

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
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Mrs. Susan Parker, Director of Religious Education
Ms. Joanne Manning, Parish Secretary
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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
Fourth Sunday of Easter - May 12, 2019**

Daily Masses

May 13, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†John Ciecka	Ciecko Family
May 14, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of Our Memorial Fund	
May 15, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Nicki and Gene Savelli	Rossini Family
May 16, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Aloysius "Al" Makovsky	M/M John Grabarits
May 17, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Sentiwany	Steve and Gerry Steirer
May 18, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Alfred Kosman	Bill and Carol Leicht
May 19, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†William Birosik	Carol Osika
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
May 18, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	D. Hozza	L. Kosciolk	A. Colandrea	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
May 19, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	F. Cerino	W. Cuchran	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt	D. Maron	G. Miletics	J. DelVecchio/R. Marakovits

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Connie Marth requested by Husband, Conrad and Family.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Ferne Pletchan, sister of Nancy Jane Birosik, who died recently.

Good News!

Fourth Sunday of Easter (C)

Acts 13:14, 43-52; Rev 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Paul and Barnabas were preaching to the Jewish people in synagogues, but today's reading reveals why they changed audiences and began preaching to the Gentiles. After initial interest was shown by the Jews, the leaders became jealous and stirred up a persecution against the apostles.

Jealousy is a powerful thing. It deafens us from perceiving the good things God wants to give us through others and turns our neighbor into an enemy. It makes us critical, unsatisfied, bitter, and discouraged. Rather than find support in our brother or sister, we lose that gift and alienate ourselves. God and peace are never found in jealousy.

God sent Paul and Barnabas to preach to the Gentiles and to bring his good news to souls who were open to hearing his voice. Humility is the virtue that helps us see the good of others and appreciate it as if it were our own.

The Good Shepherd was speaking to his flock and wanted to lead them to greener pastures, but only the humble were able to hear him and be led to those springs of lifegiving water.

Beware of the dangers of jealousy and pride that make us rebellious sheep who are unable to be led and taught by those who love us most. We think we know better than God, his word, and his Church, separating from the flock and the shepherd. May God grant us a listening and humble heart, open to discovering his truth through the Good Shepherd who constantly wants to speak it to us.

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – May 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1-18

Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday – May 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26

Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday – May 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24-13:5a

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday – May 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13-25

Jn 13:16-20

Friday – May 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26-33

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday – May 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:44-52

Jn 14:7-14

Sunday – May 19

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Rev 21:1-5a

Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Prayer Shawl Meeting : 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
Choir Rehearsal : Wednesdays after Mass
Baptismal Preparation Class: Wed., June 5, 5:30 p.m.
Picnic Pierogie Making : Fri., Aug. 2 & Sat., Aug. 3
BVM Night – Iron Pigs : Thursday, August 22, 2019
Church Picnic : Sunday, September 8



Bishop's Annual Appeal: On this Mother's Day weekend please remember those Mothers who give tirelessly of themselves but have fallen upon hard times and have come to our Diocese and the Bishop's Annual Appeal for assistance. Next weekend is Commitment Sunday. If you have not done so already,

please bring your pledge form to Mass next weekend. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our parish BAA goal. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you have any questions, please call the parish office or visit the BAA website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Helen Siekonic. They were donated by her son, Richard and his wife, Linda.

Congratulations to our Assumption B.V.M. children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 4. Constantine Bauer, Michael Bauer, Noah Bauer, Lukas Bendekovits, Darcy Conrad, Evie Crisafulli, Gavin Fritz, Isabella Gaetaniello, Anthony Gensey, Lena Hartman, Isabella Jorge, Joseph Kennedy, Aidan Kraus, Owen Kunkel, Sadie Laury, Abigail Lesisko, Nicholas Mercadante, Alaina Morrissey, Owen Muhr, Davin Rocco, Simoné Russo, Ronan Skinker, Michael Snyder, Hope Warren, Peyton Williams, Austin Wolfe and Brady Woolslayer. May you stay as close to Jesus as you were the day of your First Communion. **Also, congratulations to our May Queen, Darcy Conrad and her court, Lena Hartman, Sadie Laury and Alaina Morrissey.**



New Altar Servers: Any boy or girl in the parish who has made First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server is asked to contact Joanne at the rectory by phone - 610-262-2559 or email - bvm1922@rcn.com before June 1. Training will be held in June.

Banns of Ordination

Reverend Mr. Zachary Robert Wehr, baptized in this parish, has been called to the Order of the Presbyterate by His Excellency, Alfred A. Schlert, D. D., J.C.L., Bishop of Allentown. Deacon Wehr will be ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, 1 June 2019.



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.**

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Ferne Pletchan:** \$25 Nikki Kotoris and Hope Stempo.



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.

**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.



Mark Your Calendar! It's time to put your foursome together, round up your friends, family and co-workers. Good Shepherd Catholic School's **8th Annual Golf Outing** will take place on

Saturday, June 8, 2019 at Allentown Municipal Golf Course, 3400 Tilghman Street, Allentown. Registration forms are available in the church vestibule. For more information, please contact the school at 610-262-9171.

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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