

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 Easter – May 9/10, 2020

Msgr. Koons will offer Mass for

May 11, Monday	†John Schneck	Rose Hurban and Family
May 12, Tuesday	†Alfred Toolan	John and Betty Toolan
May 13, Wednesday	†Suzanne Minnich	Cousin, Patty
May 14, Thursday	†Shirley Woolever	Daughter, Debra Kay, and Family
May 15, Friday	†Catherine Rosenberg	Ruth Marakovits
May 16, Saturday	†Alfred Kosman	Knights of Columbus Council #4050
May 17, Sunday	†Anna Hartzell	Daughter, Jane, Henry & Family

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of George and Mary Stefaniak by Daughter, Linda.

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

Dear Padre

May 10, 2020

Are there models I can use to help me better understand what a mother is to do or be?

A great model for mothers is the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Catechism of the Catholic Church uses the titles of Advocate, Helper, Benefactress, and Mediatrix when speaking of Mary (CCC 969). These titles are important in explaining Mary's special relationship to us, her children. We can also use these titles to show how mothers today can relate to their children and spouses.

Mary encourages us in our efforts to follow Christ. So it is the duty of all mothers to be a guiding presence to their children as they begin to pray and learn to follow the Lord.

As Advocate and Helper, Mary assists us by her own prayer and example. Mary prays for us, and we only have to read Scripture to understand Mary's example of listening to God. Today's mothers share the task of praying for their children and spouses. A mother's example of listening for God can teach her children the importance of seeking God's will.

As Benefactress, Mary is a patron and invites us to receive the graces that only her Son can bestow. In today's family, a mother offers a constant stream of love and encouragement to her spouse and children. She is the patron of love, a refuge from the harshness that life can bring.

As Mediatrix, Mary brings people together to be coworkers with Christ in the work of salvation. Also, a mother is a mediator, a coworker with Christ, helping her children and spouse on their journeys toward salvation. Her family is a little church where heaven and salvation are proclaimed. Happy Mother's Day!

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSSR

Calendar:

Monday – May 11

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5–18

Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday – May 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19–28

Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday – May 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1–6

Jn 15:1–8

Thursday – May 14

St. Matthias, Apostle

Acts 1:15–17, 20–26

Jn 15:9–17

Friday – May 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22–31

Jn 15:12–17

Saturday – May 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1–10

Jn 15:18–21

Sunday – May 17

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5–8, 14–17

1 Pt 3:15–18

Jn 14:15–21

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 Anna and Edward Weider. They were donated by daughter, Sandra Yonosh, and family.

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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