

# 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  
**Ms. Joanne Manning**, Parish Secretary  
**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			

**THE MOST HOLY TRINITY**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

May 28, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†All Deceased Veterans	Catholic War Veterans Post #454
May 29, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Bella Doiron	Bella and Michael Skweir
	<b>12:00 noon</b>	Living and deceased members of Assumption B.V.M.	Young-at-Heart
May 30, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†John Humenik	Allan and Linda June Pomicter
May 31, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Myirski, Jr.	Anna Miklos and Family
June 1, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Swankoski	Mrs. John Yany
June 2, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†John and Catherine Marth	Son, Conrad, and Family
June 3, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Haldeman	Gene and Carole Zarayko
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

**Next Week's Schedule:**

<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>
June 2, Sat. 4:00 p.m. M. Schwartz	B. Fritz	N. Bischof/M. Hartman	C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
June 3, Sun. 8:00 a.m. C. Kroll	T. Melosky	W. Cuchran/C. Cuchran	B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
10:30 a.m. K. Stayt	R. Shearman	A. Miletics/G. Miletics	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Frank and Stella Polzer requested by John and Joanne Krim.

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

dear Padre:

***Did Jesus know that he was God?***

Everyone, Jesus included, has self-knowledge—at least in principle. For example, even though we know that we are individual human beings, we still find it almost impossible to formulate what that really means. Saint Thomas Aquinas explains that our knowledge of all things is conceptual—we make abstractions, express them in concepts, and think by combining these concepts. But self-knowledge is the one exception—it is intuitive knowledge, not conceptual, and extremely difficult to formulate in concepts.

Did Jesus know that he was God? Yes, intuitively. But if it's hard for us to express what we somehow sense as our basic humanity, imagine how difficult it would have been for Jesus to express what he profoundly grasped as his divine/human self-identity. His knowledge of his radical selfhood would have been a genuine self awareness of who he truly was—both God and human—but he wouldn't have been able to express it in a conceptual way.

Jesus was able to build upon this profound, intuitive self-knowledge. Human beings perceive they are human early in life, but they know even more when they're forty than when they are twenty. A similar deepening perception took place in Jesus. Through life experiences, Jesus constantly discovered what being divine in human circumstances implied. That's why Hebrews 5:8 says he "learned obedience through what he suffered."

How wonderful it is to have Jesus, true God and true human, as our Savior.

*Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

**Calendar:**

**Monday – May 28**

*Weekday*  
1 Pt 1:3–9  
Mk 10:17–27

**Tuesday – May 29**

*Weekday*  
1 Pt 1:10–16  
Mk 10:28–31

**Wednesday – May 30**

*Weekday*  
1 Pt 1:18–25  
Mk 10:32–45

**Thursday – May 31**

*Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*  
Zep 3:14–18a  
Lk 1:39–56

**Friday – June 1**

*St. Justin, Martyr*  
1 Pt 4:7–13 / Mk 11:11–26

**Saturday – June 2**

*Weekday*  
Jude 17, 20b–25  
Mk 11:27–33

**Sunday – June 3**

*Body and Blood of Christ*  
Ex 24:3–8  
Heb 9:11–15  
Mk 14:12–16, 22–26

**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  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, October 28, 2018



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



**2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – CALLED TO SERVE:**

As of today, our parishioners have raised \$29,487.18 from 129 parishioners. 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 or visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org or call the parish office.

**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.



**WEDDING FLOWERS:** The flowers in church this week are in honor of the Wedding of Megan Rycek and Zachary Galloway who were married this Saturday, May 26.

**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.



**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.

**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.

**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 this Tuesday, May 29, **starting with a Noon Mass in church.** For more information call Nancy at 610-262-5070 or Bella at 610-262-2673.

**SAINT ELIZABETH WHITEHALL PARISH FESTIVAL:**

Come one, come all on Friday, June 8 from 6 – 10 p.m. and again on Saturday, June 9 from 5 – 10 p.m. for some delicious ethnic and festival foods, drinks, games and FUN! Friday's special is our famous Halupki Dinner & Saturday enjoy Steamed Clams! Saint Elizabeth's, located at Rt. 22 & Fullerton Ave. Whitehall, will be hosting FREE live entertainment featuring: Friday is "Lo & Behold", the Balloon Guy & Strolling Magician. Saturday is the "CHAZ Band" along with the Balloon Guy and Andy the Clown, fun for kids of all ages! We welcome all our neighboring parishes to join us and partake.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:**

New Registration                       Change of Address

Moving out of Parish                       Request Envelopes

**Request envelopes (returned home from college)**

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory

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