

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor
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. Susan Parker, Director 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 3:30 p.m.
 or by request

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

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| 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 | | | |

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
Easter Sunday - April 21, 2019

Daily Masses

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| April 22, Monday | NO MASS | | |
| April 23, Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. | †Anna and Peter Rodick | Daughter, Rita, and Family |
| April 24, Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. | †Catherine Arnst | Granddaughter, Debra Kay & Family |
| April 25, Thursday | 8:00 a.m. | †David Liskanich | Cecilia Emerick |
| April 26, Friday | 8:00 a.m. | †Parents, John and Sadie, husband, Joseph | Daughter and Wife, Cindy |
| April 27, Saturday | 4:00 p.m. | †Joseph Seko, Jr. | Daughter, Mary Jane, and Family |
| April 28, Sunday | 8:00 a.m. | Living and deceased parishioners | |
| | 10:30 a.m. | †Frank and Anna Walakovits | Daughter, Ruth Marakovits |

Next Week's Schedule:

April 27, Sat. 4:00 p.m. M.E. Schwartz
April 28, Sun. 8:00 a.m. T. Kovalchik
10:30 a.m. Children

Lector:

Euch. Min.:

R. Shearman
J. Ciecko
J. Nicosia

Altar Servers:

M. Hartman
W. Cuchran
J. Bobko/G. Heidecker

Greeters:

S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
G. Farkas/L. Gehringer
A. Fry/L. Shaak

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Betty Crouthamel requested by Crouthamel Family.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish.

Good News!

April 21, 2019

Easter (C)

Acts 10:34a, 37–43; Col 3:1–4 or 1 Cor 5:6b–8; Jn 20:1–9

The key to our faith is the testimony of the apostles who witnessed Jesus resurrected from the dead. For this reason, the Easter scriptural passages carefully record who saw him, when, and under what circumstances.

Particularly powerful is the testimony of Mary Magdalene. She was at the foot of the cross with Mary and John. She saw Jesus' passion and death in all its brutal reality: carrying the cross, the nailing, spearing, his last agonizing words, lowering his body from the cross, cleaning his corpse, and anointing it according to Jewish customs. She would have wrapped him in linen and then stood outside the tomb as soldiers sealed it shut. She, more than anyone, could testify that he was most definitely dead.

Imagine her surprise when, early Sunday morning, she found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty. After Peter and John came to confirm that it was as she said, Mary Magdalene stayed at the tomb. Having been forgiven much, she loved much. Saint Gregory the Great comments that the woman who stayed behind to seek Christ was the only one to see him, for perseverance is essential to any good deed.

Often we need to persevere in pursuing Jesus. He doesn't reveal himself to mere curiosity seekers. Rather, he rewards those who seek him with sincerity and who have accepted him deeply.

Jesus would find the person who was seeking him. He called her by name because he knew her as no one else. She had found her lost treasure and held on to it with all her loving strength.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – April 22

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22–23

Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday – April 23

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36–41

Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday – April 24

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1–10

Lk 24:13–35

Thursday – April 25

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11–26

Lk 24:35–48

Friday – April 26

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1–12 / Jn 21:1–14

Saturday – April 27

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13–21

Mk 16:9–15

Sunday – April 28

Second Sunday of Easter,

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 5:12–16

Rev 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19

Jn 20:19–31

Rel. Ed. Classes : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.
Prayer Shawl Meeting : 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
7th & 8th Grade Rel. Ed. : Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal : Wednesdays after Mass
Breakfast : Sunday, April 28
Baptismal Preparation Class: Wed., May 1, 5:30 p.m.
PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING : Fri., Aug. 2 & Sat., Aug. 3
BVM Night – Iron Pigs : Thursday, August 22, 2019

Please Note: The rectory office will be closed Monday, April 22 and Tuesday, April 23, for Easter. The rectory office will reopen Wednesday, April 24.

THANK YOU to all who helped clean and decorate the church, for all who assisted at our Holy Week Services and Easter Masses, for the choir members and for everyone who through their personal sacrifices of time, talent, and treasure, made our celebration of the Holy Week and Easter so meaningful.

Sunday Breakfast: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **next Sunday, April 28**. Please support this fund raising effort of the parish and enjoy a hearty, homemade breakfast with your friends. Menu includes: French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs, omelet or cheese steak omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **This month's special is Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast.** Tickets on sale at the door.

Pierogie Making for the Church Picnic: MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 2 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 3 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 22** on the Party Porch, 1st 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.

Young-at-Heart News: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be Tuesday, April 30, in the church social hall. Bus Trip: Dover Casino on April 24/25 overnight. You do not have to be a member to come along. For tickets please call Louise at 610-262-6308 or Bella at 610-262-2673.



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 23, 24 and 25 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 please call 610-644-0400.**

OUR MONTHLY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION will be held on Wednesday, May 1, at 5:30 p.m. in a classroom above the Church. All parents who are expecting to celebrate baptism with their child are asked to attend one of these sessions, even before the child is born. Please call the rectory in advance to register.

SAVE ALUMINUM PULLTABS – Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

"CARE NOTES": Please check the "Care Notes" rack in the back of the church for helpful pamphlets in dealing with the loss of a loved one.

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 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

Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 8, 2019
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.

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BREAKFAST

Sunday, April 28, 2019

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
AT THE DOOR ONLY

ADULTS \$7.00

CHILDREN \$3.00

MENU

French Toast

Pancakes

Scrambled Eggs & Hash Brown

Choice of: Sausage, Bacon or Ham

Omelet your way & Hash Brown

Cheese Steak Omelet & Hash Brown

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea