

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons**, Pastor  
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**Mrs. Mary LaBianca**, Adult Choir Director  
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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.....	610-393-9126	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			

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### THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

JUNE 3, 2018

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

June 4, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Martha Kushner	Family
June 5, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†David Plata	Sisters
June 6, Wednesday	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	†Mary Conarty	Bennett Family
June 7, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Paulino	Fred and Rose Hurban
June 8, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Sentiwany, Sr.	M/M Leonard Cowitch
June 9, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Health & Blessing of Rita and John Bendekovits on the occasion of their 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	Family
June 10, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Frank Geosits	Stella Wolfer

#### Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
June 9, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	C. Wuchter	J. Warren/M. Warren	L. Bet/P. Schuler
June 10, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	J. Ciecko	N. Millan/E. Confer	N. Birosik/D. Cesanek
10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth	J. Nicosia	S. Kroll/M. Thierer	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Robert Haldeman requested by Family.

**PLEASE PRAY** for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Ernest Woolever, father of Debra Kay Bennett, who died recently.

## dear Padre:

### *What is the Catholic belief in the Real Presence of the Eucharist?*

Our belief in the Real Presence goes back to Jesus himself. Saint Paul describes the Last Supper: Jesus took bread and said, "This is my body." He took wine and said, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood." The Catholic Church has always believed that Jesus meant exactly what he said.

When confronted, Jesus did not water down his statements, although they were difficult to accept and beyond human understanding. Even Peter did not claim to understand. He simply accepted them on the authority of Jesus, who had "the words of eternal life."

Catholics have always believed in the Real Presence of Jesus, known traditionally as transubstantiation. This means that the "substance" of the bread and wine becomes the "substance" of Christ's Body and Blood, while the appearances of bread and wine remain. When we receive Communion, we truly receive the Body and Blood, soul and divinity, of Christ, under the appearance of bread and wine (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1373–1381).

Not all Christians believe in the Eucharist as Catholics do. Some deny that Christ is present at all, contending that the bread and wine only symbolize the spirit and teachings of Jesus. There are many variations, and Catholics should carefully distinguish our Church's teaching from other opinions.

Bread and wine are changed by Christ into himself in a miracle of love we Catholics call, with awe and affection, the Blessed Sacrament.

*Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

## Calendar:

### Monday – June 4

*Weekday*

2 Pt 1:2–7 / Mk 12:1–12

### Tuesday – June 5

*St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr*

2 Pt 3:12–15a, 17–18

Mk 12:13–17

### Wednesday – June 6

*Weekday*

2 Tm 1:1–3, 6–12

Mk 12:18–27

### Thursday – June 7

*Weekday*

2 Tm 2:8–15 / Mk 12:28–34

### Friday – June 8

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

Hos 11:1, 3–4, 8c–9

Eph 3:8–12, 14–19

Jn 19:31–37

### Saturday – June 9

*Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

2 Tm 4:1–8 / Lk 2:41–51

### Sunday – June 10

*Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Gn 3:9–15 / 2 Cor 4:13–5:1

Mk 3:20–35

**GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, June 10, 2018  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., July 7, 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

**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.**



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

As of today, our parishioners have raised \$29,897.18 from 131 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 visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org or call the parish office.



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Robert Haldeman. They were donated by the Haldeman and Churetta Families.

**BAPTISM:** We are happy to welcome Kinsley Ann Franz, child of Andrew and Melissa Franz, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Kinsley Ann as she continues to grow in our faith.



**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.**

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Fred Hurban:** \$20 Terry and Joe Gavalla. **In memory of Helen Gavalla:** \$20 Tina Deutsch. **In memory of Ernest Woolever:** \$25 Joanne and Juliet Manning. **In memory of Glenn Fowler:** \$25 Joanne and Juliet Manning.

**"GIVING SUNDAY":** Sunday, June 10, 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.

**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!

**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.

**PRAYER PILGRIMAGE:**

Next Saturday, June 9, 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 S. 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.

**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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