

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
Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 1/2, 2020

Daily Masses

Aug. 3, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Joe, Betty and Mark Tanzosh	Family
Aug. 4, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†James Kovacs	Brenda and Bob Fritz
Aug. 5, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Robin Hall	Edward and Jill Wandler
Aug. 6, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Ronald Lokay	M/M Frank Marakovits
Aug. 7, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Hilda and Walter Holmes	Son, Bill, and Family
Aug. 8, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Poandl	Family
Aug. 9, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Anna Hartzell	Mike and Roxanne Krempasky

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Joe, Betty and Mark Tanzosh requested by family.

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

Good News!

August 2, 2020

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 55:1–3 • Rom 8:35, 37–39 • Mt 14:13–21

When God invites you to a meal, you never have to pay. It might be free, but it does have its demands. In fact, you are expected to open yourself to a total transformation. In the first reading, Isaiah mentions the renewal of an everlasting covenant. Perhaps a small dinner fee might be easier to handle.

This reading is quite tender. The needy are invited to a meal of grain, wine, and milk. Their neediness might explain why the meal is free. The invitation is magnanimous: “Come to me...that you may have life” (Isaiah 55:3). The Gospel story of the multiplication of the fishes and loaves reveals the same magnanimity. Jesus feeds all those who have followed him, no questions asked. This story follows a long tradition of miraculous feedings, which include the manna in the wilderness (Exodus 16) and Elisha multiplying bread (2 Kings 4:42–44). It’s natural to wonder just how that bread and those fish were able to satisfy so many, but there is another aspect of the story that should not be overlooked. The words, “He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples” (Matthew 14:19) will appear again in the account of the Last Supper (Matthew 26:26). Though this was the ritual performed at the daily Jewish meal, the eucharistic allusion is unmistakable.

Perhaps it is the psalm response that throws light on the primary focus of the readings. There the graciousness and kindness of the Lord are acclaimed: “You open wide your hand / and satisfy the desire of every living thing” (Psalm 145:16).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – August 3

Weekday

Jer 28:1–17

Mt 14:22–36

Tuesday – August 4

St. John Vianney, Priest

Jer 30:1–2, 12–15, 18–22

Mt 14:22–36

Wednesday – August 5

Weekday

Jer 31:1–7

Mt 15:21–28

Thursday – August 6

Transfiguration of the Lord

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14

2 Pt 1:16–19

Mt 17:1–9

Friday – August 7

Weekday

Na 2:1, 3; 3:1–3, 6–7

Mt 16:24–28

Saturday – August 8

St. Dominic, Priest

Hb 1:12–2:4

Mt 17:14–20

Sunday – August 9

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a

Rom 9:1–5

Mt 14:22–33

Adoration..... First Fridays after Mass
Giving Sunday..... Sunday, August 9, 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 23, 102 members from our parish family have joined the **2020 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC APPEAL** and have contributed \$26,863.20 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 Helen Sommer:** \$400 Members of the Sommer Family; \$25 Mary Ellen and Joseph Schwartz; \$20 Louise Karoly; 30 Frank and Eileen Laufik; \$20 Margaret Bannon; \$50 Mary Jandrasits and son; \$25 Jane and Bruce Gartner; \$25 Vince, Michael and Marianne Grabarits; \$20 Rachael Suranofsky; \$100 Dennis and Cheryl Sommer; \$25 Richard and Linda Shearman.



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of John and Rosalie Cimino. They were donated by daughter, Joy Nicosia, and Family.

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.

In this difficult time, it's very hard to physically be there to comfort someone in times of loss and grief.

For myself and my family, I'd like to thank and acknowledge all who were physically present in the last hours and also for the funeral of my mother, Helen Sommer. Monsignor Thomas Koons, Father Augustine Idra, Karen Glose the organist, altar server Jack Harhart, and others who were able to pay their respects or come to the funeral.

We also would like to acknowledge all who couldn't be there but who kept us in your thoughts and prayers. Our sincerest thanks and appreciation.

May God Bless you all.

Sincerely,

Michael Sommer

Food Festival – Curbside Pickup ONLY - Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 4456 Main St., Whitehall – Sunday, August 23 from 12:30-5:00p.m. Items available to purchase: Halupki (\$3ea.), Halushki (\$3ea.), Pierogies (3 for \$3), Bleenies (4 for \$4), Kielbasi Sandwiches (\$4ea). Place your order when you pull into the parking lot, park your car, and your order will be filled and brought to your car. Cash or Check (payable to Holy Trinity) will be accepted. Questions: 610-262-9315.

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 \$1,444.30. Just think, that's over \$1,400.00** received from pieces of paper you would normally throw in the garbage. Please place your **full receipts** in the collection basket. **We need the WHOLE receipt,** not just the bottom portion of the receipt. Thank You!

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.

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