

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor
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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
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – December 29, 2019

Daily Masses

Dec. 30, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Colette and Raymie Semler	Family
Dec. 31, Tuesday	4:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve – †Members of the Anna & Frank Farkas Family	Family
Jan. 01, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	New Year's Day – Living and deceased parishioners	
Jan. 02, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of Our Memorial Fund	
Jan. 03, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Patricia Trice	Bill & Mary Ann Holmes
Jan. 04, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Rev. Francis Straka	Jim & Betsie Rutolo
Jan. 05, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Swankoski	Janet, Julie & Abby Rutman
	10:30 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	

New Years and

Next Week's Schedule:

Lector:

Euch. Min.:

Altar Servers:

Greeters:

Dec. 31, Tue.	4:00 p.m.	D. Heckenberger	B. Kosman	A. Nederostek	L. Stefaniak/M. Bitenc
Jan. 01, Wed.	8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	N. Birocik	J. Warren	
Jan. 04, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	R. Shearman	M. Hartman/L. Hartman	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Jan. 05, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	B. Fritz	B. Woolsey/S. Kroll	G. Farkas/L. Gehringer
	10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth	C. Walsh	A. Kraus/G. Miletics	A. Fry/L. Shaak

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Thomas and Catherine Hughes requested by Joanne and Juliet.

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

Good News!

December 29, 2019

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (A)

Sir 3:2–6, 12–14; Col 3:12–21; Mt 2:13–15, 19–23

“Do we have to go to Grandma’s!”

Children aren’t the only ones who sometimes dread the family Christmas gathering. Adults might, too. Why is that? Our family is the cradle that embraced us at birth, nourished us, and helped us grow. At least that’s what it was supposed to be. Perhaps we didn’t come from such a family. Still, when our time comes, it is within our power to form such a family. How are we to do it?

In today’s readings we have two quite different descriptions of family dynamics. The first, from Sirach, focuses on children’s respect for and support of parents. The Gospel passage recounts parents’ protection of a vulnerable child. Together these readings tell us that every family member, regardless of age or position within the family, owes all the other members concern and care. Paul provides a short list of what I like to think of as genuine family values: “heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another” (Colossians 3:12–13). Are such values asking too much of us?

It’s not by accident that we celebrate the feast of the Holy Family during Christmastime. Some think that this is a season for children. It’s actually a season for family, a time when generations—three, sometimes four or five—at least contact each other.

It’s a time for us to decide whether or not Paul’s list of virtues reflects our own family portrait. How authentic are our smiles? How deep are our family values?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – December 30

Sixth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:12–17 / Lk 2:36–40

Tuesday – December 31

Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:18–21 / Jn 1:1–18

Wednesday – January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22–27 / Gal 4:4–7
Lk 2:16–21

Thursday – January 2

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22–28 / Jn 1:19–28

Friday – January 3

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:29–3:6 / Jn 1:29–34

Saturday – January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7–10 / Jn 1:35–42

Sunday – January 5

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1–6 / Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6
Mt 2:1–12

- Rel. Ed. Classes** : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.
- 7th & 8th Grade Rel. Ed.** : Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
- Donut/Giving Sunday** : Sunday, January 12, 2020
- Prayer Shawl Meeting** : Tuesday, January 21, 10 a.m.
- Breakfast** : Sunday, January 26, 2020
- Children's Mass** : Sunday, Jan. 26, 10:30 a.m.
- Confirmation** : Thursday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.
- Church Picnic** : Sunday, September 13, 2020

Rectory Office will be closed Tuesday, December 31 thru Thursday, January 2 for New Year's.

Holy Day of Obligation: Wednesday, January 1, is a Holy Day of obligation, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 31, at 4:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, January 1, at 8:00 a.m.

First Friday Adoration: The First Friday of January, January 3, 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.

Lottery Calendars: The Parish Fund Raising Committee is sponsoring a monthly lottery calendar for January 2020. The calendars are \$5 each and the winners are based on the evening daily Pennsylvania Lottery number. Calendars will be on sale before Masses this weekend, December 28/29; **Tuesday, December 31 before the 4:00 p.m. Mass and Wednesday, January 1 before the 8:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass.** This will be the last chance to purchase the calendars.

"Donut/Giving Sunday": Sunday, January 12 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 in memory of Bill Farkas by wife, Gloria, son, George & family and daughter, Valarie Gross & family.**

Presentation of the Gifts: We invite and encourage you to participate in the offertory procession at Mass. This is especially appropriate if you have requested the Mass, or if the Mass is being offered for a family member or friend. If you would like to present the gifts, please see one of the greeters at least fifteen minutes before Mass begins.



Sunday Breakfast: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **on Sunday, January 26.** Please support this fund raising effort of the parish and enjoy a hearty, homemade breakfast with your friends. Menu includes: French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs or omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, hash brown, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.**

Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 13, 2020
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
begins with a Mass at 11:00 a.m.,
continues with music, games and food
until 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU'S:

Thank You to everyone who helped clean and decorate the church throughout the year and this Christmas season. Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted at our Masses: lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, choir members, greeters and ushers, to everyone who through their sacrifices of time, talent and treasure made our celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord and all the Masses through the year so beautiful and reverent.

A Special Thank You is extended to all the volunteers who helped with our fund raisers during this past year. The monthly Breakfast, Church Picnic, Kolach Sales and Lottery Calendars would not be a success without the help of our parish dedicated volunteers. Thank you once again for all your help in making these fund raisers a success.

A Very Special Thank You to Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who faithfully bring Holy Communion to our sick and shut-in parishioners throughout the year. These parishioners wish to add their own thanks for prayers, cards and visits.

Thank You to the B.V.M. Young-at-Heart for their donation of \$300 to our church.

SAVE ALUMINUM PULLTABS – Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

ASSUMPTION B.V.M. 2019 OFFERING STATEMENTS

will be mailed the week of January 13 to those who contributed \$1000 or more during 2019. If you desire a statement of your 2019 contributions and your contributions are under \$1000 please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket any Sunday during the month of January.

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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

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