

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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 29/30, 2020

Daily Masses

Aug. 31, Monday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intentions	
Sep. 01, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Carolyn Wuchter	Ron and Priscilla Koch
Sep. 02, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Nederostek	Carol and David Stuber and Family
Sep. 03, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Marhefka	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Sep. 04, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Catherine and Frank Miletics	Daughter, Cathy, and Family
Sep. 05, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Kovach	Son, Paul, and Family
Sep. 06, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†John Pavlick	Barbara Lynn
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Louise 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 30, 2020

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Jer 20:7–9 • Rom 12:1–2 • Mt 16:21–27

In 1937, *The Cost of Discipleship* by a German Lutheran pastor, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, was published. The book reflected on the Sermon on the Mount, and the demands it outlined led to Bonhoeffer's arrest and eventual death at the hands of the Nazis. It can be very dangerous to be faithful to Jesus' way of life. This shouldn't surprise us. Jesus' teaching cost Jesus his life.

Though the Gospel reading does not provide us with a program of action, it repeats Jesus' charge to take up our cross and follow him. This cross is different for each of us; it makes very personal demands. We are called to lose our life for his sake. This was true at the time of Jesus; it is true today.

This was true at the time of the prophet Jeremiah as well. He was called to proclaim God's word to his own people. They would not listen. Instead, "I am an object of laughter; / everyone mocks me" (Jeremiah 20:7). The prophet wants relief from his prophetic responsibility. Who wouldn't? What follows is quite moving. He makes up his mind that he will stop talking about God—but he can't. "It [the word of God] is as if fire is burning in my heart... /I grow weary holding back" (Jeremiah 20:9). That is the cost Jeremiah had to pay. The cross was the cost Jesus paid. And what of us?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – August 31

Weekday

1 Cor 2:1–5

Lk 4:16–30

Tuesday – September 1

Weekday

1 Cor 2:10b–16

Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday – September 2

Weekday

1 Cor 3:1–9

Lk 4:38–44

Thursday – September 3

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 3:18–23

Lk 5:1–11

Friday – September 4

Weekday

1 Cor 4:1–5

Lk 5:33–39

Saturday – September 5

Weekday

1 Cor 4:6b–15

Lk 6:1–5

Sunday – September 6

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ez 33:7–9

Rom 13:8–10

Mt 18:15–20

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: Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Hutnick and Lessel Families. They were donated by Eleanor and Suzanne Lessel.

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 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.

Low Impact Aerobics Sign-ups: Looking for a night out with friends? Our instructor, Karen Hoff, is offering **10 weeks** of "distancing" aerobics on **Wednesday nights** (6:05 – 6:50 PM) from **September 2 to November 4** in St. Elizabeth's parish hall, 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall. The cost is only \$25.00 per person **for the entire 10 weeks: *this will be 45 minutes of aerobic exercise only.*** Registration is open until the maximum number of participants (24) is reached. Please contact Mary Spieker at the parish office to register 610-266-0695 or dirreled@sercc.org. **Temperatures will be checked at the door. Please wear you mask. Bring a friend!**



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.



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!

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 \$1,663.06. Just think, that's over \$1,600.00** 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!

Diocesan Anniversary Mass: Married couples around the Diocese will be invited to renew their vows and thank God for the gift of the Sacrament of Marriage during the annual Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass on September 13th at 11:00am. This year's Mass will be online so that all can participate safely from their homes. All are welcome to join in by watching the Mass on AD Today, YouTube, or Facebook. To receive the recognition and certificate from Bishop Schlert, couples can register online with the Diocese at www.allentowndiocese.org/anniversarymass. Deadline to register is Friday, September 4. If you have questions, email stewardship@allentowndiocese.org or call 1- 800-831-4443.

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