

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
Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 23/24, 2020**

Msgr. Koons will offer Mass for

May 25, Monday	†Veterans	Catholic War Veterans Post 454
May 26, Tuesday	†Dale Hartzell	Betty Toolan
May 27, Wednesday	†Andrew B. Nederostek	Daughter, Betty, and Family
May 28, Thursday	†Amelia Cacciatore	M/M John Marshall
May 29, Friday	†Mary Jane Kovach	Patty and Steve Durics
May 30, Saturday	†Mary Lizak	Betty Toolan
May 31, Sunday	†Helen Maron	Hurban Family

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Herb Bitenc requested by his wife, Marie.

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

Dear Padre

May 24, 2020

**I want to deepen the spiritual sense of Christ in my life.
How can I create a strong spiritual connection to Jesus?**

Your answer may be within your own parish. I suggest you begin your spiritual journey by connecting with a parish outreach group. When I worked as a missionary in Brazil, I marveled at how the youth groups that I worked with brought a deeper spirituality to my own life.

It was common in Brazil to have a three-day retreat leading up to Lent. Although this was a youth retreat, it also energized the adults who worked with them. The highlight was on Ash Wednesday evening, when the teens would give public testimony at Mass to the Lord working in their lives. Their testimony inspired parishioners to rededicate themselves to educating the smaller children throughout the year. A youth group never lacks in spirit, which is usually contagious!

It's difficult to seek spiritual enlightenment alone. There's spiritual strength in numbers (even Jesus kept twelve disciples near him!), and even greater spiritual power within the graced walls of your parish. When you serve others, your spiritual path is deepened and expanded. Working with youths is just one way to enhance your spiritual connection. Remember the words of St. Paul: "There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit" (1 Corinthians 12:4-7).

—Fr. John Gouger, CSsR

Calendar:

Monday – May 25

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1-8

Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday – May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 20:17-27

Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday – May 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28-38

Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday – May 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11

Jn 17:20-26

Friday – May 29

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b-21

Jn 21:15-19

Saturday – May 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16-20,
30-31

Jn 21:20-25

Sunday – May 31

Pentecost

Acts 2:1-11

1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13

Jn 20:19-23

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, 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.**



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Herb Bitenc. They were donated by wife, Marie.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Anne Wills:** \$100 Niece, Joanne Manning; \$20 Joy and Sal Nicosia.

Halupki Dinner: St. Elizabeth Parish is sponsoring a Drive Thru Halupki Dinner on Saturday, June 27th. Dinner is \$10 and includes 2 halupki, mashed potatoes, rolls, butter & dessert; extra halupki can be ordered for \$4 each. Orders are due June 22nd. Pick up is at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall, 435 Pershing Boulevard, Whitehall from 4 – 6 pm. For more information or to place an order, please call Joan at 610-349-7791.

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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