

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
First Sunday of Lent – February 29/March 1, 2020**

Daily Masses

Mar. 02, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†William Birosik	Maria Elena Burnatowski
Mar. 03, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Ronald Lokay	Joe and Marie Bolcar
Mar. 04, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Anna Hartzell	Mary and John Herman
Mar. 05, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Colette Semler	Joanne and Juliet
Mar. 06, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Minnie Preisler	Daughter, Mary Ann Holmes and Family
Mar. 07, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Nunzia Mancino	Daughter, Luisa Assante and Family
Mar. 08, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Emil and Julia Makovsky	M/M Gerald J. Makovsky
	10:30 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	

Next Week's Schedule:

Lector:

Euch. Min.:

Altar Servers:

Greeters:

Mar. 07, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	B. Kosman	M. Hartman/L. Hartman	C. Kovacs/P. Madea
Mar. 08, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll	N. Birosik	S. Kroll/A. Kraus	B. Cwitkowitz/V. Haldeman
10:30 a.m.	F. Kosticky	J. Nicosia	G. Miletics/B. Woolslayer	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. Also remember in your prayers Mary Jane Kovach and Patricia Guttman, sister of Richard Siekonic and Priscilla Koch, who died recently.

Good News!

March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent (A)

Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

If only temptation was obvious, we might have a better chance of avoiding it. But sometimes it's so subtle. It often disguises itself as something rather attractive. This is precisely what happened in the Garden of Eden. Scripture says temptation takes on a living form—a serpent that convinces the woman that the fruit of the wisdom tree will make them “like gods, who know good and evil” (Genesis 3:5).

Who wouldn't jump at such a possibility? Actually, who hasn't already fallen into that trap—acting as if we are God, thinking we know everything or wishing to be in complete control? Our faith certainly encourages us to become more and more like God. What made that desire wrong was the way Adam and Eve sought to become like gods in their own way, not God's way.

The Gospel passage tells us that Jesus also was tempted. Who doubts that Jesus wanted to be successful in his ministry? But what would he do to ensure success? Would he use divine power to attract a following? No! Would he call upon God to protect him from misunderstanding, rejection, even physical harm? No! Would he bargain with the devil, who obviously exercised power over many people? No! That was not the way he would be the Messiah. Unlike the couple in the Garden, Jesus recognized what was wrong even when it was disguised as something good. How good are we at recognizing temptation in our lives?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – March 2

Lenten Weekday
Lv 19:1-2, 11-18
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday – March 3

Lenten Weekday
Is 55:10-11
Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday – March 4

Lenten Weekday
Jon 3:1-10
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday – March 5

Lenten Weekday
Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25
Mt 7:7-12

Friday – March 6

Lenten Weekday
Ez 18:21-28
Mt 5:20-26

Saturday – March 7

Lenten Weekday
Dt 26:16-19
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday – March 8

Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 12:1-4a 2
Tm 1:8b-10
Mt 17:1-9

Rel. Ed. Classes.....	Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.
Prayer Shawl Meeting.....	3 rd 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.....	First Fridays 8:15 – 9:15 a.m.
Confirmation.....	Thursday, March 5, 4:30 p.m.
Donut/Giving Sunday.....	Sunday, March 8, 2020
Breakfast.....	Sunday, March 22, 2020
Children's Mass.....	Sunday, March 22, 10:30 a.m.
First Holy Communion.....	Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m.
May Procession.....	Sunday, May 3, 2020
BVM Night – Iron Pigs.....	Thursday, August 13, 2020
Church Picnic.....	Sunday, September 13, 2020


First Friday Adoration: The First Friday of March, March 6, 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.


Lenten Activities: Mass: Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:00 a.m. **Stations of the Cross:** Wednesdays beginning on March 4 after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. **Confessions:** Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Blessed Palm: Old blessed palm may be brought to the church anytime during Lent. The palm will be burned for ashes to be used next year on Ash Wednesday.

Operation Rice Bowl is a wonderful way to bring the spirit of Lenten sacrifice home. Operation Rice Bowl allows millions of our starving brothers and sisters to benefit and it doesn't cost us a cent! To participate, choose one night a week to eat a sacrificial meal. We will publish suggested meals in the bulletin each week. The meal is designed to imitate the quantity of food eaten by the poor. Take the cost of the meal, subtract it from what you normally would have spent for dinner that day, and give the difference to Operation Rice Bowl. **This week's menu: French Toast with Syrup, Cinnamon Apple Sauce OR Cottage Cheese on Peach Halves, Oatmeal Raisin Cookies.**

Baptism: We are happy to welcome Dylan Scott Cope, child of Bryan and Jessica Cope, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Dylan Scott as he continues to grow in our faith.

 **"Donut/Giving Sunday": Next Sunday, March 8,** 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 Pauline and Stephen Marsch by their son, Steve.**

 **Sunday Breakfast:** Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **Sunday, March 22.** 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.** Thank you all for supporting this parish fundraiser.

Good Shepherd Catholic School News

Early Childhood Education Event: Good Shepherd Catholic School will host an Early Childhood Education Event for students entering Preschool and Kindergarten on **Saturday, March 14th, from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** The event will begin at 10 am in the front lobby of the school with a general overview of our Preschool and Kindergarten programs followed by tours of the classrooms. Registrations will be accepted for students interested in our 3 year old, 4 year old, and kindergarten programs. For more information call our Advancement Director, Mrs. Lauri Tripaldi, at 610-262-9171 or email her at mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com.

Stations of the Cross and Benediction will be held for the Good Shepherd Catholic School students and parishioners every Wednesday during Lent beginning on March 11th at 1:30 in Queenship of Mary Church. Good Shepherd Catholic 8th grade students will present Living Stations on **Wednesday, April 1st, at 1:00** in Queenship of Mary Church. All are welcome to attend Stations and/or Living Stations.



Cemetery Clean-up: To prepare our cemetery (and mausoleum) for spring and the Easter holiday you are asked to please remove your Christmas plants and decorations **by Sunday, March 15.** Any Christmas decorations left on the graves or at the mausoleum after this date will be discarded. If you know of any non-parishioners having graves or crypts on our cemetery, please pass along this information.



Just A Reminder that Daylight Savings Time begins next **Sunday, March 8, 2020.** Don't forget to turn your clocks **AHEAD** one hour before going to sleep next Saturday night.

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.

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BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 22, 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