

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
Baptism of the Lord – January 12, 2020**

Daily Masses

Jan. 13, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Jack Delabar	Rachael Suranofsky
Jan. 14, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Arthur and Jocelyn Bachert	Friend
Jan. 15, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Irene Kedl	Linda and Vinnie Santucci
Jan. 16, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Rita Roman	Eleanor Lessel
Jan. 17, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Kathleen Bloomfield	Linda and Vinnie Santucci
Jan. 18, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Andrea Dias	Good Shepherd Catholic School Faculty & Staff
Jan. 19, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Fred Hurban	Paul Wasko, Jr.
	10:30 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Jan. 18, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	D. Hozza	F. Cerino	A. Nederostek/A. Colandrea	L. Bet/P. Schuler
Jan. 19, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	K. Bennett	W. Cuchran	N. Birosik/D. Cesanek
10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt	D. Maron	A. Miletics	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of John and Mary Wanisko requested by John and Elizabeth Kuchera.

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

Good News!

January 12, 2020
Baptism of the Lord (A)
Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

Who has not been asked, at the dawning of young adulthood, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" Today there are so many options for both girls and boys. How does one decide? Money and security are very tempting, as are fame and reputation. And then there is the other side of the story when, in the quiet of our thoughts later in life, we wonder if we became everything we might have been. Did we choose the right path or the easy one? Did we rise to the occasion when life challenged us or did we stay where it was comfortable? Did we really grow up or did we just get older?

Today we cross the threshold of Christmastime and step into Ordinary Time when the readings focus on discipleship. What kind of disciples do we want to be? Regardless of the past, today we have a chance to start anew. The readings place two models before us—the servant in Isaiah and Jesus at his baptism.

Filled with the Spirit of God, Jesus is now ready to go out into the world to proclaim God's love and mercy and to give evidence of that love and mercy in the way he treats others. The servant in the Isaiah reading was also filled with the spirit of God in order to "bring forth justice to the nations" (Isaiah 42:1). By baptism, we, too, are filled with God's spirit. How are we going to use it? What do we want to be when we grow up?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – January 13

Weekday
1 Sm 1:1-8 / Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday – January 14

Weekday
1 Sm 1:9-20 / Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday – January 15

Weekday
1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20
Mk 1:29-39

Thursday – January 16

Weekday
1 Sm 4:1-11 / Mk 1:40-45

Friday – January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot
1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a
Mk 2:1-12

Saturday – January 18

Weekday
1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1
Mk 2:13-17

Sunday – January 19

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 49:3, 5-6 1
Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34

- 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

"Donut/Giving Sunday": Today, 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. **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.

Good Shepherd Catholic School is having a **basket social** to help raise funds for our school this weekend, January 11/12. **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.** in the school gym. Our kitchen will also be open. Come and take some chances on some great prizes! All are welcome to attend.

Good Shepherd Catholic School will celebrate Catholic Schools Week from January 26th through February 1st. We will kick off the week with our annual Open House on Sunday, January 26th from 10:30 – 12:30. Come in and take a tour of the school, meet our dedicated faculty and staff, and register your child for the 2020-2021 school year.

Registrations are now being accepted for grades K through 8 for the 2020-2021 school year. We are also offering a full day 3 year and 4 year old Preschool program for next year. Call the school at 610-262-9171 to set up a private tour and talk about tuition assistance.



Souper Sunday of Caring: On Super Bowl weekend, February 1/2 students from our Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.) will be present at all Masses collecting funds for the Northampton Area Food Bank. Throughout the country Billions of dollars will be spent to celebrate the Super Bowl. Can you afford \$5 or \$10 to help feed the needy? Drop your donations in the soup pots that the teens will be holding after all Masses on Super Bowl weekend.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Donna Knoblach:** \$20 Steve Marsch.

Catholic Relief Services Collection: The weekend of **January 25/26**, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. **How will you help?** Please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise.** Envelopes are contained in your packet for this special collection.

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.

Mercy School for Special Learning Purse Bingo: On Sunday, January 19, 2020 Mercy School for Special Learning, 830 S. Woodward St, Allentown will host a Designer Purse Bingo. Purses include Kate Spade, Michael Kors, Coach & Vera Bradley. Doors open at 12pm (the kitchen will be open) and BINGO begins at 1 p.m. \$25 for 20 games by January 17th, Specials \$2 each. Tickets at the door \$30 call 610-797-8242 for reservations or email learning@mercyschool.org Accepting donations of small items or gift cards for TRICKY TRAY. Hope to see you there!

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