

# 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 Easter – April 18/19, 2020**

**Msgr. Koons will offer Mass for**

Apr. 20, Monday	†Helen Swankoski	Stanley and Maryann Wimmer
Apr. 21, Tuesday	†Anna and Peter Rodick	Daughter, Rita Pavlick
Apr. 22, Wednesday	†Nello Rossini	Rossini Family
Apr. 23, Thursday	Health & Blessing – Priscilla and Ronald Koch on the occasion of their 60 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	Children and Families
Apr. 24, Friday	†Catherine Arnst	Granddaughter, Debra Kay and Family
Apr. 25, Saturday	†Joseph Seko, Jr.	Daughter, Mary Jane and Family
Apr. 26, Sunday	†Vienna Carly Savino	Grandparents, Hilda & Carl Wunderler

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Betty Crouthamel requested by Crouthamel Family.

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

# Dear Padre

**April 19, 2020**

***A friend of mine always makes such a big deal of the time after Easter. What is this Easter season all about?***

These days and weeks after Easter are indeed significant. We Christians are an Easter people. The resurrection is the cornerstone of our faith. Without the belief that Christ conquered death and our hope that we will share in that same victory over the grave, our faith is pointless. We celebrate with great fanfare that we are a redeemed people in Jesus Christ.

Every year our forty-day Lenten preparation of fasting and penance leads us to the feasting and joy of the fifty days of Easter. This unbelievable news that the risen Christ is in our midst draws us into a festival that cannot be contained in a single day. "The fifty days from Sunday of the Resurrection to Pentecost Sunday are celebrated in joy and exultation as one feast day, indeed as one 'great Sunday'" (The Roman Missal, "Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year and Calendar," 22).

Part of the challenge of Easter is learning again how to celebrate a fifty-day feast. Most Catholics do not think of Easter as an extended feast. We tend to see Easter, the ascension, and Pentecost as three separate, independent feast days, each with its own themes. The truth of the matter is that they are all part and parcel of the other, intertwined and borne of the same glorious fact of Christ's resurrection. This is a perfect time to remind ourselves of that joyous and significant connection.

—Fr. Joseph Ring

## Calendar:

### **Monday – April 20**

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:23–31

Jn 3:1–8

### **Tuesday – April 21**

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32–37

Jn 3:7b–15

### **Wednesday – April 22**

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17–26

Jn 3:16–21

### **Thursday – April 23**

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27–33

Jn 3:31–36

### **Friday – April 24**

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34–42

Jn 6:1–15

### **Saturday – April 25**

St. Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b–14

Mk 16:15–20

### **Sunday – April 26**

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22–33

1 Pt 1:17–21

Lk 24:13–35

Rel. Ed. Classes..... CANCELLED  
 Prayer Shawl Meeting..... CANCELLED  
 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> 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>

**Sanctuary Candle** by the Blessed Virgin Mary statue is burning this week for the health and blessing of Priscilla and Ronald Koch on the occasion of the 60<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary.



**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.

**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 email her at [mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com](mailto: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.**

**Save Aluminum Pull Tabs** – Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:**

New Registration                       Change of Address  
 Moving out of Parish                       Request Envelopes  
 **Request envelopes (returned home from college)**

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory

**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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