

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



**PARISH INFORMATION**

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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]  
 6:45 a.m.; 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  
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 7, 2019**

**Daily Masses**

July 08, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Schisler	Son, Arthur, and Family
July 09, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Fred Gollatz	M/M Andrew Pierzge
July 10, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Theresa Hutnick	Paul Neupauer and Family
July 11, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Beers	Young-at-Heart
July 12, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Herb Bitenc	Wife, Marie
July 13, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Frank Serensits	Johanna Legath and Family
July 14, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Frank and Anna Walakovitz	Daughter, Ruth, and Family

**Next Week's Schedule:**

**Lector:**

**Euch. Min.:**

**Altar Servers:**

**Greeters:**

July 13, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	B. Fritz	J. Warren	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
July 14, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	J. Ciecko	W. Cuchran	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
	10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza	J. Nicosia	G. Miletics	J. DelVecchio/R. Marakovits

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of James P. McKeon requested by Joanne and Juliet.

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

# Good News!

July 7, 2019

*Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Is 66:10–14c; Gal 6:14–18; Lk 10:1–12, 17–20

There's a current in modern Protestantism that is popularly called the "prosperity gospel." Although rejected by many Protestants, it still has its disciples. Its basic tenet is that if you're faithful and generous with God, he will bless you with prosperity in this life. The kind of prosperity expected is usually health and wealth. The natural conclusion is that economic blessings are signs of your faith. The opposite would also be true. If you are poor, you just might lack faith or God's favor.

Without a doubt, God promises us prosperity. Just look at the prophesy of Isaiah in today's reading. Yet, as always for Christians, we have to read the Old Testament in the light of Christ and his revelation in the New Testament. The life of Jesus, the Son of God, was the most prosperous life ever lived. Yet, he wasn't rewarded with material wealth. In fact, he was downright poor. Although he was faithful and generous, God blessed him with challenges and, ultimately, the cross.

Paul didn't glory in his apostolic successes but in the cross of Jesus. He knew that the victory of the cross was his greatest treasure. He saw in his difficulties not a curse but a sign of his true authenticity as a follower of Christ.

We should no doubt strive for sufficient material progress and prosperity for ourselves, our family, our business, and our nation. But above all we should strive for eternal prosperity, which is living and rejoicing that our names are written in heaven, whether we are materially wealthy or not.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Calendar:

### Monday – July 8

*Weekday*

Gn 28:10–22a

Mt 9:18–26

### Tuesday – July 9

*Weekday*

Gn 32:23–33

Mt 9:32–38

### Wednesday – July 10

*Weekday*

Gn 41:55–57; 42:5–7a, 17–24a

Mt 10:1–7

### Thursday – July 11

*St. Benedict, Abbot*

Gn 44:18–21, 23b–29; 45:1–5

Mt 10:7–15

### Friday – July 12

*Weekday*

Gn 46:1–7, 28–30

Mt 10:16–23

### Saturday – July 13

*Weekday*

Gn 49:29–32; 50:15–26a

Mt 10:24–33

### Sunday – July 14

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Dt 30:10–14

Col 1:15–20

Lk 10:25–37

**Giving Sunday** : Sunday, July 14  
**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:** As of June 28, our parishioners have raised \$32,950.00 from 144 parishioners. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal and to reach the 100% participation goal. Assumption B.V.M.'s goal is \$42,290.65. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

**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.**



**Memorial Flowers:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Michael and Catherine Cesanek. They were donated by daughter, Helen Kerbacher, and family.

**Picnic Planning Meeting:** There will be a picnic planning meeting this **Tuesday, July 9 at 10:00 a.m.** at the church rectory. Anyone interested in helping to plan the Annual Church Picnic is invited to attend.

**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.

**Mercy School For Special Learning** would love to register golfers from our parish for their 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Classic on Monday, August 6 at Brookside Country Club in Macungie. Singles or foursomes ... all are welcome! If you are not a golfer, please consider a sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor a parish priest as a golfer, call Mercy School at 610-797-8242, and ask for Mary. You may register online at [www.mercygolfclassic2019.com](http://www.mercygolfclassic2019.com). *Our Golf Outing is always great fun, a short distance, and an easy "drive".* Thank you for any help you can offer to help support our Mercy students!

**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](mailto: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](http://malvernretreat.com) or please call 610-644-0400.

**Holy Trinity Annual Parish Picnic** will be held next Sunday, **July 14** at **Egypt Memorial Park**, located just off Main Street on Rt. 329 west. Outdoor Mass starts at 11:30 a.m. and festivities will follow Mass until 8:00 p.m. and will include children's games, Bingo, adult games, homemade foods including, pierogies, haluski, halupki, baked goods and many other items. Entertainment provided by Josef Kroboth from 12:30-3:30pm and Jump Start from 4:30-7:30pm. The public is invited to attend rain or shine.

**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.

**2019 Sacred Heart Parish Picnic:** The Annual Sacred Heart Church Picnic (Bath, PA) will be held on July 12, 13 and 14. Entertainment will be provided by the following bands: Friday, July 12, *Naturalistix*; Saturday, July 13, *Still Kick'n*; and Sunday, July 14, *Desire*. Inflatible fun for the children each night along with a variety of games. Wide variety of foods including homemade pierogies. *Clams Every Night!* Come enjoy the great food and entertainment, Friday & Saturday from 5:00-11:00 p.m. & Sunday from 3:00-9:00 p.m.

## 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.

**We Need Your Help!** Letters were mailed in June asking for your help for our picnic. We need workers, donations of 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!

**Advance Picnic Ticket Sales** before all Masses the weekends of: **August 10/11, August 17/18, August 24/25 and August 31/September 1.** Pay **\$10.00** and receive **\$12.00** worth of tickets.



**Registration** is now open for the 2019-2020 school year for Pre-K through Grade 8 at Good Shepherd Catholic School, 1300 Newport Avenue, Northampton. Please call our Advancement Director, Mrs. Victoria Frystack, at 610-262-9171 for a school tour or for more information.

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