

# 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.  
 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  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 28, 2019**

**Daily Masses**

July 29, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Vincent and Stella Santucci	Vinnie and Linda Santucci
July 30, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Bresnahan	Sister, Mary Zidzik and Family
July 31, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Aug. 1, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Doug Gable	Tim Tepes
Aug. 2, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†James Kovacs	Mrs. John Kosalko and Family
Aug. 3, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	
Aug. 4, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Swankoski	Rita and Richard Seaman
	10:30 a.m.	†Alfred Kosman	Bill and Ronnie Rockovits

**Next Week's Schedule:**

Aug. 3, Sat. 4:00 p.m.  
Aug. 4, Sun. 8:00 a.m.  
10:30 a.m.

**Lector:**

Susan Parker  
Christine Kroll  
Larry Nemeth

**Euch. Min.:**

Conrad Marth  
Nancy Birosik  
Michael Sommer

**Altar Servers:**

Andrew Nederostek  
Nicholas Millan  
Gerald Miletics

**Greeters:**

Liz Bet/Patricia Schuler  
Nancy Birosik/Diane Cesanek  
Hope Stempo/Bonnie Yezzo

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Helen Maron requested by Steve Marsch.

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

# Good News!

July 28, 2019

*Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Gn 18:20-32; Col 2:12-14; Lk 11:1-13

Learning to pray well is perhaps the most important skill we can learn. It's one thing that will carry us through life, all the way to heaven. We might as well become good at it!

Jesus was often found praying, but if he was God, why was this necessary? Certainly he prayed as a model to us. But he also prayed to have a fuller human experience of the love of his Father. He prayed because he wanted to, not because he needed to. Even amid the demands of his mission and the looming cross, Jesus showed us prayer as a way to receive spiritual strength and to experience his Father's love.

This "being caught up in love" was evident to those who watched Jesus pray. Looking at him, the apostles longed to experience what he experienced, so they asked him "teach us to pray." He began, "Our Father..."

When we pray we're not in dialog with a demanding commander but with a caring, protecting Father. He is a good, good Father. The last thing he wants to see is his children suffering or in want. He wants to provide exactly what we really need—not necessarily what we pout about! Our role is to trust and abandon ourselves into his hands through prayer.

This is where the life of grace comes in. Grace—God's fatherly love shared with us at baptism and which continues through the help of his Holy Spirit—is our greatest treasure. One way to grow in prayer is to ask yourself what will help this grace, this God-shared love, grow in your heart.

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Calendar:

**Monday – July 29**

St. Martha  
Ex 32:15–24, 30–34  
Jn 11:19–27

**Tuesday – July 30**

Weekday  
Ex 33:7–11; 34:5b–9, 28  
Mt 13:36–43

**Wednesday – July 31**

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest  
Ex 34:29–35  
Mt 13:44–46

**Thursday – August 1**

St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
Ex 40:16–21, 34–38  
Mt 13:47–53

**Friday – August 2**

Weekday  
Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16, 27, 34b–37  
Mt 13:54–58

**Saturday – August 3**

Weekday  
Lv 25:1, 8–17 / Mt 14:1–12

**Sunday – August 4**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Ecc 1:2; 2:21–23  
Col 3:1–5, 9–11  
Lk 12:13–21

**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 Herb Bitenc. They were donated by wife, Marie.

**Baptism:** We are happy to welcome Macy Ann Costello, child of Michael and Michelle Costello, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Macy Ann as she 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 **this 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.**



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**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.

**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.



**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.

## 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.

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