

# 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  
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 26, 2020**

**Daily Masses**

Jan. 27, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael Yankovig	Dr. Michael and Bella Skweir
Jan. 28, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†David Liskanich	Ann Marie and Gerald Kroboth
Jan. 29, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Rosemarie Meiley	Ron and Jane Spengler
Jan. 30, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Wasył Hewko	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
Jan. 31, Friday	8:00 a.m.	Health/Blessing Men of Malvern O.L.P.H. Group	
Feb. 01, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	
Feb. 02, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Strongowski	Susan Heffelfinger
	10:30 a.m.	†Louis Pavlovic	wife, Nancy, and family

**Next Week's Schedule: Lector:**

Feb. 01, Sat. 4:00 p.m. M.E. Schwartz  
Feb. 02, Sun. 8:00 a.m. J. Santee  
10:30 a.m. F. Kostecky

**Euch. Min.:**

C. Marth/F. Cerino/R. Shearman  
N. Birosik/J. Ciecko/J. Nicosia  
M. Sommer/D. Maron/T. Melosky

**Blessing of Throats:**

M. Hartman/L. Hartman  
S. Kroll/A. Kraus  
G. Heidecker

**Altar Servers:**

M. Hartman/L. Hartman  
S. Kroll/A. Kraus  
G. Heidecker

**Greeters:**

S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak  
G. Farkas/L. Gehringer  
A. Fry/L. Shaak

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

# Good News!

January 26, 2020

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 8:23—9:3; 1 Cor 1:10–13; Mt 4:12–23 or 4:12–1

“You’re breaking the back of the body of Christ!” Saint Paul might have said this to members of the Corinthian community who rival each other, claiming that the leader who baptized them is greater than the one who baptized others: “I belong to Paul...I belong to Apollos...I belong to Cephas” (1 Corinthians 1:12). This suggests that, based on their baptizer, the members themselves are superior. Such rivalry sounds so petty. We should be careful here, because some of this rivalry still exists in the Church.

In any healthy group there will be diverse opinions. We all have our own tastes, preferences, cultural habits, and so on. This is true in church music, preaching style, and religious devotion. The uniformity of the Church prior to the Second Vatican Council has given way to great diversity. What is different is not necessarily bad. Nor is our preference necessarily superior. Such diversity need not pit us against each other, but sometimes it does. Is Christ divided over points of preference?

We are all part of the body of Christ; we are all God’s beloved. The diversity among us challenges us to work toward the common good, to “be united in the same mind and in the same purpose” (1 Corinthians 1:10). Let us not divide Christ.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## Calendar:

**Monday – January 27**

Weekday  
2 Sm 5:1–7, 10  
Mk 3:22–30

**Tuesday – January 28**

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church  
2 Sm 6:12b–15, 17–19  
Mk 3:31–35

**Wednesday – January 29**

Weekday  
2 Sm 7:4–17  
Mk 4:1–20

**Thursday – January 30**

Weekday  
2 Sm 7:18–19, 24–29  
Mk 4:21–25

**Friday – January 31**

St. John Bosco, Priest  
2 Sm 11:1–4a, 5–10a, 13–17  
Mk 4:26–34

**Saturday – February 1**

Weekday  
2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17  
Mk 4:35–41

**Sunday – February 2**

Presentation of the Lord  
Mal 3:1–4  
Heb 2:14–18  
Lk 2:22–40

**Rel. Ed. Classes** : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.  
**Prayer Shawl Meeting** : 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.  
**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rel. Ed.** : Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
**Choir Rehearsal** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.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.  
**BVM Night – Iron Pigs** : Thursday, August 13, 2020  
**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 William Birocik. They were donated by his wife, Nancy Jane, daughter, Stephanie, son, Billy, and family.

**Blessing of Throats:** Next 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 **today, 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 26<sup>th</sup> through February 1<sup>st</sup>. We will kick off the week with our annual **Open House today, Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup> 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:** Next weekend, (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 on Saturday, January 11. We are blessed to have such great volunteers.

**"Donut/Giving Sunday":** Sunday, February 9, 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 John and Margaret Harhart by their children.**

**Night at the Ball Game:** Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Thursday, August 13** on the Party Porch, 1<sup>st</sup> base line, at Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Ironpigs Way, Allentown hosted by B.V.M. Choir. Food will be available from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Game starts at 7:05 p.m. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, July 1. For more information call Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138. Cost is \$40 per person. You can place your payment in the church collection basket to hold your tickets (reservations). Please make checks payable to the church.

**Saint John The Baptist (Stiles) Tricky Trays:** Saint John the Baptist Church, Whitehall, will sponsor their Fourteenth Annual Tricky Trays/Basket Social on Saturday, February 15, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at their Social Hall, 3120 Chestnut Street, Whitehall. Ticket entries one day only! You can purchase tickets at the door. There will be a special raffle for big-ticket items. Plenty of parking behind the hall. You do not have to be present to win. Kitchen will be open. Winners will be called and can pick up baskets Sunday, February 16, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. at the hall.

**"Care Notes":** Please check the "Care Notes" rack in the back of the church for helpful pamphlets in dealing with the loss of a loved one.

**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."

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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