

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 of Lent – March 7/8, 2020**

Daily Masses

Mar. 09, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Rosemarie Meiley	Charles Petz
Mar. 10, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Haldeman	Gene and Carol Zarayko
Mar. 11, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Elizabeth Yatsura	Daughter, Martha
Mar. 12, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Jane Kovach	Mary and John Herman
Mar. 13, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Susan & Rudolph Bauer	Carol and Gary Houck
Mar. 14, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Poandl	Family
Mar. 15, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Janice Kuhlenbecker	Friend
	10:30 a.m.	Living & deceased members of our Parish	

Next Week's Schedule:

Lector:

Euch. Min.:

Altar Servers:

Greeters:

Mar. 14, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	R. Shearman	A. Nederostek/J. Warren	L. Bet/P. Schuler
Mar. 15, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	J. Ciecko	N. Millan	N. Birosik/D. Cesanek
10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger	M. Sommer	G. Heidecker	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

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!

March 8, 2020

Second Sunday of Lent (A)

Gn 12:1-4a; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Today's readings don't seem Lenten. They are uplifting, not penitential. God makes promises to Abram of extraordinary good fortune, political protection, and international status. The man must have been thrilled. Paul reminds Timothy that the life of holiness and blessing to which we have been called is a gift from God; always available to us, and not a reward for any good works we might have performed. And then we hear of Jesus' transfiguration in the sight of a few disciples. They were so overwhelmed by that spectacular experience they wanted to pitch tents so they wouldn't have to leave the place. How are such wondrous ideas penitential?

While God's marvelous blessings are free gifts, we are expected to respond to them appropriately, to accept them and use them for the common good. Abram's blessings were not simply for him and his family. "All the families of the earth will find blessing in you" (Genesis 12:3). His blessings would open a door to others—other nations, other ethnic groups, other religious communities. Abram was not simply chosen by God. He was chosen so that others might be blessed through him.

Timothy was instructed to "bear your share of hardship for the gospel" (2 Timothy 1:8). The blessing might be a gift, but it carried the responsibilities of discipleship. The voice from heaven told the disciples: "Listen to him" (Matthew 17:5). Being chosen by God or having seen the glory of Jesus calls for a change of mind and heart. This change isn't easy to accomplish. It is the reason for penance.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – March 9

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday – March 10

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday – March 11

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

Thursday – March 12

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

Friday – March 13

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday – March 14

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday – March 15

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 17:3-7

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42

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.
Stations of the Cross.....	Wednesdays, after Mass
Choir Rehearsal.....	Wednesdays, after Stations
Adoration.....	First Fridays 8:15 – 9:15 a.m.
Donut/Giving Sunday.....	Sunday, March 8, 2020
Kolach Orders Due.....	Monday, March 16
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

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.

A Mass of Remembrance will be offered on Wednesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. to remember loved ones who have passed away. Please call the rectory if you are interested in attending, with the name of the person you would like remembered, and the number of family members attending the Mass. Immediately after the Mass of Remembrance you all are invited to a reception in the church social hall.

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: Baked Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Fruit Cocktail.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Mary Jane Kovach:** \$20 Frances & Eugene Grabarits; \$25 Hilda & Carl Wunderler; \$25 Conrad Marth; \$25 Ed & Martha Hozza; \$25 Helen & Stephanie Kerbacher; \$25 Bill & MaryAnn Holmes; \$50 James & Patricia Olesak; \$100 Jo Ann Koehler; \$20 Robert Dougherty; \$20 Mark Benesky; \$50 Robert & Tina Daku; \$30 Willard Miller; \$25 Mary Ann Liskanich & Family; \$25 Steve & Ann Marie Graff; \$50 Stephanie & Joseph Olesak; \$20 Stephen Flytuta; \$40 Nancy & Michael Schneider; \$50 Judith Haldeman; \$25 Joseph Schwartz; \$50 Mary Ann & Francis Kovach; \$20 John Yurish; \$25 Elizabeth Hanzarik; \$25 Joan & William Filipovits; \$25 Frank & Eileen Laufik; \$50 James Eisenhart **In memory of Theresa Emerick:** \$25 Hilda Pany; \$25 Virginia Haldeman. **In memory of Dorothy Kratzer:** \$40 Nancy & David Miller.

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 next Sunday, March 15.** Any Christmas decorations left on the graves or at the mausoleum after this date will be discarded.

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.

"Donut/Giving Sunday": Today, 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.

Slovak Kolach Sale: Your Easter Slovak Kolach **orders are due by Monday, March 16.** Please complete the pink colored form and return it with your payment. The cost is \$16.00 each. Additional order forms are available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, April 4 and Sunday, April 5.

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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