

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

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
Second Sunday of Easter, Sunday of Divine Mercy - April 28, 2019

Daily Masses

April 29, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Strohl	Elaine Serensits and Family
April 30, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Donna Procanyn	Vincent and Jeanette Poandl
May 01, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Frank Geosits	Karl and Anne Schmidt
May 02, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Schisler	Son, Arthur, and Family
May 03, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Herb Bitenc	Wife, Marie
May 04, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
May 05, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Gerald G. Makovsky	M/M Gerald J. Makovsky
	10:30 a.m.	†Stella Santucci	Charles and Cindy Walsh

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
May 04, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	B. Kosman	M. Warren	C. Kovacs/T. Njenga
May 05, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll	T. Melosky	K. Cuchran	B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
10:30 a.m.	F. Kostecy	L. Santucci	A. Miletics/J. Warren/S. Kroll	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Joseph Seko, Jr. requested by Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Great Great Grandchild.

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

Dear Parishioners,

The Lord is risen, he is risen indeed, alleluia! Happy Easter!

Next Sunday is the first Sunday of May, a month traditionally dedicated to the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother. As we honor our own mothers who gave us birth and who have raised us with love on the second Sunday of May, it is appropriate that we also honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of the Church, throughout the entire month. This is a tradition that goes back centuries and includes many varied Catholic cultural expressions.

The Blessed Virgin Mary under her title of the Assumption is the patroness of our parish. The Assumption, of course, recalls the end of the Blessed Virgin's life on earth when she was assumed, body and soul, into heaven and crowned "Queen of Heaven and Earth." Referring to Mary as "Queen" has ancient roots both in Tradition and the Liturgies of the Church. Pope Pius XII wrote a beautiful encyclical *Ad Caeli Reginam* - "to the Queen of Heaven" - on October 11, 1954. In this encyclical, he reviews the ancient sources and references that speak of "Christ the King" and "Mary as Queen." Thus the tradition of a "May Crowning" and "May Procession" is a fitting part of the life of our parish and a special day for all parishioners.

One tradition in many places was that the May Procession and Crowning takes place the Sunday nearest the day that the children of the parish receive their First Holy Communion. Our 2nd and 3rd grade students will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 4th at 9:00 AM. Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this important milestone in their Catholic faith.

The next day, Sunday May 5th, the 10:30 AM Mass will conclude with a May Procession and Crowning at the dismissal from Mass. Our First Communicants will be dressed in their finest, as will children of the parish. The plan is to process outside the Church to the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary between the Church and the Convent. One of the First Communicant girls will be chosen [by lot] to be the "May Queen" who will crown the image of Mary. Weather permitting, the Procession and Crowning will take place outside. If the weather is inclement, the Procession and Crowning will be inside the Church. At the conclusion of the May Crowning, the children of the parish (Good Shepherd School students and Religious Education students) are invited to the Social Hall for pizza and ice cream.

Let's not forget that the first day of May begins with a commemoration of Saint Joseph the Worker. He was the protector of the Blessed Virgin and her divine Son Jesus. He is a model for all- particularly men- in how we ought to guard, defend, and revere our mothers, our sisters, our children and ancestors. In a sense, he will be observing us throughout this month to support us in our efforts to honor the members of his Holy Family of Nazareth. Friday, May 3rd, is the First Friday of the month, and at the conclusion of Mass, Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament (JESUS!) takes place in the Church and concludes with Benediction at 9:15 AM. I encourage you to spend some time with the Lord in prayer.

It is my hope that this celebration, in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will enkindle in us a deeper love and reverence for the Mother of God and help to instill in us all with a greater respect and love for the traditions of our beautiful Catholic faith.

Regina caeli, Laetare, alleluia! [Queen of Heaven, rejoice, alleluia!]

Monsignor Koons

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

First Friday Adoration: The First Friday of May, May 3, our parish will offer a holy hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The 8 o'clock Mass will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and will last one hour concluding with Benediction at 9:15 a.m.

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.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Helen Maron**: \$25 Ann Fry.

Easter Flowers: A special "Thank You" to Jay H. Gilbert, of Gilbert Funeral Home, and his family for their donation of \$25 in loving memory of their family and friends.

Sunday Breakfast: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **today, 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.

Carnation Sale: Pennsylvanians For Human Life will be selling carnations (\$2.00 each) after all Masses the weekend, May 11/12 [Mother's Day Weekend].

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.

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.**



Divine Mercy Sunday: The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung by the Queenship of Mary Choir today, Sunday, April 28 at 1:00 p.m. in the church, 1324 Newport Avenue, Northampton. All are welcome to attend.

Care Packages for the Troops: Blue Star Mothers of America, Lehigh Valley Chapter PA201 is planning to send care packages to deployed military members in June. We'd love to send a package to your family members or friends. If you know someone deployed, serving overseas, or even stateside and would like them to receive a package, please email their name and address to Joan Glover at jglover@ptd.net or give her a call at 610-349-7791. If you'd like to know more about the Blue Star Mothers, please call or email Judy Miller, President of the LV Chapter @ 610-428-0778 or jmillerbsmx2@gmail.com.

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.

Save Aluminum Pull Tabs – 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.

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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