

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
Fifth Sunday of Easter - May 19, 2019**

Daily Masses

May 20, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Arthur Wentz	Paul and Joan Albus
May 21, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Sipics	Greg and Lucille Sommers
May 22, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Ernest R. Woolever	Mary Twigg and Family
May 23, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Zoj Gegvata	M/M Lek Gegvata
May 24, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Rosemarie Glass	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
May 25, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Herb Bitenc	Wife, Marie
May 26, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Higgins	Gerri Haberacker
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
May 25, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	C. Marth	A. Nederostek	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
May 26, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	N. Birosik	K. Cuchran	G. Farkas/L. Gehringer
10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth	M. Sommer	J. Bobko/A. Miletics	A. Fry/L. Shaak

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of John and Mary Wanisko requested by John and Elizabeth Kuchera.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Agnes Lobach and Julia Shara, mother of Mark Shara, who died recently.

Good News!

May 19, 2019
Fifth Sunday of Easter (C)
Acts 14:21-27; Rev 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

The trumpeters in Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel fresco, *The Last Judgment*, declare the new reign of God, the coming of the new Jerusalem, which was sent from heaven from God Most High. This new heaven and earth is the civilization of love brought about by Christ's passion, death, and resurrection.

It's not an abstract ideal or some faraway lost city. It's a city that exists in heaven around the throne of the Lamb and grows by means of the Church as God's kingdom on earth.

Just as Paul and Barnabas appointed elders and the Church took on a stable, hierarchical structure, we are reminded of the historical growth of this city of love—God's Church on earth. From the beginning it was founded on faith. The apostles prayed, fasted, and commended these elders to the Lord. It was their common faith in Christ that was the foundation of this new kingdom of God.

The glory of this kingdom isn't in church buildings or organizations, but it's the glory that Jesus mentions in today's Gospel. "Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him" (John 13:31). It's the glory that comes from Jesus' faithful love toward the Father and his disciples, leading him to be enthroned on the cross and rule as the Lamb that was slain yet still stands. It is the new commandment of love that is their glory. Thus the bride that is the Church will be great to the degree that it loves like Jesus, its husband and King.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

- Monday – May 20**
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26
- Tuesday – May 21**
Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19-28
Jn 14:27-31a
- Wednesday – May 22**
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1-6
Jn 15:1-8
- Thursday – May 23**
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:7-21
Jn 15:9-11
- Friday – May 24**
Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22-31
Jn 15:12-17
- Saturday – May 25**
Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1-10
Jn 15:18-21
- Sunday – May 26**
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 15:1-2, 22-29
Rev 21:10-14, 22-23
Jn 14:23-29

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.
Giving Sunday : Sunday, June 9
Picnic Pierogie Making : Fri., Aug. 2 & Sat., Aug. 3
BVM Night – Iron Pigs : Thursday, August 22, 2019
Church Picnic : Sunday, September 8
Breakfast : Sunday, September 22
Confirmation : Thursday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.



Bishop's Annual Appeal: We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2019 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did

not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org. Thank you for your support!

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.



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Lauren Geosits. They were donated by her Aunt Sharon, Uncle Jerry and Aunt Carol.



will be held in June.

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



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.

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.

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.

Good Shepherd School News: We are so proud of our Academic Bowl team! They earned First Place after defeating every other school in one-on-one competition. We faced St. Mike's again in the Championship round and came up just short so we finished the overall competition as the runners-up. Congratulations to Ava Miletics, a parishioner at Assumption B.V.M., Gabriela Baran, Lauren Egan, Captain Emma Hudak, Anne Langan, and Laura Pharo on their brilliant performance. Our appreciation also goes to Mrs. Fryling for putting so much time, energy and passion into preparing the team!



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.

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