

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
Epiphany of the Lord – January 5, 2020**

Daily Masses

Jan. 06, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Susan and Rudolph Bauer	Carol and Gary Houck
Jan. 07, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Ferne Pletchan	Janet Hagenbuch
Jan. 08, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Corrine Buda	Joe and Debra Kay Bennett
Jan. 09, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Myirski, Jr.	Wife, Monica, and Family
Jan. 10, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Virginia Leland	M/M William McCullough
Jan. 11, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Alfred Kosman	Mary Christoff and Family
Jan. 12, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Angelo and Micalina Berlinger	Rossini Family

Next Week's Schedule:

Jan. 11, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	S. Parker
Jan. 12, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll
	10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza

Lector:

Euch. Min.:

L. Kosciolk
M. Sommer
T. Melosky

Altar Servers:

H. Warren/M. Warren
N. Millan
D. Conrad/G. Heidecker

Greeters:

C. Kovacs/P. Madea
B. Cwitkowitz/V. Haldeman
B. Skweir/M. Skweir

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Rev. Richard Kehoe requested by Steve Marsch.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Pauline Santee, mother of Barry Santee, who died recently.

Good News!

January 5, 2020

Epiphany of the Lord (A)

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

“Go back where you came from!” What if the Magi heard this when they came to the house where the Child was, and they heeded that deriding message? The “signs of the times” that they read told them a king had been born. They might not have known exactly where to look, but they knew what they were looking for, and they recognized that king when they found him. These righteous men were not Israelites, yet God revealed this great mystery to them. Furthermore, there is no indication that they eventually became Israelites. Rather, “they departed for their country” (Matthew 2:12). God really does not play favorites.

Then how are we to understand the claim of being God’s Chosen People, whether ancient Israelites or the Christian community? What’s the point of being chosen if you are not the favorite? While acknowledging God’s special love for his Chosen People, both Isaiah and Paul answer this question. The prophet claims that “nations will walk by your light, kings by the radiance of your dawning” (Isaiah 60:3), and Paul says “the stewardship of God’s grace...was given to me for your benefit” (Ephesians 3:2). In other words, some have been chosen by God to bring the light of God’s love to others.

The feast of the Epiphany celebrates two important realities—the revelation of God to all people and the responsibility to reveal that astounding mystery to others. The Magi personify both realities. They were men of another faith tradition to whom God revealed the mystery of the Incarnation, and they returned home and probably proclaimed to others the wonder of that mystery.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – January 6

Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 3:22—4:6
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday – January 7

Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:7-10
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday – January 8

Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:11-18
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday – January 9

Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:19—5:4
Lk 4:14-22

Friday – January 10

Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5-13
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday – January 11

Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14-21
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday – January 12

Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Acts 10:34-38
Mt 3:13-17

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

Blessing of a Home on The Epiphany: **The leader begins:** ✽ *In the name of the Father... Peace be with this house and with all who live here.* **All respond:** And also with you. **The leader introduces the blessing:** *During these days of the Christmas season, we keep this feast of Epiphany, celebrating the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, to John in the River Jordan, and to the disciples at the wedding at Cana. Today Christ is manifest to us! Today this home is a holy place. Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to John: "In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, And without him nothing came to be. And the Word became flesh And he made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. This is the Gospel of the Lord."* **All respond:** Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. **After a short silence, the leader continues:** *O God, by your heavenly star, you guided those who were wise to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. May your blessing come to rest on our home and all of us. Make our lives wise with your wisdom, true to your teaching, and enlivened by your love. May your Word made flesh make his home among us. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. AMEN. Everyone then processes from one room to another. In each room, God's blessing is asked on all that takes place in that room. Holy Water is sprinkled. The front and rear door frames are marked: 20 + C + M + B + 20.* [The traditional names of the 3 Kings are: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.]

"Donut/Giving Sunday": Next 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.**

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.

Baptism: We are happy to welcome Aubrey Marie Jordan, child of Erin and Mark Jordan, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Saturday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Aubrey Marie as she continues to grow in our faith.

Help Needed: Anyone who would like to help with taking down the Christmas decorations is asked to come to the Church next **Saturday, January 11, starting at 8:00 a.m.**

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of William Procanyn:** \$25 Melvin Procanyn; \$20.19 John Yurish. **In memory of Thomas Balent:** \$50 Wife and Family.

Good Shepherd Catholic School will be having a **basket social** to help raise funds for our school the weekend of January 11/12. If you would like to donate gift baskets, gift cards, monetary donations towards creating baskets or prizes, you may drop them off in the office before Thursday, January 9. We are aiming for 100 baskets. Volunteers are needed in the kitchen with food prep and serving. Please contact Michelle Milisits at 610-972-6777 to volunteer or if you have any questions. **The Basket Social will be open to the public on Saturday, January 11, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Sunday, January 12, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. All are welcome to attend.**

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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NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

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BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 26, 2020

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