

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
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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 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

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
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore..... 610-262-3193	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Susan Parker..... 610-262-7343
CYO	Tim Gribb 610-762-9072	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch..... 610-428-9053
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning..... 610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca..... 610-502-0160
Finance Committee	Drew Maron..... 610-393-9126	Pro-Life Activities	Msgr. Koons..... 610-262-2559
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore..... 610-262-3193	Religious Education	Susan Parker..... 610-262-7343
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office..... 610-262-9171	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh..... 610-837-0376
Greeters	Joanne Manning..... 610-262-2559	RCIA	Msgr. Koons..... 610-262-2559
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore..... 484-226-0188	Ushers	Michael Sommer..... 610-262-7904
Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler..... 610-262-8138	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock..... 610-262-3478
Knights of Columbus Council #4050..... 484-540-5090		Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger... 610-760-9491

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 1, 2019**

Daily Masses

Sept. 2, Monday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of the Bahnick Family	Family
Sept. 3, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Marhefka	Louis Tepes, Jr.
Sept. 4, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†John Budihas	Estate
Sept. 5, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Nederostek	Aunt Stella, Judy and Jerry
Sept. 6, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†James Arnst	Bennett Family
Sept. 7, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†John S. Nederostek	Sister, Betty, and Family
Sept. 8, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	
Egypt Memorial Park	11:00 a.m.	Health and Blessing of our picnic volunteers	Picnic Committee

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Sept. 7, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	B. Kosman	M. Hartman	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Sept. 8, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	T. Melosky	W. Cuchran	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
Egypt Mem. Pk. 11:00 a.m.	D. Hozza	C. Marth/L. Santucci/M. Sommer	J. Warren/M. Warren	T. Njenga/R. Marakovits

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Irene Kedl requested by Joanne and Juliet Manning.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Lewis Fellin, brother of Virginia Huber, and Stephen Steirer, Sr., father of Jeffrey Steirer, who died recently.

Good News!

September 1, 2019

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29; Heb 12:18-19, 22-24a; Lk 14:1, 7-14

Humility isn't a popular virtue! In fact, among the Greeks and the Romans it wasn't considered a virtue at all. In a sixth-century bc list of 147 wise maxims, humility isn't even mentioned. For the ancient Greek or Roman, obtaining and defending honor was more a goal than humility ever could be.

Yet the Jewish faith values humility, as seen in Old Testament texts like the one we read today. The humble strength of conducting affairs quietly and justly makes you more loved—more so than someone who gives many gifts. Parents should reflect on this.

As Christians following a Savior who was great through his service, humility is not only recommended but becomes the ideal. Let the first be last. Let the greatest be the servant. Humility is simply living the truth of who you are. You are both great and insignificant. We can and should use all our knowledge and strength to sow the fields of creation. But only God gives growth.

Humility is favored by true self-knowledge. We are creatures and not the Creator. We don't make the rules of life or define right and wrong. We discover, accept, and love these laws. A healthy awareness of our limitations doesn't enslave us. It sets us free. A humble knowledge of the truth is empowering.

We are amazingly talented people, each uniquely loved and gifted by God. Each of us can achieve, and should strive for, the greatness he offers us. Humility makes us capable of true and lasting greatness—just look at Christ.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – September 2

Weekday

1 Thes 4:13–18 Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday – September 3

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11

Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday – September 4

Weekday

Col 1:1–8

Lk 4:38–44

Thursday – September 5

Weekday

Col 1:9–14

Lk 5:1–11

Friday – September 6

Weekday

Col 1:15–20

Lk 5:33–39

Saturday – September 7

Weekday

Col 1:21–23

Lk 6:1–5

Sunday – September 8

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13–18b

Phmn 9–10, 12–17

Lk 14:25–33

- 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.

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.

Good Shepherd Catholic School has an opening for an intermediate grade level teacher long term substitute. Pennsylvania teacher certification, all clearances, Safe Environment Requirements, and resume should be sent to: mrsparkergscs@gmail.com. For more information, please call the school at 610-262-9171.



