

# 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  
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 4, 2019**

**Daily Masses**

Aug. 05, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Carol Sartorius	Betty and John Toolan and Family
Aug. 06, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Myirski, Sr.	Family
Aug. 07, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Donna Procanyn	Mel Procanyn
Aug. 08, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Health and Blessing – Kevin McCullough	Debra Kay and Joe Bennett
Aug. 09, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Elaine Hunsinger	Tim and Angela Livengood and Family
Aug. 10, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Geraldine Seko	Daughter, Mary Jane Kovach, and Family
Aug. 11, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Helen Sipics	Rose Laury

**Next Week's Schedule:**

	<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>
Aug. 10, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Charles Fisher	Bonnie Kosman	Maren Hartman	Marie Bitenc/Irene Gollatz
Aug. 11, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Joanne Santee	Theresa Melosky	Wesley Cuchran	Judy Haldeman/Maria Rossini
10:30 a.m.	Edward Hozza	Linda Santucci	Grace Heidecker	Jane DelVecchio/Ruth Marakovits

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Geraldine Seko requested by Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Great Great Grandchild.

**Please pray** for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Dale Hartzell, father of Jane DelVecchio, who died recently.

# Good News!

August 4, 2019

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

What are we working for? What is the desire that moves us to sacrifice every day? Where is our heart? These are the deep questions that Qoheleth ponders. He sees people around him struggling for years and then, as fate would have it, their wealth falls into the hands of someone who hasn't worked for it. He sees others, toiling and anxious, and wonders, "What does it really get them?"

Jesus also saw the vanity of making your life's goal a struggle to amass wealth, as if that was the source of security. To keep us from spiritual shortsightedness, he reminds us of an undeniable truth: we know neither the day nor the hour when we will be called before God to give an accounting of how we invested the talents he gave us.

We have been raised with Christ. Our greedy, miserly nature has been buried with Christ so that our generous, magnanimous, and farsighted nature could be set free. So if we believe in Christ, in the one who left all his heavenly treasures and became poor so that we might become rich, then the best investment is in him and his truths. He guarantees a return, even if it is deferred. He promises that what we surrender to him will be reimbursed a hundredfold and will give dividends for eternity.

So when examining where our treasure is, where our hearts and worries go, Jesus would have us ask ourselves: Will this make me richer in what matters to God?

Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Calendar:

**Monday – August 5**

Weekday  
Nm 11:4b–15  
Mt 14:13–21

**Tuesday – August 6**

The Transfiguration of the Lord  
Dn 7:9–10, 13–14  
2 Pt 1:16–19  
Lk 9:28b–36

**Wednesday – August 7**

Weekday  
Nm 13:1–2, 25–14:1, 26a–29a, 34–35  
Mt 15:21–28

**Thursday – August 8**

St. Dominic, Priest  
Nm 20:1–13  
Mt 16:13–23

**Friday – August 9**

Weekday  
Dt 4:32–40  
Mt 16:24–28

**Saturday – August 10**

10 St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr  
2 Cor 9:6–10  
Jn 12:24–26

**Sunday – August 11**

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Wis 18:6–9  
Heb 11:1–2, 8–19  
Lk 12:32–48

- Giving Sunday** : Sunday, August 11  
**BVM Night – Iron Pigs** : Thursday, August 22, 2019  
**Picnic Cooking** : Thursday, Sept. 5, 7:00 a.m.  
 Friday, Sept. 6, 7:00 a.m.  
**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 John and Rosalie Cimino. They were donated by daughter, Joy Nicosia, and Family.

**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.



**Picnic Cooking:** We will be cooking for our annual church picnic on **Thursday, September 5 and Friday, September 6 starting at 7:00 a.m.** To make this another successful picnic we need help in preparation of the food. All help is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help.

**Baked Goods Needed:** Anyone interested in donating baked goods for the church picnic is asked to please bring your baked goods to Egypt Memorial Park on **Sunday, September 8 any time between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**



**Money Basket:** From now thru September 1<sup>st</sup> there will be a box in the church vestibule for donations towards our **"Assumption B.V.M. Parishioners' Money Basket"**, which will be raffled off at our annual picnic on Sunday, September 8. All donations are greatly appreciated.

**"Giving Sunday":** Sunday, August 11 is Giving Sunday. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding, or a jar of peanut butter. Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts.

**Used Clothing Drive** will be held the weekends of **August 10/11 and August 17/18** for underprivileged men, women and children of Kenya. Gently used pants, shorts, tops, dresses, shoes and sneakers would be greatly appreciated. Please place your donations in the boxes located in the church social hall.

**St. Peter Church,** 5th & Coplay Sts., Coplay, Annual Picnic & Homecoming will be held this Sunday, August 4, rain or shine from Noon to 10:00 p.m. Emil Schanta Band 1:00-5:00 p.m. and Flirtin' with the Mob 5:30-9:30pm. All are welcome!!

**Memorial Fund:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of John Najpauer, Sr.:** \$25 Natalie Miller; \$25 Michael and Linda Skubik; \$200 J & L Precision Machine Co., Inc.; \$25 Clifford and Eileen Thomas; \$40 Shelley Najpauer, Kevin and Maggie Johnson; \$20 Nancy Birosik; \$20 Bonnie Kosman; \$50 Mary Sisko; \$40 John and Lucy Schneck; \$50 Christine, Nathan and Patrick Yagerhofer.

**Men's Retreat at Malvern:** The Men's Retreat at Malvern will take place the weekend of August 23, 24 and 25. Mark your calendar and give either Jack Harhart 610-262-8123 or Richard Cuth 610-262-8045 to reserve your place and to obtain a reservation form. Hope to see you there. Reservation forms will be available in the church lobby soon.

**Baptism:** The parish community joyfully welcomes Hudson Robert Santucci, son of Jonathan and Amy Santucci, who was Baptized into our faith recently. We will pray that he will continue to grow in the grace and love of God our Father.

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Check One:

- New Registration                       Change of Address  
 Moving out of Parish                       Request Envelopes  
 **Request envelopes (returned home from college)**

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory



**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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