

# 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**  
**The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ - June 13/14, 2020**

**Daily Masses**

June 15, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†members of our Memorial Fund	
June 16, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†John Naupauer, Sr.	Kathleen Wehr
June 17, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intentions	Joanne Manning
June 18, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Julius Strongowski	Daughter, Rita, and Family
June 19, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Bankos	Daughter, Ann
June 20, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Parish Father's Day Intentions	
June 21, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Parish Father's Day Intentions	
	10:30 a.m.	Parish Father's Day Intentions	

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Edward Bankos requested by Daughter, Ann.

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

# *Dear Padre*

**June 14, 2020**

## ***Why have many Christian religions been divided over the question of Christ's Body and Blood?***

**Today's Gospel indicates that even before the Last Supper,** Jesus' teaching about his Real Presence was met with skepticism. When Jesus said, "The bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world," the reaction was, "How can this man give us [his] flesh to eat?" (John 6:51-52). When Jesus continued, "Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him," his hearers shrugged: "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" (John 6:56, 60).

John's inclusion of this incident in his Gospel indicates that some of his contemporaries also denied Christ's Real Presence. Since then, some Christians have broken away from the Catholic Church because they could not accept the reality of Christ's eucharistic Presence. Some contend that Christ was speaking metaphorically—that the bread and wine merely symbolize the spirit of Jesus. Others say that Christ is present only as a result of the faith of the community and doesn't remain after the worship service.

The Catholic Church teaches that when Jesus pronounced, "This is my body...this is my blood," he meant exactly what he said. For Jews of Jesus' time, "body" meant the person, and "blood" was the source of life identifiable with the person. Jesus was saying over the bread and wine, "This is my very self." Church teaching couldn't be more clear: in the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 1374).

—Fr. Oscar Lukefahr, CM

## **Calendar:**

### **Monday – June 15**

*Weekday*

1 Kgs 21:1-16

Mt 5:38-42

### **Tuesday – June 16**

*Weekday*

1 Kgs 21:17-29

Mt 5:43-48

### **Wednesday – June 17**

*Weekday*

2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14

Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

### **Thursday – June 18**

*Weekday*

Sir 48:1-14

Mt 6:7-15

### **Friday – June 19**

*Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

Dt 7:6-11

1 Jn 4:7-16

Mt 11:25-30

### **Saturday – June 20**

*Immaculate Heart of the*

*Blessed Virgin Mary*

2 Chr 24:17-25

Lk 2:41-51

### **Sunday – June 21**

*Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jer 20:10-13

Rom 5:12-15

Mt 10:26-33

**Adoration.....** First Fridays after Mass  
**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>



Family.

**Memorial Flowers:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Frank Geosits. They were donated by his wife, Dorothy, and

**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.**



**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).

**Halupki Dinner:** St. Elizabeth Parish is sponsoring a Drive Thru Halupki Dinner on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup>. Dinner is \$10 and includes 2 halupki, mashed potatoes, rolls, butter & dessert; extra halupki can be ordered for \$4 each. Orders are due June 22<sup>nd</sup>. 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.

**Memorial Fund:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Ronald Weiner:** \$25 Rachael Suranofsky; \$25 Thomas Meyer; \$50 Ann Fry; \$100 Keith White; \$10 William and Rosemarie Martin; \$25 Eugene and Joann Grim; \$25 Phyllis Marakovits; \$25 Fred Molchany; \$50 Karen and Keith Schneck; \$25 Dorothy and Craig Hofelich.

**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.**

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**4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

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