

# 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  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 8/9, 2020**

**Daily Masses**

Feb. 10, Monday	8:00 a.m.	† Paul Kelly	Ann Wills & Son, Jim Estate
Feb. 11, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	† John J. Budihias	Cousins
Feb. 12, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	† Frank Szoke	John & Elizabeth Kuchera Husband, Bernie
Feb. 13, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	† John & Mary Wanisko	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Feb. 14, Friday	8:00 a.m.	† Helen Marhefka	Sons, David and Paul
Feb. 15, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	† Living & deceased members of our Parish	Rossini Family
Feb. 16, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	† Helen Humenik	
	10:30 a.m.	† Maria & Mariano Rossini	

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

Feb. 15, Sat. 4:00 p.m. S. Parker  
Feb. 16, Sun. 8:00 a.m. D. Hozza  
10:30 a.m. L. Nemeth

**Euch. Min.:**

R. Shearman  
T. Melosky  
J. Nicosia

**Altar Servers:**

M. & L. Hartman  
S. Kroll/B. Woolslayer  
G. Miletics/A. Kraus

**Greeters:**

L. Bet/P. Schuler  
N. Birosik/D. Cesanek  
H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Helen Maron requested by Joanne Manning and "Juliet."

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

# Good News!

February 9, 2020  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)  
Is 58:7-10; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16Text

**T**he description of the disciples found in today's Gospel is an impressive compliment—and an even greater challenge. Jesus tells them they are "salt of the earth" (Matthew 5:13), bringing out the good taste of living. In other words, life would be bland and uninteresting without them. They are also the "light of the world" (Matthew 5:14), helping people find their way. Without them, others would stumble and fall. Jesus is telling them how important they are in the lives of others. They could each and all say: I am really something!

Such compliments are also a challenge. What must one do to be salt and light in the lives of others? The passage from Isaiah provides some suggestions: Share your bread with the hungry; shelter the oppressed and the homeless; clothe the naked; don't turn your back on your own; remove from your midst oppression, false accusation, and malicious speech. In other words, to be salt or light is to meet the needs of the needy. This teaching of Jesus is not as easy as it might at first look.

Jesus is speaking to his disciples, his followers. They are not those who are simply curious about this itinerant preacher or remarkable healer. They have chosen to follow him, not merely from place to place, but to model their lives after his. Isn't that what we also claim to be—his followers? Haven't we promised to model our lives after his? If so, as both compliment and challenge he says to us as well, "You are really something!"

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## Calendar:

**Monday – February 10**

Saint Scholastica, Virgin  
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13  
Mk 6:53-56

**Tuesday – February 11**

Weekday  
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30  
Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday – February 12**

Weekday  
1 Kgs 10:1-10  
Mk 7:14-23

**Thursday – February 13**

Weekday  
1 Kgs 11:4-13  
Mk 7:24-30

**Friday – February 14**

Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop  
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19  
Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday – February 15**

Weekday  
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34  
Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday – February 16**

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Sir 15:15-20  
1 Cor 2:6-10  
Mt 5:17-37

<b>Rel. Ed. Classes.....</b>	Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.
<b>Prayer Shawl Meeting.....</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
<b>7<sup>th</sup> &amp; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rel. Ed.....</b>	Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
<b>Choir Rehearsal.....</b>	Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
<b>Adoration.....</b>	First Fridays 8:15 – 9:15 a.m.
<b>Donut/Giving Sunday.....</b>	Sunday, February 9, 2020
<b>Breakfast.....</b>	Sunday, February 23, 2020
<b>Children's Mass.....</b>	Sunday, Feb. 23, 10:30 a.m.
<b>Confirmation.....</b>	Thursday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.
<b>BVM Night – Iron Pigs.....</b>	Thursday, August 13, 2020
<b>Church Picnic.....</b>	Sunday, September 13, 2020



**Memorial Flowers:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Frank and Helen Potosky. They were donated by daughter, Carol Jean Susko.



**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 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.**



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

**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.

**Get Well:** This past Tuesday, our parish secretary Joanne Manning has shoulder replacement surgery after an accidental fall at home. Please keep her in your prayers for a speedy recovery. If you would like to send 'get well' wishes, you may send them to the Rectory, and we will be sure to pass them along.

**St Catharine's Defenders of Life Present the movie...**

**The Case for Christ**

*Working to disprove the growing Christian faith of his wife, an investigative journalist chases down the biggest story of all time...with unexpected, life altering results! The Case for Christ is based on the true-life story of Lee Strobel, author of the best-selling book.*

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21st**  
**Doors Open at 6:00 pm,**  
**Movie Starts at 6:30 pm**

*At the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena Church  
Parish Activity Center (Church Basement)  
200 Block of North 18th Street, Allentown, PA 18104  
(Use the 18th Street entrance on the right of the church)*

**FREE ADMISSION**

Light refreshments served before the start of the movie  
Rated PG (Parental Guidance Suggested)

**"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.

**Canticle of Simeon (night prayer)**

**Antiphon:** Protect us Lord as we stay awake, watch over us as we sleep, that awake we may keep watch with Christ, and asleep, rest in his peace.

**Prayer:** Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled: my own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory be to the Father...

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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