

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
Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 2/3, 2020

Msgr. Koons will offer Mass for

May 04, Monday	†Rita Roman	Nancy Birosik
May 05, Tuesday	†Carmine Rizzo	Mary Ann and Giuliano Liberatore & Family
May 06, Wednesday	†Joseph Sentiwany, Sr.	Roger Bodnar
May 07, Thursday	†Joseph and Mary Myirski	Family
May 08, Friday	†Allen Edelman	Wife and Family
May 09, Saturday	†Connie Marth	John and Joanne Krim
May 10, Sunday	Parish Mother's Day Intentions	

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Stephen Kotoris requested by Sister, Nikki.

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

Dear Padre

May 3, 2020

How will it happen that Jesus will come again and lead us “through the gates”?

We have it from the best of authorities that the date of the world's end is hidden. Jesus said, “But of that day and hour no one knows...but the Father alone” (Matthew 24:36). In spite of Christ's admonition that the day of his Second Coming is known but to God, there have been countless false prophets who have confidently but incorrectly predicted a date for the end of the world. Most of these foolish forecasters based their claims on misinterpretations of the Book of Revelation.

The main purpose of the Book of Revelation is to assure us that God's power will prevail. In the ongoing struggle between good and evil, there are times when evil seems to have the upper hand. No matter. Evil will be conquered and God's rule will extend over all creation.

The world might end tomorrow, or next year, or in five billion years. Jesus tells us we can't know for sure. We are sure, however, that this world will pass away. And for each one of us the world will end at the moment of death. What matters is that we should always be ready to meet Christ.

And we shall be ready if we follow Christ, our Shepherd, whom we meet in today's Gospel. Jesus leads us safely through this life by his teaching, his example, and his grace.

—Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, CM

Calendar:

Monday – May 4

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1–18

Jn 10:11–18

Tuesday – May 5

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19–26

Jn 10:22–30

Wednesday – May 6

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24–13:5a

Jn 12:44–50

Thursday – May 7

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13–25

Jn 13:16–20

Friday – May 8

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26–33

Jn 14:1–6

Saturday – May 9

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:44–52

Jn 14:7–14

Sunday – May 10

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 6:1–7

1 Pt 2:4–9

Jn 14:1–12

Prayer Shawl Meeting..... 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 and rosary.

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

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE

Connect to the parish at

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



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of F. Parker Lessel. They were donated by his wife, Eleanor and daughter, Suzanne Lessel.

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 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.**

REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM: Please keep saving your Redner's Save-A-Tape Receipts by using your Save-A-Tape Card. If you don't have one, just ask the cashier during your next shopping trip. Our church receives 1% for items you purchase, just by turning in your receipts. **So far this year we have received \$1,157.71. Just think, that's over \$1,100.00** received from pieces of paper you would normally throw in the garbage. Please place your **full receipts** in the containers located in the church vestibule. **We need the WHOLE receipt,** not just the bottom portion of the receipt. **See the letter from Redner's Markets, Inc. posted on the bulletin boards for more information.** Thank You!

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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