

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
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 15/16, 2020**

Daily Masses

Aug. 17, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Aug. 18, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Sommer	Ed and Martha Hozza
Aug. 19, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†George Neupauer	Ruth Marakovits
Aug. 20, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Carmine Rizzo	Paula and Bob Bryant and Family
Aug. 21, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Dina Brun	Bella and Mike Skweir
Aug. 22, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Lauren Geosits	Grandma, Dorothy, and Family
Aug. 23, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Thomas Marakovits	Wife, Ruth

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Geraldine Seko requested by Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Great Great Grandchild.

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

Good News!

August 16, 2020

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 56:1, 6–7 • Rom 11:13–15, 29–32 • Mt 15:21–28

Our need to belong often creates community. As nurturing and supportive as communities can be, they can also be exclusive, concerned only with the insiders and marginalizing the outsiders. Today's readings depict something remarkable. We read that foreigners, or outsiders, enjoy hospitality and privilege that one would expect insiders to receive.

The prophet Isaiah states that even foreigners will worship in the temple. This is not a story after conversion to the religion of Israel, but of Israel taking a step toward universality: "My house shall be called / a house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:7).

The Gospel story recounts a discussion between Jesus and a Canaanite woman. She was doubly marginalized—as an inferior woman and as a despised Canaanite. Yet, her love for her daughter compelled her to approach Jesus, pleading for help—something a "proper" Jewish woman would never do to a man, nor a Canaanite to a Jew. Many in Israel certainly had a sense of exclusivity, and a disdain for the Canaanites. Those may be evident in Jesus' reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matthew 15:24). But we can be sure that Jesus—God's love in the flesh—didn't share his countrymen's disdain for anyone. The woman, having heard that Jesus was a healer, remains undaunted. She crosses restrictive gender and ethnic lines in her search for help. Jesus finally praises her, not for her love, but for the faith that her love engendered. And she was a Canaanite!

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – August 17

Weekday

Ez 24:15–24

Mt 19:16–22

Tuesday – August 18

Weekday

Ez 28:1–10

Mt 19:23–30

Wednesday – August 19

Weekday

Ez 34:1–11

Mt 20:1–16

Thursday – August 20

St. Bernard, Abbot and

Doctor of the Church

Ez 36:23–28

Mt 22:1–14

Friday – August 21

St. Pius X, Pope

Ez 37:1–14

Mt 22:34–40

Saturday – August 22

The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ez 43:1–7ab

Mt 23:1–12

Sunday – August 23

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 22:19–23

Rom 11:33–36

Mt 16:13–20

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 Betty Panik:** \$50 Kristin and Roland Mink; \$50 Brenda and Forrest Koch; \$25 Joseph and Eleanor Delfoe; \$10 Gloria Hilbert.



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Annette Yurish. They were donated by Jake, Ann Marie, Tim and Little Joe.

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.

Good Shepherd Catholic School is hiring! We are looking for elementary and middle school teachers. 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.



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.



Hungarian Strudel Sale: The Knights of Columbus 14464 will be holding a strudel sale this month. We are working with Mattie's Strudel Haus LLC in Bath. She is well known in the area for her delicious authentic handmade Hungarian strudels. For order forms or more information

please contact strudel@kofc14464.org. Orders must be received and paid for by August 24, 2020. Pick up will be at Sacred Heart Church Parking Lot on Washington Street, Bath, PA. on Friday, September 11, 2020 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.



Saint Elizabeth Golf Outing: The 2nd Annual St. Elizabeth Regional School Golf Outing is scheduled for **September 26, 2020** at Whitetail Golf Club. Thank you to last year's participants for helping raise \$5,000 to increase our security at school and at church with new cameras. This year money will be saved for school scholarships. Contact Jason Kahr with sponsorship inquiries or questions at JKahr2@gmail.com or (267)246-8660. Golfers are encouraged to put together a foursome. \$90 per golfer includes Scramble Format Golf, Range Balls, Cart Fee, Prizes, On course contests, Dinner and Beverages* included. Checks can be made payable to: Saint Elizabeth Regional School. Thank you for your support!

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