

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
The Presentation of the Lord – February 2, 2020**

Daily Masses

Feb. 03, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Jean Wieder	Friend
Feb. 04, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Margaret Tepes	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Feb. 05, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Joseph Sentiwany, Sr.	M/M Louis Lindl
Feb. 06, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Georgina Galarza Santos	John and Betty Toolan & Family
Feb. 07, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Janet Pavlick	Linda and Vinnie Santucci
Feb. 08, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Al Marhefka	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Feb. 09, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Helen Maron	Joanne and Juliet

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Feb. 08, Sat. 4:00 p.m. C. Fisher
Feb. 09, Sun. 8:00 a.m. C. Kroll
10:30 a.m. D. Heckenberger

Euch. Min.:

B. Kosman
C. Walsh
J. Nicosia

Altar Servers:

A. Colandrea/M. Warren
W. Cuchran
A. Miletics/D. Conrad

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 Kenneth Crouthamel requested by Crouthamel Family.

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

Good News!

February 2, 2020

Presentation of the Lord (A)

Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40

Everyone wants to belong to someone or something. In fact, we do not merely want to belong; we need to belong. However, sometimes we forget to whom we really belong. This feast reminds us to whom Jesus belonged. The reading from Hebrews underscores the fact that Jesus was one of us. He also was a descendant of Abraham, thus we are his brothers and sisters. But he really belonged to God.

The ritual of presentation, a ritual that was and continues to be common in religious Israel, was meant to remind everyone to whom we belong. True, only male infants were so presented. This reflects the custom of tracing lineage in the family, tribe, or clan through the male line, with women participating through the agency of men. This cultural gender bias need not prevent us from understanding the profound meaning of the presentation. Though one of us, Jesus belonged to God.

The Gospel story tells of a man and a woman who recognized that this child would be the one through whom God saves all people. It describes two important religious insights: First, it acknowledges that the child we cherish as one of us really belongs to God. Second, it illustrates how each child has a mission to the world to somehow make it a better place. So even with its gender and cultural bias, this feast is about us as well as Jesus. We all belong to God; and we all have a mission to the world.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – February 3

Weekday

2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13

Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday – February 4

Weekday

2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a,

30-19:3

Mk 5:21-43

Wednesday – February 5

St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

2 Sm 24:2, 9-17

Mk 6:1-6

Thursday – February 6

St. Paul Miki and Companions,
Martyrs

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12

Mk 6:7-13

Friday – February 7

Weekday

Sir 47:2-11 / Mk 6:14-29

Saturday – February 8

Weekday

1 Kgs 3:4-13

Mk 6:30-34

Sunday – February 9

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 58:7-10

1 Cor 2:1-5

Mt 5:13-16

Rel. Ed. Classes : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.
Prayer Shawl Meeting : 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
7th & 8th Grade Rel. Ed. : Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Adoration : Friday, Feb. 7 after 8 am Mass
Donut/Giving Sunday : Sunday, February 9, 2020
Breakfast : Sunday, February 23, 2020
Children's Mass : Sunday, Feb. 23, 10:30 a.m.
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 James Kovacs. They were donated by his wife, Connie, and family.

Blessing of Throats: This 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 on **Sunday, February 23**. Please support this fundraising 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 browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door. This month's special is Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast.** Thank you all for supporting this parish fundraiser.

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.



Souper Sunday of Caring: This 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.

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.



"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, 1st 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.

Bingo: Queenship of Mary will host a Designer Purse and Gift Card Bingo on Sunday, February 16, at Good Shepherd Catholic School Gymnasium. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m., games begin at 12:30 p.m. Advanced Ticket Sales: \$20 call Peter at 610-972-5407; Tickets at door: \$25. Food and drinks will be available for purchase. Also there will be a bake sale and 50/50 raffle. All are welcome to attend.

Northampton Area Food Bank will hold a Super Bowl Purse and Gift Card Bingo **today, 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."

"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.

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BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 23, 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

Creamed Chipped Beef on toast

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea