

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 are always welcome and are asked to register at the rectory. Please notify the rectory if you change your address, phone number, or move out of the parish.

Communion to the Sick

Communion is taken to the sick after the Sunday Masses and during the month. The Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with individual homebound parishioners several times a year or at your request. 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

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| 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
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 18, 2019**

Daily Masses

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| Aug. 19, Monday | 8:00 a.m. | †Members of our Memorial Fund | |
| Aug. 20, Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. | †Fred Hurban | Tina Hafner |
| Aug. 21, Wednesday | 8:00 a.m. | †Joseph Simoson, Jr. | Wife, Cindy |
| Aug. 22, Thursday | 8:00 a.m. | †Anna and Henry Jaindl | Conrad Marth and Family |
| Aug. 23, Friday | 8:00 a.m. | †Zoj Gegvata | M/M Lek Gegvata |
| Aug. 24, Saturday | 4:00 p.m. | †Lauren Geosits | Grandma, Dorothy Geosits, and Family |
| Aug. 25, Sunday | 8:00 a.m. | Living & deceased members of our Parish | |
| | 10:30 a.m. | †Pasqualino Iamalteo | Rossini Family |

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

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| Aug. 24, Sat. | 4:00 p.m. | Mary Ellen Schwartz |
| Aug. 25, Sun. | 8:00 a.m. | Marge Heist |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Karen Stayt |

Euch. Min.:

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| Luisa Assante |
| Kenneth Bennett |
| Joy Nicosia |

Altar Servers:

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| Anthony Colandrea |
| Samuel Kroll |
| Gerald Miletics |

Greeters:

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| Connie Kovacs/Marie Bitenc |
| Barbara Cwitkowitz/Mary Ann Weaver |
| Bella Skweir/Mike Skweir |

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Monahan requested by Steve Marsch.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Carmine Rizzo who died recently.

Good News!

August 18, 2019

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10; Heb 12:1-4; Lk 12:49-53

Persecution is part of a prophet's life. Their strong messages are rarely met with open hearts even if conversion, rather than confrontation, is what the prophet seeks. Bartholomew, one of the Twelve Apostles, was preaching in India and Turkey in the first century and converted the Armenian king. But the king's brother had him flayed alive. Jeremiah foretold the destruction of Jerusalem unless the people returned their hearts to the Lord. This call to conversion was considered demoralizing for those who wished to continue in their self-centered ways. His words were even crushing the soldiers! Either Jeremiah was quite the preacher, the soldiers were weak, guilty—or both!

The fire of the prophet's words is meant as a call to action for the soul caught up in lukewarm stagnation. They should be uncomfortable.

When more than 2,000 bishops reflected on the Church at Vatican II, they insisted that every baptized Christian has a prophetic mission. We're called to shake things up. The role of the prophet is to examine in prayerful observation the signs of the times, and to read into them calls to action. The prophet listens with one ear to the Lord and another to society in order to speak wisely to his contemporaries.

This call to preach whether convenient or not was experienced by Christ. The flame that burned in his bosom was a desire to turn hearts toward his Father. Jesus didn't back down from preaching out of fear of rejection of the gospel. Neither should we.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – August 19

Weekday
Jgs 2:11–19
Mt 19:16–22

Tuesday – August 20

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church
Jgs 6:11–24a
Mt 19:23–30

Wednesday – August 21

St. Pius X, Pope
Jgs 9:6–15 / Mt 20:1–16

Thursday – August 22

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Jgs 11:29–39a
Mt 22:1–14

Friday – August 23

Weekday
Ru 1:1, 3–6, 14b–16, 22
Mt 22:34–40

Saturday – August 24

St. Bartholomew, Apostle
Rv 21:9b–14 / Jn 1:45–51

Sunday – August 25

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 66:18–21
Heb 12:5–7, 11–13
Lk 13:22–30

- 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
- Giving Sunday** : Sunday, September 8
- PREP Classes Resume 1-6** : Sunday, September 15
- PREP Classes Resume 7-8** : Wednesday, September 18
- Children’s Mass** : Sunday, Sept. 22, 10:30 a.m.
- 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 Edward and Mary Bankos. They were donated by daughter, Ann Fry.

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 our 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 1st 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.

Journey Through Grief: Assumption BVM will be offering a six-week Grief Support Group to those who have lost a loved one. This journey of support will be offered each week in our Church Social Hall beginning on Wednesday, October 16th from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Group will meet for six weeks, ending on Wednesday, November 20th with a guest speaker and Mass. The purpose and goal of this group is to support and encourage those who have lost a loved one recently or some time ago and offer accompaniment through their loss. The program will be a journey of remembrance and celebration of our loved ones who have passed. Light snacks, and drinks will be available. Please see the flyers in the church vestibule for more information. To register please contact Brenda Fritz at 610-349-2300 or Lynda Janis at 610-762-4634.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Frank Szoke:** \$25 Rachael Suranofsky.

P.R.E.P. Classes Beginning Sunday, September 15.

Attention: Parents of parish children in Grades 1–8. If you have not registered your child for P.R.E.P. classes, please complete the registration form and return it immediately with your tuition payment. Grades 1-8 are mandatory. The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are in 2nd grade and Confirmation is in 8th grade. Grades 1st thru 6th meet on Sunday mornings starting September 15. Grades 7th and 8th will meet on Wednesday nights starting September 18. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Parker at 610-262-7343.



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the St. Joseph’s altar this week are in memory of Joseph Simoson, Jr. They were donated by his wife, Cindy.

Saint John the Baptist Parish, 3024 S. Ruch Street in Whitehall (Stiles) will have their Annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, September 1, from noon to 9:00 p.m. on the parish grounds. Music provided by The Pennsylvania Villagers, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Common Bond from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Delicious foods, Children’s Games, Raffles, Refreshments, Bake Sale and more. All are invited!

PARISH PICNIC NEWS

Please Note: We will NOT be having a WINE and LIQUOR stand at the picnic this year.

“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 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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