

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-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 5/6, 2020

Daily Masses

Sep. 07, Monday	8:00 a.m.	L/D members of the Bahnick Family	Family
Sep. 08, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†John S. Niderostek	Sister, Betty and Family
Sep. 09, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Irene Tanzosh	Jerry and Carol Miletics
Sep. 10, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph R., Anna and Michael A. Strella	Martha and William Reagan
Sep. 11, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth and Julius Strongowski	Daughter, Rita, and Family
Sep. 12, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Health and Blessing – Joanne and Larry Hiestand on the occasion of their 50 th Wedding Anniversary	Family
Sep. 13, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Fred Hurban	Hurban Family
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Mary Kovach 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!

September 6, 2020

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Ez 33:7-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt 18:15-20

This statement might sound like we are respecting the independence of others. It is none of our business how they live their lives, how they behave in society, how they worship God. We mind our own business; they mind theirs. After all, are we our brother's or sister's keepers?

Today's readings challenge this attitude. Ezekiel is told that he must proclaim God's will to the Israelites. If he reneges in his calling and someone dies in guilt, Ezekiel will be held responsible for that death. However, if the wicked refuse to hear this message, their death in guilt will be their own doing, for one must freely accept God's word. In the Gospel, Jesus outlines a way for his disciples to lead sinners back to the community. Both Ezekiel and the disciples have responsibilities to those who are not living faithfully. They both take steps to call them back. In this sense, they act as their brother's or sister's keeper. However, they do not meddle in the other's business. The sinner must freely decide to return. God does not force repentance.

This might be a hard message. Who wants to step up and point out another's error in leaving the Church? However, if we are really concerned, we will do what we can to bring them back. We might not proclaim like the prophet or the disciples did. But the way we live our lives should show them the true value in being a faithful follower of Jesus.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – September 7

Weekday

1 Cor 5:1-8

Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday – September 8

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

Wednesday – September 9

St. Peter Claver, Priest

1 Cor 7:25-31

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday – September 10

Weekday

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13

Lk 6:27-38

Friday – September 11

Weekday

1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27

Lk 6:39-42

Saturday – September 12

Weekday

1 Cor 10:14-22

Lk 6:43-49

Sunday – September 13

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30-28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

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 Leonard Fry. They were donated by his wife, Ann.

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!**

Baptism: We are happy to welcome Madelyn Paige Farr, child of Zachary and Christi Farr, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Madelyn Paige as she continues to grow in our faith.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Helen Sommer:** \$100 Dr. John and Anita Stevens.



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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