

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

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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
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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 19, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 20, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Stella Santucci	Betty and John Toolan and Family
Aug. 21, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†John and Rosalie Cimino	Daughter, Joy, and Family
Aug. 22, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Rev. Francis P. Straka	Lisa and Mike Basile
Aug. 23, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†John Cowitch	John Bobinta
Aug. 24, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Farkas	Ilona Laky
Aug. 25, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Lauren Geosits	Grandmother, Dorothy, and Family
Aug. 26, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
	10:30 a.m.	Health and Blessing – Jack and Iona Harhart on the occasion of their 50 th Wedding Anniversary	Family

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Aug. 25, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	B. Fritz	A. Colandrea/N. Bischof	C. Kovacs/M. Bitenc
Aug. 26, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	E. Confer	N. Birosik	N. Millan/K. Lesisko	B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth	R. Shearman	A. Miletics/J. Bobko	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Louise Kotoris requested by daughter, Nikki.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Nancy Kerbacher, mother of Monica Semler, who died recently.

dear Padre:

Due to a car accident, my adult son is now impaired in mobility and speech. Can I, his father, accompany him in confession?

If a penitent needs assistance in communicating to the priest, an interpreter may accompany this person into the confessional. A willing penitent can use the service of an interpreter if the priest, for example, doesn't have signing skills or know the penitent's language (Code of Canon Law, 983.2). (Your question suggests the priest wouldn't understand the penitent without assistance, or he's unable to write anything in advance to present to the priest.)

The interpreter who has knowledge of the sins from confession is always strictly obliged to secrecy. This obligation applies to the sins expressed and to specific counsel and penance given by the confessor. Any interpreter who betrays a penitent may be "punished with a just penalty, not excluding excommunication" (Canon 1388.2). For the confessor, "this secret, which admits of no exceptions, is called the 'sacramental seal,' because what the penitent has made known to the priest remains 'sealed' by the sacrament" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1467).

"Only those who have the use of reason are capable of committing mortal sin. Nevertheless...persons with intellectual disabilities often are conscious of committing acts that are sinful to some degree and may experience a sense of guilt and sorrow" (Guidelines for the Celebration of the Sacraments With Persons With Disabilities, 28). If the individual is capable of having a sense of contrition, even if the sin cannot be described precisely in words, the person may enjoy sacramental absolution.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Calendar:

Monday - August 20

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Ez 24:15–23 / Mt 19:16–22

Tuesday - August 21

St. Pius X, Pope

Ez 28:1–10 / Mt 19:23–30

Wednesday - August 22

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 34:1–11 / Mt 20:1–16

Thursday - August 23

Weekday

Ez 36:23–28 / Mt 22:1–14

Friday - August 24

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b–14 / Jn 1:45–51

Saturday - August 25

Weekday

Ez 43:1–7ab

Mt 23:1–12

Sunday - August 26

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b

Eph 5:21–32

Jn 6:60–69

PICNIC COMMITTEE MEETING : Tuesday, August 21, 10 a.m.
BAPTISMAL PREP : Saturday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m.
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9
GIVING SUNDAY : 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 Lauren Geosits. They were donated by Aunt Sharon, Uncle Jerry and Aunt Carol.

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.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the St. Joseph's altar this week are in memory of Joseph Simoson, Jr. They were donated by his wife, Cindy.

PICNIC PLANNING MEETING: There will be a picnic planning meeting this **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.

P.R.E.P. CLASSES BEGINNING Sunday, September 16.
Attention: Parents of parish children in Grades 1 – 8. If you have not registered your child for P.R.E.P. classes, please complete the registration form and return it immediately with your tuition payment. Grades 1-8 are mandatory. The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are in 2nd and 3rd grades this year and Confirmation is in 8th grade. Grades 1st thru 6th meet on Sunday mornings starting September 16. Grades 7th and 8th will meet on Wednesday nights starting September 19. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Parker at 610-262-7343.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Betty Hall:** \$20 Steve Marsch. **In memory of James Kovacs:** \$50 Nancy Jane Birosek; \$50 Bill and Mary Ann Holmes; \$10 Steve Marsch; \$20 Frances and Gene Grabarits; \$25 Conrad Marth; \$25 Bernice and Louie Tepes; \$50 Peter Skrapits and Marlene Greenwood; \$40 Marilyn Pisklak and Arthur Saylor; \$20 Anna Hudock; \$50 Marie Bitenc; \$25 Ann Fry; \$25 Anita Kotoris and Hope Stempo; \$25 Frances Rupinski; \$20 Theresa and Andrew Melosky; \$20 Eleanor Lessel.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH, 3024 S. Ruch Street in Whitehall (Stiles) will have their annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 2, from Noon to 9:00 p.m. on the parish grounds. Music provided by The Pennsylvanian Villagers, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Common Bond from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Delicious foods, Children's games, raffles, refreshments, Bake Sale and more. All are invited!

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!



CYO FALL SPORTS: Registration for CYO Fall Sports – Cross Country: K-8th grade Co-Ed \$50; Girls Volleyball: 5th – 8th grade \$60. Please visit our new website to complete your online registration/payment for CYO Fall Sports at <http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/default.aspx?portalid=21527> or contact Dave Sweetana at sweetana98@gmail.com with any questions.

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