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.**



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Leonard Fry. They were donated by his wife, Ann.

"Miracle of Christmas" Sight & Sound Theater and lunch at Shady Maple Lancaster on **Saturday, December 14, 2019.** Miracle of Christmas will return to Sight & Sound Theater for the 2019 Christmas season and after that, will not return until 2021. It's rapidly selling out and we don't want you to be disappointed! Come see the world class cast, spectacular special effects and live animals on stage and in the aisles. Join us on a journey of theater and a good ole fashion Dutch Buffet lunch at Shady Maple. Package includes motor coach transportation, theater seats, lunch, and driver's gratuity. \$157 per person/\$146 (age 10 and under). Bus departs Assumption B.V.M. 7:45 a.m. Approximate 6:30 p.m. return. Please fill out the form in the church vestibule and return it to the rectory or place it in the collection basket no later than Sunday, September 15th. Space is limited, so please reserve your seats early. 50% of the cost will be due by September 15th, and the balance will be due November 15th. More information will be sent to those attending after reservations are sent in.

Help Needed next Saturday night after the 4:00 p.m. Mass to take the roasters and some supplies to Egypt Memorial Park. Any help would be greatly appreciated, especially with a truck or van.

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.

Baptism: We are happy to welcome Wyatt Hills Sterner, child of Gregory and Christine Sterner, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Wyatt Sterner as he continues to grow in our faith.

**Assumption B.V.M. Church Picnic
Sunday, September 8, 2019
Egypt Memorial Park
12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.**

11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass
D.J. 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.
The Large Flowerheads - 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Children's Games, Tootsie The Clown,
Basket Raffle and Games of Chance

Halupki, Goulash, Homemade Pierogies,
Kielbasi with Sauerkraut, Sausage Sandwiches, Steak
Sandwiches, Cheese Steak Sandwiches, Turkey BBQ,
Hamburger BBQ, Chicken Fingers, Hamburgers,
Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs,
Chili Dogs, Walking Tacos, Summer Pasta Salad,
French Fries, Cheese Fries

Ice Cream and Waffles; Ice Cream Sandwiches,
Ice Cream Cones, Popcorn, Cotton Candy

Home Baked Goods

Birch Beer on Tap, Beer, Wine, Soda,
Bottled Water, Iced Tea, Coffee

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A Designer Purse Bingo to benefit Team Coltan and the Make-A-Wish Foundation will be held at St. Peter's Church, 4 S 5th Street in Coplay on Sunday, October 6 at 1:30 p.m. (Doors open at 12:00 p.m.) \$20 for tickets purchased in advance/\$25 at the door. Additional specials available. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. For more information and advance tickets please call or email either Kim at 610-217-6540 (email: ktiburzi@ptd.net) or Robin 484-951-6512 (email: robinweston75@gmail.com).

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ANNUAL PICNIC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK

FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.

11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass

DJ – 12:00 noon – 3:00 p.m.

Large Flowerheads - 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Children's Games, Basket Raffle and Games of Chance



**Halupki, Goulash, Homemade Pierogies,
Kielbasi with Sauerkraut, Sausage Sandwiches,
Steak Sandwiches, Cheese Steak Sandwiches,
Turkey BBQ, Hamburger BBQ, Chicken Fingers,
Hot Dogs, Hot Dogs with Sauerkraut, Chili Dogs,
Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Summer Pasta Salad,
Walking Tacos, French Fries, Cheese Fries**

**Ice Cream and Waffles, Ice Cream Cones,
Ice Cream Sandwiches, Popcorn, Cotton Candy,
Home Baked Goods**

**Birch Beer on Tap, Beer, Wine, Soda,
Bottled Water, Iced Tea, Lemonade, Coffee**



BREAKFAST

Sunday, September 22, 2019

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
AT THE DOOR ONLY

ADULTS \$7.00

CHILDREN \$3.00

MENU

French Toast

Pancakes

Scrambled Eggs & Hash Brown

Choice of: Sausage, Bacon or Ham

Omelet your way & Hash Brown

Cheese Steak Omelet & Hash Brown

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea