

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor
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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-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 12/13, 2020

Daily Masses

Sep. 14, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Jane Kovach	Robert and Kathleen Wiswesser
Sep. 15, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Patricia Guttman	Priscilla and Ron Koch
Sep. 16, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Plata	Sisters
Sep. 17, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Irene McNeill	Michael and Bella Skweir
Sep. 18, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Rheta Botteon	Jane and Ron Spengler
Sep. 19, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Ryan Zawada	Parents, Joe & Diane, brother, Joe and Sister, Jennifer
Sep. 20, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Marco Rossini	Rossini Family

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in for the health and blessing of Joanne and Larry Hiestand on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary requested by Joanne and Juliet Manning.

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

Good News!

September 13, 2020

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Sir 27:30—28:7; Rom 14:7–9; Mt 18:21–35

What makes seven such an important number? It's the symbolism. It signifies wholeness, completeness, and totality. So, seventy-seven (or seventy times seven in some Bible translations) suggests infinity. Peter was exaggerating when he suggested that he might forgive his brother seven times. He presumed that if he acted in this way, his behavior would demonstrate the immeasurable extent of his personal graciousness. Jesus' response implied that there should be no end to our forgiving another. To underscore the significance of this magnanimity, Jesus offered God (in the guise of the king who forgave a huge debt) as the exemplar of forgiving.

Forgiving another's offense against us could well be one of the most difficult things we are asked to do. To ask for forgiveness does not seem as difficult. After all, when we bump into a perfect stranger in an elevator, we say, "Forgive me." But to forgive someone who has deliberately offended us, who has dishonored our sense of personal dignity, as slight as that offense might be, is neither as easy nor as casual a gesture. And yet, we must.

We all carry debts to others. Both the first reading and the Gospel passage remind us that the debts owed to us by others in no way compare with the debt we owe God, and yet God shows us compassion and forgives us. If we are grateful children of a compassionate God, we will want to be like God and we will forgive others.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b–9

Phil 2:6–11

Jn 3:13–17

Tuesday – September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a

Jn 19:25–27

Wednesday – September 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Cor 12:31–13:13

Lk 7:31–35

Thursday – September 17

Weekday

1 Cor 15:1–11 / Lk 7:36–50

Friday – September 18

Weekday

1 Cor 15:12–20 / Lk 8:1–3

Saturday – September 19

Weekday

1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49

Lk 8:4–15

Sunday – September 20

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 55:6–9

Phil 1:20c–24, 27a

Mt 20:1–16a

Adoration..... First Fridays after Mass
Giving Sunday..... Sunday, September 13
Blessing of Animals..... Sunday, October 4, 12:00pm
Church Picnic..... Sunday, **September 12, 2021**

Rectory 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 Blessed Virgin Mary statue** this week are in memory of Catherine Sentiwany. They were donated by son, Joseph.



Blessing of Animals: In observance of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Assumption BVM Parish will have a Blessing of Animals on the rectory lawn (corner of 22nd Street and Lincoln Avenue) **on**

Sunday, October 4 at 12:00 noon. After a brief prayer service the animals will be blessed. Bring your dogs, cats, birds and other pets to this celebration. Please make sure that animals are leashed or caged for their safety.



Anniversary Flowers: The **flowers by the altar** this week are in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Joanne and Larry Hiestand. They were donated by their family.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____
 Phone No. _____

Check One:

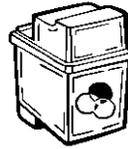
- New Registration
- Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish
- Request Envelopes
- Request envelopes (returned home from college)**

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory

Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart News: Due to the uncertainties of what is happening with Covid 19 and the age of our members, the officers of Young at Heart have decided, in the best interest of our members, to cancel all meetings until the month of January 2021. Please tell any members you know of this decision.



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 \$1,720.60. Just think, that's over \$1,700.00** 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!



Ink Cartridge and Toner Recycling: Recycle your empty ink and toner cartridges and Assumption B.V.M. Church will get \$2 back in Staples Rewards® for each one. So not only will we save on future purchases, but we can also feel good about reducing waste in our landfills. Please leave them on the table in the vestibule.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Victim Assistance Coordinator
 DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER
 1-800-791-9209

Email: victimsassistance@allentowndiocese.org

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit our website at www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

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