

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 3/4, 2020

Daily Masses

Oct. 05, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†John and Irene Miklos	Family
Oct. 06, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael James Janis	Janis Family
Oct. 07, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Kelly Koons	Fred and Lisa Koons
Oct. 08, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Sophie and Stephen Bankos	Family
Oct. 09, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Vincent Santucci, Sr.	Vinnie and Linda Santucci
Oct. 10, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Alfred Weber	Wife, Ann, and Family
Oct. 11, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Irene Tanzosh	George and Debra Anthony

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Michael James Janis requested by Family.

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

Good News!

October 4, 2020

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 5:1–7; Phil 4:6–9; Mt 21:33–43

Today's readings are troubling texts. This is not because of what they say, but because of how they have been interpreted through the ages. In the first reading, despite everything the owner has done, the vineyard identified as Israel/Judah has brought forth wild grapes. In the Gospel the issue is with the trustworthiness of those who work and care for the vineyard. It is clear that Jesus is criticizing the leaders of his day with a failure of leadership. For this reason, leadership will be taken from them and given to others.

Both of these readings have been interpreted as condemnation of the Jewish people. This has sometimes resulted in anti-Semitism. We must remember that both readings reflect internal problems—something that all religious bodies experience. Despite their failure, the people of Judah were still called God's "cherished plant" (Isaiah 5:7). In the Gospel, leadership was taken from some Jews and given to other Jews—not to outsiders. One religious tradition didn't replace another.

We experience similar struggles in today's Church. As the vineyard of God, what kind of fruit do we produce? After all God has done for us, how do we respond? How faithful are we in caring for God's vineyard? This is a difficult time with respect to religious leadership, but how supportive are we of genuine local Church leadership? You and I have been entrusted with the growth and health of the Church. How good have we been at caring for that vineyard?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – October 5

Weekday

Gal 1:6–12

Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday – October 6

Weekday

Gal 1:13–24

Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday – October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

Gal 2:1–2, 7–14

Lk 11:1–4

Thursday – October 8

Weekday

Gal 3:1–5

Lk 11:5–13

Friday – October 9

Weekday

Gal 3:7–14

Lk 11:15–26

Saturday – October 10

Weekday

Gal 3:22–29

Lk 11:27–28

Sunday – October 11

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6–10a

Phil 4:12–14, 19–20

Mt 22:1–14

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**

Picnic Fundraiser Collection: Thank you letters were put in the mail to all contributors of our extraordinary "Picnic Fundraiser Collection" last week. Thank you to all who generously contributed. If you contributed and do not receive a thank you letter, please let us know at the Rectory. The amount of the collection was \$31,577.20.



Memorial Flowers: The flowers in front of the altar this week are in memory of David Liskanich. They were donated by the Liskanich and Graff families.

Baptism: We are happy to welcome Andrew John Sorrentino, child of Christina Kneski, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Andrew John as he continues to grow in our faith.

"Donut/Giving Sunday": Next 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.**



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) **today, 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.

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. Join us for Mass each Friday in Queenship of Mary Church at 9:15 am.

Good Shepherd Catholic School is in search of a 5th grade full time teacher. If you are interested in the position please send your resume to Mrs. Parker at mrsparkegscs@gmail.com.

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.

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 \$2,103.87. Just think, that's over \$2,100.00** 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. Thank You!

Turkeys Needed: The Northampton Area Food Bank is looking for donations of Turkeys to distribute to needy families for Thanksgiving. Anyone interested in donating a turkey is asked to call the church rectory between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday - Friday at 610-262-2559. Also, needed to complete the Thanksgiving dinners are: canned cranberry sauce, Stove Top Stuffing, canned green beans and canned or boxed potatoes.

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.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____
 Phone No. _____

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