

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
Pentecost Sunday – May 30/31, 2020

Msgr. Koons will offer Mass for

June 1, Monday	†Lisa Gardner	Parents, Ed and Carol
June 2, Tuesday	†Agnes Lobach	Veronica and Michael McCauley
June 3, Wednesday	†Elizabeth Strongowski	Jerry and Judy Nederostek and Family
June 4, Thursday	†Rosemarie Meiley	Mark and Karen Deutsch
June 5, Friday	†David Plata	Sisters
June 6, Saturday	†Mary Conarty	Bennett Family
June 7, Sunday	Living and deceased parishioners	
	†Frank Geosits	Wife, Dorothy, and Family

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Anne Wills requested by her niece, Joanne.

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

Dear Padre

May 31, 2020

I look forward to every Pentecost Sunday, when I am renewed in God's spirit. Recently I read an article that said the Holy Spirit is a she. Is the Holy Spirit female?

The third person of the Trinity is the Holy Spirit. The word spirit is a translation of the Hebrew word ruah, which can mean "breath," "air," or "wind." This is the wind that God first sent to create the world, it is the breath that God breathed into Adam and Eve, and it is the tongues of fire that the apostles experienced on the first Pentecost.

In Hebrew, the word used for the Holy Spirit is feminine. In Greek, the word used is neuter, and in Latin, the word used is masculine. Not surprisingly, this caused a few problems for the early Church, which included many Hebrew, Greek, and Latin speakers. In areas where Hebrew or another Semitic language, such as Syriac, was spoken, the Holy Spirit was thought of as feminine, and so images of the Holy Spirit as mother were common. These various images of the Holy Spirit were openly expressed until about the fourth century, when Latin took over as the dominant language in the West.

We believe that in the life of the Trinity, God the Creator begets the Son. The expression of the love between God and the Son is the Holy Spirit. Perhaps we shouldn't think of the Holy Spirit as being either gender. Saint John describes the Holy Spirit as being God's love (see 1 John 4:7-13).

On this Pentecost and always, I wish you God's Spirit of love.

—Fr. Paul J. Coury, CSsR

Calendar:

Monday – June 1

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

Gn 3:9-15, 20 or

Acts 1:12-14

Jn 19:25-34

Tuesday – June 2

Weekday

2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18

Mk 12:13-17

Wednesday – June 3

St. Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12

Mk 12:18-27

Thursday – June 4

Weekday

2 Tm 2:8-15

Mk 12:28-34

Friday – June 5

St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr

2 Tm 3:10-17

Mk 12:35-37

Saturday – June 6

Weekday

2 Tm 4:1-8

Mk 12:38-44

Sunday – June 7

Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9

2 Cor 13:11-13

Jn 3:16-18

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 George and Mary Stefaniak. They were donated by their daughter, Linda.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Anne Wills:** \$50 Marie Bitenc.

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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