

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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 15, 2019**

Daily Masses

Sept. 16, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Plata	Sisters
Sept. 17, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Maron	Linda and Vinnie Santucci
Sept. 18, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Theresa Sommers	Jim and Dolly Barnes
Sept. 19, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Schisler	Son, Arthur, and Family
Sept. 20, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Carmine Rizzo	Mary Ann and Fred Starkey
Sept. 21, Saturday	9:00 a.m.	†Carolyn Wuchter	Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons
	4:00 p.m.	†Ryan Zawada	Parents, Joe & Diane, Brother, Joe, and Sister, Jennifer
Sept. 22, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Lucille Mikulcik	Husband, Paul, and Family
	10:30 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	

Next Week's Schedule:

Lector:

Euch. Min.:

Altar Servers:

Greeters:

Sept. 21, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Mary Ellen Schwartz	Luisa Assante	Andrew Nederostek	Connie Kovacs/Pat Madea
Sept. 22, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Marge Heist	Joseph Ciecko	Nicholas Millan	Barbara Cwitkowitz/Mary Ann Weaver
	10:30 a.m.	Children's Mass	Drew Maron	Ava Miletics	Bella Skweir and Michael Skweir

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Mary Kovach 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 Sister Ruth OSF who died recently.

Good News!

September 15, 2019

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:32

Strangely enough and discouragingly often, we find the attitude of the older son from the Prodigal Son parable in the Church. The righteous believers who have always belonged can be jealous and look down upon the poor sinner who comes later and gets the same reward.

Yet, the attitude of all of us toward those who are spiritually, morally, or materially needy should be that of the loving father.

The sinner comes back in shame, weakness, and obvious failure. His very act of returning is a cry for help, support, and understanding. The father offers his mercy and compassion without questions, without an interrogation. His shoulder is never too proud, too hard, or righteous to be refused as a pillow for the humiliated soul who returns broken, pillaged, and ruined by sin.

Humanity is noblest when admitting its weakness. Humanity is greatest in its ability to show mercy and lift the downtrodden. The father-son relationship is most beautiful when it is being reconciled and restored.

We should always rejoice at the return of a prodigal child, and we should always honor a forgiving parental heart. "We must celebrate and rejoice," said the father. If we are convinced of this, we now have a charge: Go out and find the lost coin and welcome back the lost sheep with humility and joy!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – September 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs
1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 7:1-10

Tuesday – September 17

Weekday
1 Tm 3:1-13 / Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday – September 18

Weekday
1 Tm 3:14-16 / Lk 7:31-35

Thursday – September 19

Weekday
1 Tm 4:12-16 / Lk 7:36-50

Friday – September 20

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gōn, Priest, Paul Chōng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
1 Tm 6:2c-12 / Lk 8:1-3

Saturday – September 21

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
Mt 9:9-13

Sunday – September 22

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Am 8:4-7 1 / Tm 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13

Rel. Ed. Classes	: Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.
Prayer Shawl Meeting	: 3 rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
7th & 8th Grade Rel. Ed.	: Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Children's Mass	: Sunday, Sept. 22, 10:30 a.m.
Breakfast	: Sunday, September 22
Blessing of Animals	: Sunday, October 6 at 12 noon
Giving Sunday	: Sunday, October 13
Confirmation	: Thursday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.



New Altar Servers: Any boy or girl in the parish who has made First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server please call the rectory and let us know which training session you would be able to attend. **Training will be held in church after**

the 10:30 a.m. Mass on the following Sundays: September 22, September 29 and October 13.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Ryan Zawada. They were donated by his parents, Diane and Joe, brother, Joe and sister, Jenny.

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.

"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.

Do You Crochet or Knit? Would you be interested in sharing your talents with parishioners who could use our prayers and a comforting shawl? Whether you're an accomplished crafter or just a beginner, there are patterns available for your skill level. If you would like to be part of a prayer shawl ministry, please contact Mary LaBianca at 610-502-0160. The meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month starting this Tuesday, September 17 at 10:00 a.m. in one of the religious education classrooms above the church.

Thank you!

It is a joy to have one's prayers answered in an obvious way: thanks to the goodness of God's mercy, our prayers for good weather for our annual Parish Picnic were answered in abundance. A visitor from another parish commented to me about how wonderful it was to see SO MANY volunteers working in many different areas, that it is a real testament to the community spirit that is alive in our parish family. ***It was a comment that I totally agreed with,*** and as it was being said, I thanked God for the joy of being part of this parish community of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. As the pastor of such a wonderful parish, I cannot say enough to express my gratitude and thanks to all the people who have worked and volunteered in ways great and small to make the day a resounding success. Probably 99% of what was on-hand to sell sold. But while there is that important 'fundraising' aspect of the Parish Picnic, there also is the 'community' experience in which the members of our parish come together in a '*communio*' of cooperation and service by which, through God's grace, we help to build unity and peace with each other and with the larger community. All of that serves as a "witness" to how we live as Catholic Christians: our Holy Father, Pope Francis, has pretty consistently taught in his public speeches that such "witness" comes first before any "words" in the mission of evangelization. ***Thank you*** to all the committee members who organized, and oversaw the picnic from start to end. ***Thank you*** to all who contributed in big ways and small. ***Thank you*** to everyone who volunteered, also to those who attended and enjoyed the wonderful day!

A special thank you to all our sponsors especially: **Welder Training and Testing Institute, Inc. Allentown and Kathy and Robert Wiswesser** for sponsoring our music - "The Large Flowerheads".

MacArthur Family Medicine - Doctor Joseph Ciecko, Northampton Self Serve Car Wash - Jack and Iona Harhart, Reichel Funeral Home, Northampton – Kevin Reichel and Tepes Construction Company – Louis and Bernice Tepes for sponsoring the picnic food.

Edward and Denise Hozza for the picnic advertisement insert in the Northampton Press, Whitehall-Coplay Press and Catasauqua Press.

Triple Crown Lawn Care Services - Mike Costello for sponsoring the Picnic Grounds Rental.

Schisler Funeral Home, Inc. for sponsoring our Food and Big Bucks tickets.

Debra Kay and Joe Bennett for sponsoring our Ice Cream Treats.

Tommy Burke Provisions, Inc. for the use of their refrigerated truck and storing the picnic food during the week prior to the picnic.

Ann Fry, Thomas and Regina Krause and John Yurish, for sponsoring the Children's Games.

Mmgr. Koons

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Irene Tanzosh: \$20** Carol and Leo O'Donnell.



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