

# 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  
**Mrs. Susan Parker, M.Ed.**, Interim 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 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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 8, 2019**

**Daily Masses**

Sept. 09, Monday		NO MASS	
Sept. 10, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Myirski, Jr.	Wife, Monica, and Family
Sept. 11, Wednesday		NO MASS	
Sept. 12, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Fred Hurban	Family
Sept. 13, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Sept. 14, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Kovach	Son, Paul, and Family
Sept. 15, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Leon Skweir	Bella and Mike Skweir and Family

<b>Next Week's Schedule:</b>	<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>
Sept. 14, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Anthony Molchany	Leonard Kosciolk	Anthony Colandrea	Stephanie Bankos/Linda Stefaniak
Sept. 15, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Thomas Kovalchik	Brenda Fritz	Nicholas Millan	Gloria Farkas/Lillian Gehringer
10:30 a.m.	Edward Hozza	Cindy Walsh	Samuel Kroll	Ann Fry/Linda Shaak

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week for the health and blessing of Mrs. Emma Farkas requested by a friend.

**Please pray** for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Carolyn Wuchter, Irene Tanzosh, Daniel Benarcik, Leon Skweir, brother of Michael Skweir, Richard Madea, brother of Barbara Cwitkowitz, who died recently.

# Good News!

September 8, 2019

*Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)*

Wis 9:13-18b; Phmn 9-10, 12-17; Lk 14:25-33

Jesus is radical and absolute when speaking of his first preference for love. In saying hating in today's Gospel, Jesus invites us to place God first in our hearts. And when God is first, we will actually love everyone else more and better. Saint Gregory comments on this passage: "In this world let us love everyone, even though he be our enemy; but let us hate him who opposes us on our way to God, though he be our relative. We should...love our neighbor; we should have charity towards all—towards relatives and towards strangers—but without separating ourselves from the love of God out of love for them" (Evangelia homiliae, 37, 3).

Jesus' words mean that we cannot be halfhearted in our love for God or neighbors—even if our neighbor is an enemy. The very nature of love is to put others first, and that first "other" is God himself.

A Vatican painting by Pinturicchio shows a well-dressed St. Anthony, head of a large monastery, meeting in the desert with St. Paul, a poor hermit who lived off the land. Both represented two ways of totally responding to God's call—one as a religious monk living in a thriving community and another as a hermit, living separated from the world as testimony to what really matters.

Religious brothers and sisters living by the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience—as monks, hermits, or other forms of consecrated life—testify to the world that this radical, loving God is first above all things. They deserve our support and our imitation!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Calendar:

### Monday – September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

Col 1:24—2:3

Lk 6:6—11

### Tuesday – September 10

Weekday

Col 2:6—15

Lk 6:12—19

### Wednesday – September 11

Weekday

Col 3:1—11 / Lk 6:20—26

### Thursday – September 12

Weekday

Col 3:12—17 / Lk 6:27—38

### Friday – September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 1:1—2, 12—14

Lk 6:39—42

### Saturday – September 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b—9

Phil 2:6—11

Jn 3:13—17

### Sunday – September 15

Twenty-fourth Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Ex 32:7—11, 13—14

1 Tm 1:12—17

Lk 15:1—32

**Church Picnic** : 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.

**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 Hutnick and Lessel Families. They were donated by Eleanor and Suzanne Lessel.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The Group will meet for six weeks, ending on Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup> 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.



**"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 15<sup>th</sup>. Space is limited, so please reserve your seats early. 50% of the cost will be due by September 15<sup>th</sup>, and the balance will be due November 15<sup>th</sup>. More information will be sent to those attending after reservations are sent in.

**Baptism:** We are happy to welcome Rory Bruce Walker, child of Lindsey Coleman and Austin Walker, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Rory Bruce as he continues to grow in our faith.

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Confirmation is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Grades 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> meet on Sunday mornings starting September 15. Grades 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will meet on Wednesday nights starting September 18. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Parker at 610-262-7343.

**A Designer Purse Bingo** to benefit Team Coltan and the Make-A-Wish Foundation will be held at St. Peter's Church, 4 S 5<sup>th</sup> 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).

**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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**ASSUMPTION B.V.M. CHURCH**  
**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**

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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,  
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## 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