

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
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 26, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 27, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Siekonic	John and Martha Stangle
Aug. 28, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Marco Rossini	Wayne and Sharyn Williams
Aug. 29, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Rosemarie DeLucia	Nancy Jane Birocik
Aug. 30, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael Zastko	Anna Hudock
Aug. 31, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Cecilia Kish	Sacred Heart Care Giver Support Group
Sep. 01, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Helen Marhefka	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Sep. 02, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Fred Gollatz	M/M Richard Drabic

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Sep. 01, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	B. Kosman	M. Warren/A. Nederostek	L. Bet/P. Schuler
Sep. 02, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	F. Cerino	J. Confer/C. Confer	N. Birocik/D. Cesanek
10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza	B. Chambers	G. Heidecker/S. Kroll	H. Stempio/B. Yezzo

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in for the health and blessing of Iona and Jack Harhart on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary requested by Joanne and Juliet Manning.

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

dear Padre:

How does one become a patron saint?

Patron saints are nominated by various groups and reconfirmed by the Holy See. The patron saint then becomes the heavenly protector of the individuals, institutions, or specialized activities that are placed under the saint's care. Those under the saint's patronage are encouraged to call for the saint's intercession and to follow the example of the saint's life.

The choosing of patrons dates back to the early centuries of the Church, when Christians were named after the apostles and martyrs and churches were named after angels. The popularity of patron saints grew in the Middle Ages, when every circumstance of life had a heavenly protector. Examples of this are St. Michael, as the patron invoked to protect bell towers against lightning strikes, and St. Maurice, the patron of sword smiths. In the age of exploration, whole cities and even newly discovered countries were put under the protection of the saints (San Francisco is protected by St. Francis. Two Caribbean islands are named after saints, St. Lucia and St. Vincent).

If you wish to see a searchable listing of all the patron saints, a good place to go is catholic.org/saints/patron.php. May your patron saint always watch over you and protect you!

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Calendar:

Monday - August 27

St. Monica

2 Thes 1:1-5, 11-12

Mt 23:13-22

Tuesday - August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17

Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday - August 29

Passion of St. John the Baptist

2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18

Mk 6:17-29

Thursday - August 30

Weekday

1 Cor 1:1-9 / Mt 24:42-51

Friday - August 31

Weekday

1 Cor 1:17-25

Mt 25:1-13

Saturday - September 1

Weekday

1 Cor 1:26-31

Mt 25:14-30

Sunday - September 2

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Dt 4:1-2, 6-8

Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

BAPTISMAL PREP : Saturday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m.
ADORATION : Friday, Sept. 7, after Mass
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, September 9
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 16
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 28

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION

Beginning the First Friday of September, September 7, 2018, our parish will offer a holy hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the First Fridays of the months throughout the year. The 8 o'clock Mass on the First Fridays will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and will last one hour concluding with Benediction.

Our Lord appeared to **St. Margaret Mary Alocogue** (1647-1690), a French nun in the Visitation Order, and gave her the special task to spread devotion to His Most Sacred Heart at a time when religion was growing cold in the hearts of mankind.

He said to her: "Behold this heart which, not withstanding the burning love for men with which it is consumed and exhausted, meets with no other return from most Christians than sacrilege, contempt, indifference and ingratitude, even in the sacrament of my love [the Eucharist]. But what pierces my heart most deeply is that I am subjected to these insults by persons especially consecrated to my service."

Jesus asked for special prayers and practices to make amends (reparation) for this great neglect to the proper reverence owed to God.

Please consider spending one hour with the Lord exposed in the Monstrance on the altar of our parish, to pray for the needs of the Church and the world.

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.**



ANNIVERSARY FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Jack and Iona Harhart. They were donated by Joanne and Juliet Manning.

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 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. but, if possible before 3:00 p.m.**

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.

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!

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