

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
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – April 4/5, 2020

Msgr. Koons will offer Mass for

Apr. 06,	Monday	†Irene Tanzosh	Patty and Steve Durics
Apr. 07,	Tuesday	†Carolyn Wuchter	Conrad Marth
Apr. 08,	Wednesday	†Mike Plata, Sr.	Daughters
Easter Triduum			
Apr. 09,	Holy Thursday	Mass of the Lord's Supper – Intentions of Monsignor Koons	
Apr. 10,	Good Friday	Celebration of the Lord's Passion	
Apr. 11,	Holy Saturday	†Connie Marth	William and Connie Molchany
Easter Sunday			
Apr. 12,	Easter Sunday	Intentions of Monsignor Koons	

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of the sons and daughters of John and Mary Wanisko requested by John and Elizabeth Kuchera.

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

Dear Padre

April 5, 2020

How can I use Jesus' entry into Jerusalem to find spiritual meaning for myself during Holy Week?

The Gospel tells us that Jesus goes to Jerusalem knowing he will suffer and die there. Jerusalem is the place where prophets have been killed in the past (Matthew 23:37). Jesus predicts his passion in the Gospel of Matthew three times (Matthew 16:21, 17:22, and 20:17). Jesus, the one sent by God, will meet the same fate as the prophets who had been sent by God to call Jerusalem to conversion. He goes to Jerusalem as a prophet, to preach God's saving word to the very people who will turn on the messenger.

Jesus isn't fooled by the enthusiastic crowd of people who throw him a welcome party and refer to him as the prophet coming in God's name. He tells them that he comes in humility, as the prophet foretold: "Your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass" (Matthew 21:5).

He challenges their expectations by referencing the prophet Zechariah's humble king. In the second reading we hear a hymn to Jesus' humility, which praises his willingness to give of himself, even unto death.

Jesus' hopes aren't based on the crowd's emotions. He has chosen to obey his Father's will, and if that obedience leads him to the place where prophets have gone before him, so be it. He is ready to suffer and die. We need Jesus' example and grace to remain faithful in the face of flattery, scorn, and threat. Live this week seeking to have the mind of Christ, to live his humility.

—Fr. Timothy McCanna

Calendar:

Monday – April 6

Monday of Holy Week
Is 42:1–7 / Jn 12:1–11

Tuesday – April 7

Tuesday of Holy Week
Is 49:1–6

Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

Wednesday – April 8

Wednesday of Holy Week
Is 50:4–9a / Mt 26:14–25

Thursday – April 9

Holy Thursday
Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
1 Cor 11:23–26 / Jn 13:1–15

Friday – April 10

Good Friday
Is 52:13–53:12
Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
Jn 18:1–19:42

Saturday – April 11

Holy Saturday
Gn 1:1–2:2 / Gn 22:1–18
Ex 14:15–15:1
Is 54:5–14 / Is 55:1–11
Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4
Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28
Rom 6:3–11
Mt 28:1–10

Sunday – April 12

Easter
Acts 10:34a, 37–43
Col 3:1–4 / Jn 20:1–9

Rel. Ed. Classes..... CANCELLED
Prayer Shawl Meeting..... CANCELLED
7th & 8th Grade Rel. Ed..... CANCELLED
Choir Rehearsal..... CANCELLED
Adoration..... CANCELLED
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>

Schedule of Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday: Mass live-streamed from Sacred Heart, Bath at 10AM to both Assumption BVM Facebook page and Sacred Heart Bath Facebook page. Monsignor Koons will concelebrate with Father Chris Butera, Pastor of Sacred Heart, main celebrant.

Palms for BVM Parish will be blessed and kept in reserve for distribution at a later date.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week: Mass at 8 AM each day, live-streamed from Assumption BVM Parish to Assumption BVM Facebook page. Videos will be available on the Parish website, BVM-Northampton.com

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of Holy Week Confessions available after the 8AM Mass each morning. Please maintain social distance from one another, sit or kneel on the kneeler away from the confessional screen.

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Supper: Mass to be live-streamed, time To Be Announced. Monsignor Koons will be the main celebrant, and Father Butera will concelebrate. Live-stream feed from Assumption BVM Church to be posted on both the Assumption BVM Facebook Page and the Sacred Heart, Bath Facebook page. Assumption BVM Church will be closed for the Mass and afterwards.

Good Friday: Service to be live-streamed from Sacred Heart Bath to both parish Facebook pages. Time to be announced.

Holy Saturday: Blessing of Easter Food will be live-streamed from Assumption BVM Church at 12 noon.

Easter Vigil: Mass will be live-streamed from Assumption BVM Church, Monsignor Koons, celebrant, Father Butera, concelebrant. Time to be announced.

Easter Sunday: Mass will be live-streamed from Assumption BVM Church, Monsignor Koons, celebrant. Time to be announced.

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.

Cancelled



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.

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