

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons**, Pastor  
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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**  
**Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 16/17, 2020**

**Msgr. Koons will offer Mass for**

May 18, Monday	†Rose Bet	Ciecko Family
May 19, Tuesday	†Ernest Woolever	Daughter, Debra Kay, and Family
May 20, Wednesday	†Carolyn Wuchter	Sr. Annette Seubert, S.P.
May 21, Thursday	†Mary Bauer	Mary LaBianca
May 22, Friday	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
May 23, Saturday	†Stephen Kerbacher, Sr.	Elaine Serensits and Family
May 24, Sunday	†Nick and Gene Savelli	Rossini Family

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

**Please pray** for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Patricia Lokay who died recently.

# *Dear Padre*

**May 17, 2020**

**After Mass a friend told me I belonged to “the priesthood of believers.” I’m not a priest! What did she mean?**

**At baptism, all of us became part of the laity.** The word laity comes from the Greek word laos, which means “people.” The laity are the people of God. As people of God, we all share in the priesthood of Christ. This is why the Church speaks of the “priesthood of all believers,” because when we were baptized we were incorporated into Christ’s priesthood. Each of us is called to exercise our common priesthood within the Church, strengthening and serving each other. The exercise of priesthood means, above all, to serve.

The Church speaks of Jesus as our High Priest, the one who offers himself as the sacrificial animal. Jesus is the priest and victim, offering himself as a sacrifice to God. The priesthood that Jesus exercises is one of self-giving. All those who are called to the priesthood of Christ are called to serve as he did, offering themselves in a spirit of service and love.

This “priesthood of all believers” shouldn’t be confused with the sacrament of Holy Orders, which ordains to the office of bishop, priest, or deacon. These men are called by God and ordained by the Church to exercise the particular ministry of preaching the good news and administering the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. During Mass, the ordained priest represents Christ and also acts on behalf of all the people of God. His sacramental priesthood represents the common priesthood of the whole Church.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

## **Calendar:**

### **Monday – May 18**

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 16:11–15

Jn 15:26—16:4a

### **Tuesday – May 19**

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 16:22–34

Jn 16:5–11

### **Wednesday – May 20**

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 17:15, 22—18:1

Jn 16:12–15

### **Thursday – May 21**

*The Ascension of the Lord*

Acts 1:1–11

Eph 1:17–23

Mt 28:16–20

### **Friday – May 22**

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 18:9–18

Jn 16:20–23

### **Saturday – May 23**

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 18:23–28

Jn 16:23b–28

### **Sunday – May 24**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Acts 1:12–14

1 Pt 4:13–16

Jn 17:1–11a

Prayer Shawl Meeting..... CANCELLED  
 Choir Rehearsal..... CANCELLED  
 Adoration..... CANCELLED  
 Giving Sunday..... Sunday, June 14, 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>

**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.**

**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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