

# 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 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.**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish  
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 29, 2019**

**Daily Masses**

Sept. 30, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Agnes Lobach	Frank Yandrisovitz
Oct. 01, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†John J. Budihas	Estate
Oct. 02, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Vincent Santucci, Sr.	Vinnie & Linda Santucci & Family
Oct. 03, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Cherski	Daughter, Bernadette, & Family
Oct. 04, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†John Pavlick	Carol Zarayko
Oct. 05, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Alfred Weber	Wife, Ann, & Family
Oct. 06, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Rosina Assante	Son, Mario, & Family

**Next Week's Schedule:**

	<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>
Oct. 05, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	Denise Hozza	Frank Cerino	Andrew Nederostek	Marie Bitenc/Irene Gollatz
Oct. 06, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	Joanne Santee	Nancy Birosik	Samuel Kroll	Judy Haldeman/Maria Rossini
10:30 a.m.	Frank Kostecy	Linda Santucci	Grace Heidecker	Tabitha Njenga/Ruth Marakovits

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in for the health and blessing of Paula and Lenny Kosciolek on the occasion of their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary requested by their daughters and grandchildren.

**Please pray** for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish.

# Good News!

September 29, 2019

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

Am 6:1a, 4-7; 1 Tm 6:11-16; Lk 16:19-31

It's so easy to fall into complacency and not strive for greatness. When we're young, we idealistically dream of reaching the heights of success. Then with time and the resistance of circumstances, we are hypnotized into settling for less and less. Eventually we're content with just getting by, rather than embracing the arduous struggle upon the higher road that once attracted us.

The rich man of the Gospel was also complacent. His wealth blinded him to the needs of Lazarus, the poor man he passed and stepped over every time he entered his home. Even though he could help, the rich man refused. How could he be so inconsiderate? He had everything and was unwilling to offer even leftover food to someone in need.

God is against complacency and settling for the easy and sensual. He upbraids the chosen race for exactly that. They are too comfortable on their expensive, comfortable couches. Saint Paul challenges the young bishop Timothy to pursue high ideals such as righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, gentleness, and all other virtues. We should strive for them as well. How?

Jesus is the beautiful, timeless ideal of every soul aiming for perfect love. Keep your eyes on him and you will never settle for anything but true greatness.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Calendar:

**Monday – September 30**

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Zec 8:1–8 / Lk 9:46–50

**Tuesday – October 1**

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Zec 8:20–23 / Lk 9:51–56

**Wednesday – October 2**

Holy Guardian Angels

Neh 2:1–8

Mt 18:1–5, 10

**Thursday – October 3**

Weekday

Neh 1:1–4a, 5–6, 7b–12

Lk 10:1–12

**Friday – October 4**

St. Francis of Assisi

Bar 1:15–22

Lk 10:13–16

**Saturday – October 5**

Weekday

Bar 4:5–12, 27–29

Lk 10:17–24

**Sunday – October 6**

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hab 1:2–3; 2:2–4 2

Tm 1:6–8, 13–14

Lk 17:5–10

**Rel. Ed. Classes** : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.  
**Prayer Shawl Meeting** : 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.  
**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rel. Ed.** : Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
**Choir Rehearsal** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
**Blessing of Animals** : Sunday, October 6 at 12 noon  
**Giving Sunday** : Sunday, October 13  
**Children's Mass** : Sunday, October 27, 10:30 a.m.  
**Breakfast** : Sunday, October 27  
**Confirmation** : Thursday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.

**First Friday Adoration:** The First Friday of October, October 4, 2019, our parish will offer a holy hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The 8 o'clock Mass will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and will last one hour concluding with Benediction at 9:15 a.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 29 and October 13.**

**Blessing of Animals:** In observance of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Assumption BVM Parish will have a Blessing of Animals on the rectory lawn (corner of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Lincoln Avenue) **next Sunday, October 6, at 12:00 noon.** After a brief prayer service the animals will be blessed. Bring your dogs, cats, birds and other pets to this celebration. Please make sure that animals are leashed or caged for their safety.



**Choir Rehearsal** for Christmas and weekly Mass is being held on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. (we are usually finished before 9:00 p.m.). As always, we're looking for new members. If you like to sing please consider joining this group of wonderful people with hearts of service who join together in something so much bigger than themselves. For us joining our voices in praise is the closest thing to Heaven that we can experience here on earth. If you are unable to make a commitment for weekend Masses, please consider joining us just for Christmas, when we sing at the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. If you have any questions please call Karen at 610-691-0525.

**Anniversary Flowers:** The flowers by the altar this week are in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Lenny and Paula Kosciolk. They were donated by their daughters and grandchildren.

**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.



**"Donut/Giving Sunday":** Sunday, October 13, our Hospitality Committee will be hosting "Donut/Giving Sunday". Join us after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses for coffee, donuts and fellowship in our social hall. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding. Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. **This month's donuts are being donated by Marie Bitenc in memory of her husband, Herb Bitenc.**

**Apparent Scam:** The Diocese of Allentown is alerting parishioners about an apparent scam. Recently, a number of people from several different parishes have notified the Diocese that they received a text message on their cell phone from someone pretending to be a Diocesan priest asking them to purchase gift cards for him.

These are not legitimate requests and are not from a Diocesan priest. No Diocesan priest will ever solicit funds by text message.

The Diocese is not aware that anyone has fallen victim to this scam. But it does want to remind everyone if you are concerned about a text message you receive, always verify it before you take any action

**Race for Education:** The Good Shepherd School community will have their annual Race for Education on Friday, October 11. This is our largest and most successful fundraiser of the school year! Students will be collecting after Masses next weekend, October 5/6, to support our students and our school. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generous support.

**A Night at the Races:** Good Shepherd Catholic School presents "A Night at the Races" on Saturday, November 2, in the School Gym. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Food will be served at 6:30 p.m. Racing begins at 7:00 p.m. To buy a horse, buy your tickets or for more information please call the school at 610-262-9171. You must be 21 years or over for this special event! Limited to the first 300 tickets! Cost is \$20 per ticket.



**Hurricane Dorian Collection:** Hurricane Dorian's intensity and slow progress wreaked havoc on parts of Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, and the coastal areas of Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina. In response to the needs of the victims of Dorian, Bishop Schlert has authorized that a special collection be taken up across the Diocese of Allentown. Our parish will take up the collection this weekend, September 28/29. The funds will be distributed to the victims of Dorian through Catholic Charities USA and Catholic Relief Services.

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## BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 27, 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

Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea