

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
Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 22/23, 2020

Daily Masses

Aug. 24, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Kelly Koons	Fred & Lisa Koons
Aug. 25, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Barb Tripp	Betty Toolan
Aug. 26, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna Febert	Betty Toolan
Aug. 27, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Orsulak	Connie Kovacs
Aug. 28, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†James Arnst	Bennett Family
Aug. 29, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Anna and Henry Jandl	Conrad Marth & Family
Aug. 30, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Joseph Magochy, Jr.	Linda & Richard Shearman & Family

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Thomas Marakovits requested by Wife, Ruth.

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

Good News!

August 23, 2020

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Is 22:19–23 • Rom 11:33–36 • Mt 16:13–20

There are lots of reasons one could be in charge. You might be the only one left to do the job. Or, in the case of babysitting, you might simply be older. You could be in charge because you are a bully with the biggest fists, sticks, or guns. Or you might be in charge because you are the best qualified for the job. Today's readings offer us two stories about being chosen for leadership.

In the Old Testament reading, Shebna, an official in King Hezekiah's court, overreached his position of authority. He was demoted and replaced by Eliakim. Carrying the key symbolizes authority over the entire household. Placing it on the shoulder suggests an investiture ceremony. In the Gospel, entrusting Peter with the keys to the kingdom of heaven suggests similar authority, though in a significantly different household.

In both instances the position of authority is meant to be exercised for the benefit of the members of the respective household. It was precisely because of his failure in this matter that Shebna was demoted and Eliakim placed in charge. What about Peter? The Gospel tells us that the choice of Peter followed his remarkable statement of faith: "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God" (Matthew 16:16).

These stories tell us that God chooses very ordinary people for positions of leadership. Why them? Are they the only ones left? Are they the oldest? Were they the best qualified? It was not because they were bullies. Obviously God thought they could do the job.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – August 24

St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Rv 21:9b–14

Jn 1:45–51

Tuesday – August 25

Weekday

2 Thes 2:1–3a, 14–17

Mt 23:23–26

Wednesday – August 26

Weekday

2 Thes 3:6–10, 16–18

Mt 23:27–32

Thursday – August 27

St. Monica

1 Cor 1:1–9

Mt 24:42–51

Friday – August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop and

Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 1:17–25

Mt 25:1–13

Saturday – August 29

The Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Cor 1:26–31

Mk 6:17–29

Sunday – August 30

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7–9

Rom 12:1–2

Mt 16:21–27

Adoration..... First Fridays after Mass
Giving Sunday..... Sunday, September 13
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 August 20, 2020 111 members from our parish family have joined the **2020 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC APPEAL** and have contributed \$28,473.20 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 Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Lauren Geosits. They were donated by Aunt Carol, Uncle Jerry and Aunt Sharon.

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



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the St. Joseph's altar this week are in memory of Joseph Simoson, Jr. They were donated by his wife, Cindy.

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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