

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
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 19, 2020**

Daily Masses

Jan. 20, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Ellen Schiavo	Linda & Vinnie Santucci
Jan. 21, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mike Plata, Jr.	Sisters
Jan. 22, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Lewis A. Fellin	Sisters, Virginia Huber & Marylou Crossley
Jan. 23, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Ruth Gerrity	Bennett Family
Jan. 24, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Theresa Hutnick	Ed Bobeck
Jan. 25, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Ryan Zawada	Parents, Joe & Diane, Brother, Joe and Sister, Jenny
Jan. 26, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Connie Marth	Knights of Columbus Council #4050
	10:30 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Jan. 25, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	L. Assante	J. Warren/H. Warren	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Jan. 26, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	J. Ciecko	N. Millan	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	(Children's Mass)	D. Maron	B. Woolsey/G. Miletics	T. Kush/R. Marakovits

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in honor of and for the safety of the young men and women of our military.

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

Good News!

January 19, 2020
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is 49:3, 5-6; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

"My servant" is an identification a lot of people will shy away from. A servant seeks to accomplish someone else's goals, and the adjective "my" suggests belonging to another. Yet all of today's readings describe individuals who are proud to be servants—servants of God. What makes this kind of servant something to which all of us can aspire? As a servant of God, Isaiah became "a light to the nations that [God's] salvation may reach to the ends of the earth" (Isaiah 49:6).

As a servant of God, Paul became "an apostle of Christ Jesus," proclaiming the good news of God's love "to the church of God that is in Corinth." As a servant of God, John the Baptist prepared the way so that Jesus "might be made known to Israel" (John 1:31). These servants sought to accomplish God's goals for the fulfillment of others. It is in such commitment to others that we ourselves are fulfilled. Ask any parent, lover, or good friend if this is not the case.

We might not want to be the servant of another, but what a privilege it is to be called to be a servant of God, a light to others, to proclaim God's love and make Jesus known. By our baptism, we have all been so called. We enlighten others by the way we live with integrity. The unselfishness of our lives proclaims the good news of Christ Jesus. Authentic Christian living makes him known to the world. That's what it means to be a servant of God.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – January 20

Weekday
1 Sm 15:16-23 / Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday – January 21

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
1 Sm 16:1-13
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday – January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday – January 23

Weekday
1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7
Mk 3:7-12

Friday – January 24

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
1 Sm 24:3-21 / Mk 3:13-19

Saturday – January 25

Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
Acts 22:3-16
Mk 16:15-18

Sunday – January 26

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23-9:3
1 Cor 1:10-13, 17
Mt 4:12-23

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.
Prayer Shawl Meeting : Tuesday, January 21, 10 a.m.
Breakfast : Sunday, January 26, 2020
Children's Mass : Sunday, Jan. 26, 10:30 a.m.
Adoration : Friday, Feb. 7 after 8 am Mass
Donut/Giving Sunday : Sunday, February 9, 2020
Confirmation : Thursday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.
Church Picnic : Sunday, September 13, 2020

First Friday Adoration: The First Friday of February, February 7, 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.



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Ryan Zawada. They were donated by his Parents, Diane and Joe, Brother, Joe & Sister, Jenny.

Blessing of Throats: Saturday, February 1 and Sunday, February 2 throats will be blessed immediately after all Masses.

Candles will be Blessed for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2 – Candlemas Day). They will be available for your personal use. We ask an offering of \$3.50 per box to help cover the costs.

Sunday Breakfast: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **next 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 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.

Thank You to all who helped take down the Christmas decorations and clean our church last Saturday morning. We are blessed to have such great volunteers.

Catholic Relief Services Collection: Next weekend, **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.

Thanks: Carl and Hilda Wunderler and family want to express their profound gratitude to the parishioners of Assumption B.V.M. for your many acts of kindness, your prayers, memorial donations, and the offerings of Masses on the sad occasion of the death of their daughter, Carol Wunderler Strohe.

Mercy School for Special Learning Purse Bingo: Today, 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!

Volunteers Needed: February is the month assigned to our parish for volunteering to work at the Northampton Area Food Bank. Work is not strenuous and only requires a few hours on certain days. The more volunteers we have, the less work for all. If interested or for more information please call Bella Skweir at 610-262-2673.

Northampton Area Food Bank will hold a Super Bowl Purse and Gift Card Bingo on Sunday, February 2, in the Good Shepherd Catholic School Gym, 1300 Newport Avenue, Northampton. There will be 20 games for \$20 and five specials for \$5. Chinese Auction - 50/50 - Door prizes - Food. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. and Bingo will begin at 2:00 p.m. All paper bingo. Additional boards are available for purchase. To purchase tickets or for more info call: Kelly Frantz at 610-262-7826. "Snow Date: Sunday, February 9, 2020."

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.

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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