

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
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 18/19, 2020

Daily Masses

July 20, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†John J. Budihias	Estate
July 21, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Marhefka	Children and Families
July 22, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Hilda Bendekovits	Marianne Ehrets
July 23, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Member of our Memorial Fund	
July 24, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Reinert	Catherine Macsisak
July 25, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Katherine and Michael Yatsura	Daughter, Dorothy Geosits, & Family
July 26, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Anne Ciecko	Ciecko Family
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

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

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

Good News!

July 19, 2020

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wis 12:13, 16–19; Rom 8:26–27; Mt 13:24–43 or 13:24–30

The Gospel reading consists of parables, one of which Jesus explains. The two that seem easy to understand compare the kingdom with a mustard seed that begins small and then grows large enough to welcome all manner of birds for nesting, and of a bit of yeast that completely transforms the entire batch of dough. The parable about the weeds in the field of wheat needed explanation. Any farmer would have recognized the situation described. We don't always know where they come from, but weeds seem to crop up everywhere. What should one do? Lest wheat be inadvertently pulled up, let both wheat and weeds grow till the harvest. That is the time of separation.

So, what's the meaning of these parables? Like the mustard seed, the kingdom—the new way of living that Jesus came to inaugurate—consists of small acts of unselfishness and genuine love. But it grows and grows until it is opened to all manner of people. Like the yeast, as insignificant as it might appear, this kingdom can transform all of society.

The parable of the wheat and the weeds is about the last judgment. But it also insists that the field (society), even the Church, is made up of both good and bad. It is very dangerous to try to get rid of what might be considered bad seeds, bad citizens, or bad members. One might pull up the wrong ones. There will be a time of judgment, and it will be in God's time, and in God's hands.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – July 20

Weekday

Mi 6:1–4, 6–8

Mt 12:38–42

Tuesday – July 21

Weekday

Mi 7:14–15, 18–20

Mt 12:46–50

Wednesday – July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1–4b

Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

Thursday – July 24

Weekday

Jer 2:1–3, 7–8, 12–13

Mt 13:10–17

Friday – July 24

Weekday

Jer 3:14–17

Mt 13:18–23

Saturday – July 25

St. James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7–15

Mt 20:20–28

Sunday – July 26

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12

Rom 8:28–30

Mt 13:44–52

Adoration..... First Fridays after Mass
Giving Sunday..... Sunday, July 12, 2020
Church Picnic..... Sunday, **September 12, 2021**

Rectory Summer Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or call for an appointment. **Rectory office is closed on Wednesdays.**

BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC APPEAL

As of July 9, 95 members from our parish family have joined the **2020 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC APPEAL** and have contributed \$26,068.20 to support food programs, senior services, community outreach, Catholic schools, and more. Every dollar helps those in need. Our parish goal is 100% participation! Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please visit the Because We Are Catholic Appeal website at www.BecauseWeareCatholic.org

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Betty Panik:** \$10 Connie Kovacs. **In memory of Rose Herschman:** \$25 Eileen Carbone. **In memory of Rose Barner:** \$10 Pat Madea.



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

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



Save Aluminum Pulltabs – Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

Good Shepherd Catholic School News:

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 at 610-262-9171 or email her at mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com.

Good Shepherd Catholic School is hiring! We are looking for elementary and middle school teachers, as well as a music teacher. If you are interested in applying, please call Mrs. Susan Parker, principal, at 610-262-9171 or email her at mrsparkergscs@gmail.com to set up an interview.



Good Shepherd Catholic School is pleased to be welcoming Sister Bernadette McCauley as a 6th grade homeroom teacher as well as departmental religion teacher in our school this Fall! As a Licensed Professional Counselor, she will also be our in-house Guidance Counselor for our students. Sister Bernadette wrote the bio below to introduce herself to our families. We are so happy to welcome Sister Bernadette to our wonderful school and look forward to her meeting all of our amazing students! "It is a great grace that God should permit us to assist in the spread of His kingdom." Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt

"These words of our Mother Foundress express my sentiments today. It is with joy and anticipation that I look toward meeting each of you this coming year. As a Sister of Christian Charity, I have been blessed to minister as an Elementary School teacher in primary grades for 7 years and upper grades for 8 years. Later, I branched out into the field of counseling as a Licensed Professional Counselor for children and youth. My most recent years in ministry have been in the area of Vocation and Formation work for our community. As a native of the Bronx, New York I am a die hard Yankee fan. Growing up in a family of eight (6 children) I learned the value of give and take, sharing, being satisfied with what we had and above all a love for God. I have heard so many wonderful things about our parishes and school. And so, until we meet face to face, may God bless you and keep you and those you love, healthy, safe and in His care."

Sister Bernadette McCauley SCC

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