

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons**, Pastor  
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**Mrs. Mary LaBianca**, Adult Choir Director  
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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  
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 21, 2019**

**Daily Masses**

July 22, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Swankoski	Joseph and Rosalind Fruhman
July 23, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†James P. McKeon	Joanne and Susan
July 24, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†John Najpauer	Mary Ann and Butch Morgan
July 25, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Richard Zuercher	Al Schuller Family
July 26, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Anne Ciecko	Family
July 27, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Katherine and Michael Yatsura	Daughter, Dorothy, and Family
July 28, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Fred Hurban	Theresa Hanichak
	10:30 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	

**Next Week's Schedule:**

July 27, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	S. Parker
July 28, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	M. Heist
	10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt

**Lector:**

**Euch. Min.:**

**Altar Servers:**

**Greeters:**

F. Cerino	A. Colandrea/A. Nederostek	C. Kovacs/M. Bitenc
K. Bennett	S. Kroll	B. Cwitkowitz/M. A. Weaver
D. Maron	A. Miletics	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Edward Bankos requested by sister, Ann.

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

# Good News!

July 21, 2019

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Gn 18:1-10a; Col 1:24-28; Lk 10:38-42

Jesus enjoyed resting in the home of his friends Lazarus, Martha, and Mary because of their affection and hospitality. Martha was a big part of this hospitality because she was energetic and dedicated to making sure Jesus was cared for. Mary made him feel at home differently, as she was hungry for the Lord's teaching. She was open, interested, and attentive.

Yet on this occasion Martha is overcome with the urgent and leaves aside the important. Martha receives Christ in her home while Mary brings him into her heart. Living in relationship with Jesus always includes these two elements. Part of our love for him involves sitting at his feet in prayer. This is no doubt the "better part." Yet, serving Jesus also requires an active, busy life of work and responsibilities. Far from being an obstacle, work should be an occasion for a closer relationship with Jesus.

The key is having a unifying center to life; that center should be Jesus. He is the "why" we do what we do—whether work, play, or pray. Martha wasn't mistaken in serving Jesus' needs, but she lost focus with anxiety and worries. How to maintain this focus? First, pray regularly to remain centered. Second, don't worry about the small things at work or home. Third, frequently redirect your intention with a short, motivating motto like, "All for you, my Jesus" or "Your kingdom come!" Find one that works for you.

Let's not lose sight of the Lord of our work when doing the work of the Lord.

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Calendar:

**Monday – July 22**

St. Mary Magdalene

Sgs 3:1-4b

Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Tuesday – July 23**

Weekday

Ex 14:21-15:1

Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday – July 24**

Weekday

Ex 16:1-5, 9-15

Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday – July 25**

St. James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15

Mt 20:20-28

**Friday – July 26**

Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ex 20:1-17 / Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday – July 27**

Weekday

Ex 24:3-8 / Mt 13:24-30

**Sunday – July 28**

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gn 18:20-32

Col 2:12-14

Lk 11:1-13

**Picnic Pierogie Making** : Fri., Aug. 2 & Sat., Aug. 3  
**Giving Sunday** : Sunday, August 11  
**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.

**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 Annette Yurish. They were donated by Jake, Ann Marie, Tim and Little Joe.

**Baptism:** We are happy to welcome Rocky Christopher Komissar, child of Edward and Kaitlyn Komissar, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Rocky Christopher as he continues to grow in our faith.

**Are You Interested In The Catholic Faith?** Anyone interested in learning more about Catholicism is invited to consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). Meetings will begin in September and meet weekly through May 2020. Please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number so Msgr. Koons can give you more information.



**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.**

**Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart** is planning a bus trip to Mohegan Sun on Thursday, July 25. You do not need to be a member to come along. For more information or tickets please call Louise 610-262-6308 or Bella 610-262-2673.

**Central and Eastern Europe Collection: Next weekend, July 27/28,** we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles with the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. There is an envelope in your packet for this special collection.

**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.

**Thank You** to my fellow parishioners and friends for your cards, prayers and well wishes during my recent surgeries and recovery. It was very much appreciated.

God Bless, Mary Jane Kovach

**Garage Sale:** Queenship of Mary Church, 1324 Newport Avenue, Northampton will be having a Garage Sale on Saturday, August 3 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the church social hall (off Stewart Street). Food available.

**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.

**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!

## 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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