

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 6, 2019**

Daily Masses

Oct. 07,	Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Albert Buchanan	Linda & Vinnie Santucci & Family
Oct. 08,	Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Oct. 09,	Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Alfred Nederostek	Ed & Betty Wander
Oct. 10,	Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Irene Tanzosh	Hurban Family
Oct. 11,	Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael James Janis	Janis Family
Oct. 12,	Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Elizabeth Strongowski	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
Oct. 13,	Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†David Liskanich	Kyle & Michele Kern
		10:30 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	

Next Week's Schedule:

Oct. 12, Sat. 4:00 p.m. C. Fisher

Oct. 13, Sun. 8:00 a.m. T. Kovalchik

10:30 a.m. K. Stayt

Lector:

Euch. Min.:

Altar Servers:

Greeters:

B. Kosman

T. Melosky

M. Sommer

J. Warren/A. Colandrea

A. Miletics

S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak

G. Farkas/L. Gehringer

A. Fry/L. Shaak

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of James Nicosia requested by parents, Joy and Sal Nicosia.

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

Good News!

October 6, 2019

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Hab 1:2-3; 2:2-4; 2 Tm 1:6-8, 13-14; Lk 17:5-10

What's the difference between a believer and an atheist? What separates one who is indifferent to religion from a fervently religious person? Faith! To believe is no small thing and a tremendous gift. "Father, you are lucky you have faith!" an atheist friend once said to me. "I have tried often, but I just can't bring myself to believe."

We are indeed lucky, because having faith in Jesus opens us to heaven, to life after death, to finding hope and sense in suffering. Faith allows us to trust something bigger than ourselves and to be at peace even when all around us is crazy. Faith and acceptance is the difference between deep, interior harmony and a radical frustration.

We have received everything from God, which is why Jesus invites us to have the attitude of humble servants. He uses an example that's clear to his listeners: a servant works hard all day, comes home, and prepares and serves dinner. In so doing, he is merely performing his job. Jesus isn't endorsing the insensitive nature of the master but offering a model in the humble service of the domestic helper who faithfully fulfills his position. Since he receives everything from the master, he can only be grateful for the chance to work. Such is our position before God. We have no place being proud or demanding before God since all we have is from him: life, family, health, our talents.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Jon 1:1—2:1-2, 11

Lk 10:25-37

Tuesday – October 8

Weekday

Jon 3:1-10

Lk 10:38-42

Wednesday – October 9

Weekday

Jon 4:1-11

Lk 11:1-4

Thursday – October 10

Weekday

Mal 3:13-20b

Lk 11:5-13

Friday – October 11

Weekday

Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2

Lk 11:15-26

Saturday – October 12

Weekday

Jl 4:12-21

Lk 11:27-28

Sunday – October 13

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 5:14-17

2 Tm 2:8-13

Lk 17:11-19

- Rel. Ed. Classes** : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.
- Prayer Shawl Meeting** : 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
- 7th & 8th 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.
- Church Picnic** : Sunday, September 13, 2020



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 next Sunday: 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 22nd Street and Lincoln Avenue) **today, 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.

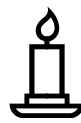


"Donut/Giving Sunday": Next Sunday, October 13, our Hospitality Committee will be hosting "Donut/Giving Sunday". Join us after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses for coffee, donuts and fellowship in our social hall. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding. Your gifts 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.



CEMETERY VIGIL LIGHTS will be available in the church social hall starting on Saturday, October 12, thru Thursday, October 31. We ask a donation of \$2.50 per candle to cover expenses.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Carolyn Wuchter:** \$100 Danielle Bloomberg; \$20 Gloria Farkas; \$25 Nikki Kotoris and Hope Stempo. **In memory of Irene Tanzosh:** \$25 Cindy Lizak.



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.

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.

PLEASE NOTE: The Annual Assumption B.V.M. Church Picnic will be held next year on **Sunday, September 13th, at Egypt Memorial Park.** Please mark your calendars.

Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 4456 Main St., Whitehall, will hold their annual **Basket Party** on **Saturday, October 26** from **10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.** and **Sunday, October 27** from **8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Tickets - 25 for \$5 on sale at door. Homemade food and baked goods for sale. Drawing Sunday at 2:00 p.m. You do not need to be present to win.

Helper's Pilgrimage: Next Saturday, October 12, please join Fr. John Pendzick and the Helpers of God's Precious Infants at a Prayer Pilgrimage for the unborn and all those involved in abortion. The pilgrimage begins with Mass at 8 a.m. at Notre Dame Church of Bethlehem, 1861 Catasauqua Road and continues with The Rosary at the abortion facility located at 31 South Commerce Way in the Bethlehem Industrial Park. **The Mission: That through prayer, peaceful presence, and fasting we may be God's instruments in the salvation of souls, so that innocent lives will be saved from abortion.** Be part of the call to bring God's everlasting, unconditional love to those involved in abortion that their hearts may be converted and receive God's gift of life with joy. For more information please call [610-674-4624](tel:610-674-4624) or <https://m.facebook.com/Helpers-of-Gods-Precious-Infants-of-Allentown>.

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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