

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor
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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	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.	Susan Parker.....	610-262-7343
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	Susan Parker.....	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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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 5, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 06, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†John Charles Winchell	John and Betty Toolan and Family
Aug. 07, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael Zastko	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
Aug. 08, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Myirski, Jr.	Marybeth Schmidt
Aug. 09, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Albert Buchanan	Daughter, Linda, and Family
Aug. 10, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†John Wagner, Jr.	Kim and Roni Moyer
Aug. 11, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Poandl	Family
Aug. 12, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Annette Yurish	Family and Friends
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Aug. 11, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	L. Assante	A. Colandrea/G. Heidecker	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Aug. 12, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll	J. Ciecko	J. Confer/C. Confer	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	F. Kostecky	M. Sommer	J. Bobko/A. Miletics	J. DelVecchio/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. Also remember in your prayers Donna Procanyn, daughter of William and Louise Procanyn, who died recently.

dear Padre:

While attending Mass at a different church, my husband and I saw a woman clutching a dog. My husband was perturbed when she went to Communion carrying her dog. Are there guidelines about bringing animals to Mass?

Animals are part of God's creation. "He surrounds them with his providential care. By their mere existence they bless and give him glory" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 2416). We bless animals in honor of St. Francis, usually outdoors, showing our care for them in God's creation.

Seeing dogs inside church is uncommon, though some churches have been noted to be "pet friendly" by encouraging parishioners to bring pets to Sunday worship.

Your or any parishioner's experience requires parish leaders to make choices based on a clear rationale. Perhaps the pastor agreed to a special circumstance, allowing the dog because its presence offered emotional support. Service dogs, including emotional-support dogs, are certified and welcomed because of legitimate need.

A parish policy about dogs should consider the safety and well-being of animals and parishioners. A strange environment with lots of people can make dogs anxious. Also, some people are anxious around dogs. In cases of conflict, human needs are typically taken more seriously.

Another concern is cleanliness and allergies. Well-trained dogs may be accident free, but animals that trigger allergies pose problems. Reactions are serious matters, so policies need to consider people's health.

Dogs in church should not be a distraction. Well-trained service dogs have specific functions and should pose minimal distractions; family pets are another matter. Understanding the real need helps us form an appropriate pastoral response that serves the good of all.

Fr. John Schmidt, CSsR

Calendar:

Monday - August 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9-10, 13-14

2 Pt 1:16-19 / Mk 9:2-10

Tuesday - August 7

Weekday

Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22

Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday - August 8

St. Dominic, Priest

Jer 31:1-7 / Mt 15:21-28

Thursday - August 9

Weekday

Jer 31:31-34

Mt 16:13-23

Friday - August 10

St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26

Saturday - August 11

Weekday

Hab 1:12-2:4

Mt 17:14-20

Sunday - August 12

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:4-8

Eph 4:30-5:2

Jn 6:41-51

GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, August 12
BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS : Thursday, August 16
PICNIC COMMITTEE MEETING : Tues, August 21, 10 a.m.
BAPTISMAL PREP : Saturday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m.
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 16
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 28

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 by the altar this week are in memory of M/M Joseph Seko and M/M Paul Kovach, Sr. They were donated by the Paul and Mary Jane Kovach.

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 2019. Please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number so Msgr. Koons can give you more information.

PICNIC PLANNING MEETING: There will be a picnic planning meeting on **Tuesday, August 21 at 10:00 a.m.** at the church rectory. Anyone interested in helping to plan the Annual Church Picnic is invited to attend.



PICNIC COOKING: We will be cooking for our annual church picnic on **Thursday, September 6 and Friday, September 7 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.

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 9 any time after 9:00 a.m.**



MONEY BASKET: From now thru September 2nd 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 9. All donations are greatly appreciated.

"GIVING SUNDAY": Sunday, August 12 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.

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.

EVERYDAY HOLINESS: Learning to Hear God Speak.

We often hear about being called to holiness, but what does that look like in practice? How can we learn to hear God speak to us and to distinguish His voice from all the other noise and distractions in our lives? Fr. Daniel Arechabala from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will discuss this as well as sharing anecdotes from his own faith journey at our next Theology on Tap. **The event will take place Monday, August 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Hops at the Paddock (1945 W. Columbia St., Allentown).** Event is free of charge. Food and beverage can be purchased from the menu. For more information please contact Alexa Smith, asmith@allentowndiocese.org.

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.

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 service hours? Come and help out at our parish picnic!

ADVANCE PICNIC TICKET SALES before all Masses the weekends of: **August 11/12, August 18/19, August 25/26 and September 1/2.** Pay **\$10.00** and receive **\$12.00** worth of tickets.

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