prophesy, and do not forbid speaking in tongues; but all things should be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:39-40).

*Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

**Calendar:**

- Monday - May 21**  
*Weekday*  
Jas 3:13-18  
Mk 9:14-29
- Tuesday - May 22**  
*Weekday*  
Jas 4:1-10  
Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday - May 23**  
*Weekday*  
Jas 4:13-17  
Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday - May 24**  
*Weekday*  
Jas 5:1-6  
Mk 9:41-50
- Friday - May 25**  
*Weekday*  
Jas 5:9-12 / Mk 10:1-12
- Saturday - May 26**  
*St. Philip Neri, Priest*  
Jas 5:13-20  
Mk 10:13-16
- Sunday - May 27**  
*Most Holy Trinity*  
Dt 4:32-34, 39-40  
Rom 8:14-17  
Mt 28:16-20

**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., June 2, 2018  
**GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, June 10, 2018  
**PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING** : Fri., Aug. 3 & Sat., Aug. 4  
**BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS** : Thursday, August 16, 2018  
**PICNIC 2018** : Sunday, September 9, 2018



**2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL –**

**CALLED TO SERVE:** We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you

did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org. Thank you for your support!



**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 1. Training will be held in June.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Fred Hurban:** \$25 Anita and Martin Hozza.



**PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC:**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS.** We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 3 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 4 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.



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

**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 24, 25 and 26 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.

**NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME:** Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Thursday, August 16** on the Party Porch, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Sunday, 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). Please make checks payable to the church.



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the Blessed Virgin Mary Statue this week are in memory of Catherine Holena. They were donated by her family.

**Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic**  
**Sunday, September 9, 2018**  
**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 Large Flowerheads"**  
**4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**



**YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS:**

Young-at-Heart Club meets the last Tuesday of every month. New members are always welcome. Come and enjoy a friendly luncheon and program. The next meeting is at noon on Tuesday, May 29. For more information call Nancy at 610-262-5070 or Bella at 610-262-2673.

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** We would like to keep live flowers on the altar for all weekend Masses. **The cost is \$60.** If you would like to honor a deceased loved one or friend, or honor a living person by placing flowers on the altar in their name, please call Joanne at the rectory 610-262-2559.

**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.

**VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR**

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Victim Assistance Coordinator  
 DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER  
 1-800-791-9209

Email: [victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org)

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

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