

# 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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 19/20, 2020**

**Daily Masses**

|                    |            |                                          |                             |
|--------------------|------------|------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Sep. 21, Monday    | 8:00 a.m.  | †Else Schmitt                            | Betty Toolan and Family     |
| Sep. 22, Tuesday   | 8:00 a.m.  | †Sons & Daughters of John & Mary Wanisko | John and Elizabeth Kuchera  |
| Sep. 23, Wednesday | 8:00 a.m.  | †Ulrich Legath                           | Daughter, Linda, and Family |
| Sep. 24, Thursday  | 8:00 a.m.  | †John J. Budihas                         | Estate                      |
| Sep. 25, Friday    | 8:00 a.m.  | †Members of our Memorial Fund            |                             |
| Sep. 26, Saturday  | 4:00 p.m.  | †Lucille Mikulcik                        | Husband, Paul, and Family   |
| Sep. 27, Sunday    | 8:00 a.m.  | †Robert Haldeman                         | Daughter, Judy              |
|                    | 10:30 a.m. | Living and deceased parishioners         |                             |

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Anne Wills requested by Joanne and Juliet.

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

# Good News!

September 20, 2020  
*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*  
Is 55:6–9; Phil 1:20c–24, 27a; Mt 20:1–16a

**T**he story in the Gospel doesn't sound fair. Some people worked from early morning until evening; others joined them at the end of the workday. But they all got the same pay. How can that be fair? Perhaps fairness isn't the point of the story. But then, what is?

The landowner, symbolizing God, hired the workers "after agreeing with them for the usual daily wage" (Matthew 20:2). If the earliest workers presumed that the agreed upon wage would be changed, does that make God unfair? Those workers expected God to conform to what they considered just—and justice certainly is a very important value. However, God acted out of divine generosity—a quality we hope to benefit from but which might engender resentment when it is bestowed upon others.

As difficult as this story might seem to us, it raises some important questions about ourselves. Perhaps the story is not so much about God as it is about our own attitudes. If we are faithful to what we believe is God's will for us, do we then presume that God owes us some kind of compensation? Do we expect that God will act according to our standards of retributive justice (this-for-that) rather than restorative justice (bring-it-back-to-life)? Do we resent God's graciousness toward others?

It is better that we all look to God for generosity than for justice. If we do, we will find, as the psalm response tells us: "The Lord is gracious and merciful" (Psalm 145:8).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## Calendar:

### Monday – September 21

*St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist*

Eph 4:1–7, 11–13

Mt 9:9–13

### Tuesday – September 22

*Weekday*

Prv 21:1–6, 10–13

Lk 8:19–21

### Wednesday – September 23

*St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest*

Prv 30:5–9

Lk 9:1–6

### Thursday – September 24

*Weekday*

Eccl 1:2–11

Lk 9:7–9

### Friday – September 25

*Weekday*

Eccl 3:1–11

Lk 9:18–22

### Saturday – September 26

*Weekday*

Eccl 11:9–12:8

Lk 9:43b–45

### Sunday – September 27

*Twenty-sixth Sunday in*

*Ordinary Time*

Ez 18:25–28

Phil 2:1–11

Mt 21:28–32

**Adoration.....** First Fridays after Mass  
**Blessing of Animals.....** Sunday, October 4, 12:00pm  
**Giving Sunday.....** Sunday, October 11  
**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](http://www.BecauseWeareCatholic.org)



**Memorial Flowers:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Ryan Zawada. They were donated by his parents, Diane and Joe, brother, Joe and sister, Jenny.



**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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Knights of Columbus Council 4050** earned a prestigious award in 2020. The Double Star Council award, recognizing excellence and outstanding achievement in service, programming, membership, and overall operations is an achievement earned by only a handful of the 15,000+ Knights of Columbus Councils worldwide. Council programs include support for seminarians, community food banks and hunger, support for ProLife agencies and awareness, and Novena for Life, to name a few. The Knights of Columbus Council 4050 thank you, our parishioners, for supporting our council, our programming, and our mission. Contact us at 814-694-4050 or join online at [KofC.org/JoinUs](http://KofC.org/JoinUs). Bill Fonzone, Grand Knight Council 4050. Vivat Jesus

**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!

**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.



**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.

**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.

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1-800-791-9209

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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](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

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