

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 of Lent – March 28/29, 2020

Msgr. Koons will offer Mass for

Mar. 30, Monday	†Vietnam War Veterans and their families	Catholic War Veterans Post 454
Mar. 31, Tuesday	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Apr. 01, Wednesday	Special Intention	Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons
Apr. 02, Thursday	†Margaret Smith	Al Schulter and Family
Apr. 03, Friday	†Special Intention	Family
Apr. 04, Saturday	†Ryan Zawada	Parents, Joe & Diane, Brother, Joe and Sister, Jenny
Apr. 05 Sunday	†John M. Humenik	Dolores O'Mara

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week for the health and blessing of our pastor, Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, and the parishioners of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish.

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

Good News!

March 29, 2020

Fifth Sunday of Lent (A)

Ez 37:12-14 / Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

It is not ghosts that come out of these graves, but a second chance at life. Ezekiel compares the reestablishment of ancient Israel after the exile with the dead rising alive from their graves. They are filled with God's spirit, God's power of life, and they have a second chance at living. Only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus performs an even greater marvel. He actually brings Lazarus back from death, giving him a second chance at living. Once again, only the graciousness of God could imagine such a marvel; only the power of God could accomplish it. Jesus is that graciousness and that power, as he declares: "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25).

After its reestablishment, Israel was not immune to failure, nor was Lazarus exempt from eventual death. That was not the point. The point was a demonstration of divine generosity at that particular moment. As seen in the Gospel reading, the point is Jesus' self-identification: "I am the resurrection and the life." What follows is paradox: Those who live in him will not die; even if they die, they will live.

Joined to the one who is the resurrection and the life, we too will be raised from our graves and be transformed into a new life. We will never again face failure, as did the Israelites, or death, as did Lazarus, for the Spirit of Jesus will live in us.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – March 30

Lenten Weekday
Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62
Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday – March 31

Lenten Weekday
Nm 21:4-9
Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday – April 1

Lenten Weekday
Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday – April 2

Lenten Weekday
Gn 17:3-9
Jn 8:51-59

Friday – April 3

Lenten Weekday
Jer 20:10-13
Jn 10:31-42

Saturday – April 4

Lenten Weekday
Ez 37:21-28
Jn 11:45-56

Sunday – April 5

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Mt 21:1-11
Is 50:4-7
Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14-27:66

Rel. Ed. Classes.....	CANCELLED
Prayer Shawl Meeting.....	CANCELLED
7th & 8th Grade Rel. Ed.....	CANCELLED
Choir Rehearsal.....	CANCELLED
Adoration.....	CANCELLED
First Holy Communion.....	Saturday, May 2, 9:00 a.m.
May Procession.....	Sunday, May 3, 2020
Giving Sunday.....	Sunday, May 10, 2020
BVM Night – Iron Pigs.....	Thursday, August 13, 2020
Church Picnic.....	Sunday, September 13, 2020

PARISH WEBSITE-

Our parish website is updated: links available for online giving, the bulletin, and videos of Mass, rosary, and Stations of the Cross.

<https://bvm-northampton.com/>

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

Connect to the parish at

<https://www.facebook.com/pg/Assumption.BVM.Northampton.PA>

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.

Slovak Kolach Sale: Your Easter Season Slovak Kolach orders will be ready for pickup **next weekend, Friday, April 3, and Saturday, April 4** in the church social hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Mary Jane Kovach:** \$25 Ann Fry; \$25 Joseph and Diane Zawada; \$25 Marjorie Lavin. In memory of Patricia Guttman: \$75 James Harhart and Nancy Musgnung; \$25 Louise Fritchey; \$50 Richard and Linda Siekonic; \$50 Alice Dankel.

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: Yankee Bean Soup, Saltines, Fresh Orange OR Cheese Ravioli with Tomato Sauce, Peach Slices.

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.

Good Shepherd Catholic School News

Registrations: Good Shepherd Catholic School is now accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year for grades Kindergarten through 8, Preschool 3, and Pre-K 4. For more information, or to schedule a tour please contact our Advancement Director Mrs. Lauri Tripaldi at 610-262-9171 or email her at mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com.



Pierogie Making for the Church Picnic: MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, July 31 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 1 starting at 7:00 a.m.** Friday we will be peeling and cooking potatoes. Saturday we will be making, cooking and packing the pierogies. Please come and help. The more help we have, the faster we get done. **We need both Men and Women. Please come and join us. We do have fun.**

**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.
Featuring the music of "Flirtin' With The Mob"
4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

A PRAYER FOR PROTECTION IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

O Mary, you always brighten our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who, at the Cross, took part in Jesus' pain while remaining steadfast in faith. O loving Mother, you know what we need, and we are confident you will provide for us as at Cana in Galilee. Intercede for us with your Son Jesus, the Divine Physician, for those who have fallen ill, for those who are vulnerable, and for those who have died. Intercede also for those charged with protecting the health and safety of others and for those who are tending to the sick and seeking a cure. Help us, O Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus, who took upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows, so as to lead us, through the Cross, to the glory of the Resurrection. Amen. Under thy protection we seek refuge, O Holy Mother of God. In our needs, despise not our petitions, but deliver us always from all dangers, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

*Adapted from the prayer of Pope Francis
KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS*

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