

# 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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 26/27, 2020**

**Daily Masses**

Sep. 28, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Ronald Weiner	Marilyn Rucci and Husband, Dave
Sep. 29, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Thomas Marakovits	Wife, Ruth
Sep. 30, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Marian Pershinsky	Debra Kay Bennett and Family
Oct. 01, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention	Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons
Oct. 02, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Preisler	Daug., Mary Ann Holmes and Family
Oct. 03, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Rosina Assante	Son, Mario, and Family
Oct. 04, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†John M. Humenik	Rose Derkits
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Robert Haldeman requested by daughter, Judy.

**Please pray** for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Susan Braker, sister of Carl Wunderler, who died recently.

# Good News!

September 27, 2020

*Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*  
Ez 18:25–28; Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5; Mt 21:28–32

**I**n the Gospels, Jesus seldom teaches doctrine. Rather, the stories themselves provide examples of how we are to model our lives after him. He was a man for others, a compassionate healer, an understanding friend. As clear as such stories might be, because we can be selfish people, the example they offer us is difficult to follow. If it is hard to follow a man who lived a human life with others, how are we to follow the example sketched by Paul in today's second reading?

Paul declares in Philippians: "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus" (2:5). What attitude is he talking about? Jesus emptied himself of the preeminence that was rightly his as possessing "equality with God" (2:6). He did not demand that they treat him with the reverence and veneration that was due him. Rather, "he emptied himself...he humbled himself" (2:7, 8).

Why does Paul insist on this? It seems the Philippians were having internal problems that were threatening their unity. Various forms of arrogance were tearing them apart: *Don't you know who I am? I am a celebrity. I have more money. I know the right people. And who are you? Who do you know? What can you do?* These attitudes of arrogance infect our communities even today. To this Paul proclaims: If Jesus, who "though he was in the form of God" (2:6) could empty himself of such dignity for the sake of others, you certainly should be able to put aside your trivial vainglory and be "united in heart" (2:2).

Can we?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## Calendar:

### Monday – September 28

*Weekday*

Jb 1:6–22 / Lk 9:46–50

### Tuesday – September 29

*Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels*

Dn 7:9–10, 13–14

Jn 1:47–51

### Wednesday – September 30

*St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church*

Jb 9:1–12, 14–16

Lk 9:57–62

### Thursday – October 1

*St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church*

Jb 19:21–27 / Lk 10:1–12

### Friday – October 2

*Holy Guardian Angels*

Jb 38:1, 12–21; 40:3–5

Mt 18:1–5, 10

### Saturday – October 3

*Weekday*

Jb 42:1–3, 5–6, 12–17

Lk 10:17–24

### Sunday – October 4

*Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 5:1–7 / Phil 4:6–9

Mt 21:33–43

- Adoration.....** First Fridays after Mass
- Blessing of Animals.....** Sunday, October 4, 12:00pm
- Donut/Giving Sunday.....** Sunday, October 11
- Church Picnic.....** Sunday, **September 12, 2021**

**First Friday Adoration:** The First Friday of October, October 2, 2020, our parish will offer a holy hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The 8 o'clock Mass will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and will last one hour concluding with Benediction at 9:15 a.m.

**Picnic Fundraiser Collection:** Thank you letters were put in the mail to all contributors of our extraordinary "Picnic Fundraiser Collection" late this past week. Thank you to all who generously contributed. If you contributed and do not receive a thank you letter by Wednesday, please let us know at the Rectory. The amount of the collection will be published in next week's bulletin as promised.



**Memorial Flowers:** The flowers in front of the altar this week are in memory of Hilda and Walter Holmes. They were donated by son, Bill, and Family.

**"Donut/Giving Sunday":** Sunday, October 11, our Hospitality Committee will be hosting "Donut/Giving Sunday". Join us after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses for coffee, donuts and fellowship in our social hall. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding. Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. **This month's donuts are being donated by Marie Bitenc in memory of her husband, Herb Bitenc.**



**Wedding Flowers:** The additional flowers in church this week are in honor of the Wedding of Helene Kosciolk and Steven Brown who were married on Friday, September 25.



**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) **next 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.

**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 \$1,910.68. Just think, that's over \$1,900.00** 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!

**Good Shepherd Catholic School News:** Good Shepherd Catholic School is in school five full days a week and is still accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year for some grade levels, including Preschool 3, and Pre-K 4. Some grades are on a wait list. 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](mailto:mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com). Join us for Mass each Friday in Queenship of Mary Church at 9:15 am. Good Shepherd Catholic School is looking for substitute teachers. If you are available, and have the proper credentials, please call the school office at 610-262-9171 for more information.

**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.

**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

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