

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
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 8/9, 2020**

Daily Masses

Aug. 10, Monday	8:00 a.m. †Joseph Myirski, Jr.	Family
Aug. 11, Tuesday	8:00 a.m. †Albert Buchanan	Vinnie and Linda Santucci
Aug. 12, Wednesday	8:00 a.m. †Lillianne Daigle	Bella and Mike Skweir
Aug. 13, Thursday	8:00 a.m. †Louis Tepes, Sr.	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Aug. 14, Friday	8:00 a.m. †John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
Aug. 15, Saturday	8:00 a.m. Health and Blessing – Sue Parker on the occasion of her 50 th Birthday	Joanne and Juliet
	4:00 p.m. †Geraldine Seko	Daughter, Mary Jane, and Family
Aug. 16, Sunday	8:00 a.m. Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m. †Pasqualino Iamalteo	Rossini Family

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of William Kotoris requested by daughter, Nikki.

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

Good News!

August 9, 2020

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

1 Kgs 19:9a, 11–13a • Rom 9:1–5 • Mt 14:22–33

This is still an unresolved theological issue. For so long the resolute answer of many was: the Roman Catholic Church is the people of God. However, the Second Vatican Council's Decree on Ecumenism (*Unitatis Redintegratio*) opened the Church's understanding to include all Christian denominations, paraphrasing Ephesians 4:4–5: "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one Baptism" (*UR 2*). The council went even further in the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church (*Lumen Gentium*), "calling together a people made up of Jew and Gentile, making them one, not according to the flesh but in the Spirit. This was to be the new People of God" (*LG 9*).

To be united with Protestants is one thing; to be united with Jews is quite another. For centuries, many interpreted the New Testament to say that the Jews lost favor with God. Such thinking supported—even caused—various forms of anti-Semitism, ethnic and religious persecution, and killings. We realized how wrong this thinking was. Vatican II quotes today's second reading and later states: "This sacred synod wants to foster and recommend...mutual understanding and respect which is the fruit, above all, of biblical and theological studies as well as of fraternal dialogues" (Declaration on the Relationship of the Church to Non-Christian Religions [*Nostra Aetate*], 4).

We may have corrected some grievous errors in this matter, but we have not gotten much further than Paul did in resolving the issue. However, he experienced "great sorrow and constant anguish in my heart" (Romans 9:2) because of the separation. Do we?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – August 10

St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr

2 Cor 9:6–10 / Jn 12:24–26

Tuesday – August 11

St. Clare, Virgin

Ez 2:8–3:4

Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday – August 12

Weekday

Ez 9:1–7; 10:18–22

Mt 18:15–20

Thursday – August 13

Weekday

Ez 12:1–12 / Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday – August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63

Mt 19:3–12

Saturday – August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27

Lk 1:39–56

Sunday – August 16

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 56:1, 6–7

Rom 11:13–15, 29–32

Mt 15:21–28

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.**

Please Note: Saturday, August 15, is the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Mass will be celebrated Saturday morning at 8:00 a.m.

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:** \$25 Susan Erie; \$50 The Grohotolsky Family; \$25 Steve Maitski.



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Edward and Mary Bankos. They were donated by their daughter, Ann I. Fry.

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



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.



Kenya Clothing Drive: I would like to take this opportunity to thank Assumption B.V.M. parish for allowing me to do this clothes and shoes drive for the most vulnerable families in TURKANA (KENYA). Also the financial support offered by the church will never be forgotten! To all the families that donated their clothes and shoes you are a blessings to these families and may your pockets never ran dry!

Am sorry I couldn't get pictures from some villages because they are rapidly remote with no phone services!

Again I am humbled by your love and support towards this drive! You all made it a successful one!!!!

God bless you all. Tabitha (Njenga) Kush



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.

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.

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