

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-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 10/11, 2020

Daily Masses

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| Oct. 12, Monday | 8:00 a.m. | †Elaine Hewko | Helen Pfeiffer |
| Oct. 13, Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. | †Joseph and Mary Myirski | Family |
| Oct. 14, Wednesday | 8:00 a.m. | †Mary Neupauer | Ruth Marakovits |
| Oct. 15, Thursday | 8:00 a.m. | †Zach Zerfass | Joe and Debra Kay Bennett |
| Oct. 16, Friday | 8:00 a.m. | †George and Mary Stefaniak | Daughter, Linda |
| Oct. 17, Saturday | 4:00 p.m. | †Nicola Mancino | Daughter, Luisa Assante, and Family |
| Oct. 18, Sunday | 8:00 a.m. | †John Humenik | Sons, David and Paul |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Living and deceased parishioners | |

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

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers, Joan Warren, mother of Jeffrey Warren, who died recently.

Good News!

October 11, 2020

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Is 25:6–10a; Phil 4:12–14, 19–20; Mt 22:1–14

When people think of heaven, they often imagine a place up in the sky. Episodes of Star Trek should challenge that notion. The Bible usually speaks of heaven as an experience. According to our first reading, it is like a banquet, “a feast of rich food and choice wines” (Isaiah 25:6). Such a meal is an extraordinary event for hardworking people who seldom get to enjoy such luxury. According to today’s Gospel account, the kingdom of heaven is like a wedding banquet, a feast of “calves and fattened cattle” (Matthew 22:4), a celebration of love and new life.

Some people might prefer an image that thrills the ear rather than the palette, like a Handel concerto or a Beethoven symphony. Whatever image is favored, heaven is an incomparable phenomenon that cannot be described. It is an experience that will thrill us to the core of our being.

To be invited to such an astounding experience might well be the event of a lifetime. This is, after all, an invitation from the king. Who would possibly turn it down? And yet, some do. As the Gospel recounts, some are too busy with work. Others would rather watch “the game.” Still others who might accept the invitation minimize it by refusing to dress appropriately. How can people be so foolish? Yet, you and I often are.

God’s invitation to the heavenly feast simply asks that we realize the magnitude of the honor extended to us, that we accept it graciously, and that we enjoy the experience.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – October 12

Weekday

Gal 4:22–24, 26–27, 31–5:1

Lk 11:29–32

Tuesday – October 13

Weekday

Gal 5:1–6

Lk 11:37–41

Wednesday – October 14

Weekday

Gal 5:18–25

Lk 11:42–46

Thursday – October 15

St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Eph 1:1–10

Lk 11:47–54

Friday – October 16

Weekday

Eph 1:11–14

Lk 12:1–7

Saturday – October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Eph 1:15–23

Lk 12:8–12

Sunday – October 18

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4–6

1 Thes 1:1–5b

Mt 22:15–21

Adoration..... First Fridays after Mass
Donut/Giving Sunday.... Sunday, October 11
Church Picnic..... Sunday, **September 12, 2021**

"Donut/Giving Sunday": Today, 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.**

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 mrsparkergscs@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.



Anniversary Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in honor of the 62nd Wedding Anniversary of William and Mary Ann Holmes. They were donated by daughter, Kelly, and son, Keith.

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.



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Orders Due: Wednesday, October 21, 2020

Pick-up: Saturday, October 31, 2020

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