

# 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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 17/18, 2020**

**Daily Masses**

Oct. 19, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Weiner	Phyllis, Terry and Family
Oct. 20, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Oct. 21, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Walter Wiedemann	Betty and John Toolan and Family
Oct. 22, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Paulino	Terry and Carol Pundiak
Oct. 23, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Hilda Bendekovits	Phyllis Yastrzab
Oct. 24, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Jonathan Keller	Family
Oct. 25, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Theresa Hutnick	Mary Psarsky

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of David Liskanich requested by Liskanich and Graff Families.

**Please pray** for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers, Rick Shaak and Michele Paul, who died recently.

# Good News!

October 18, 2020  
*Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*  
Is 45:1, 4–6; 1 Thes 1:1–5b; Mt 22:15–21

**By coincidence, these readings appear during election time.** They might not tell us how to vote, but they do throw some light on the notion of civic duty. Cyrus in the first reading was the Persian king whose foreign policy allowed conquered and displaced people to return to their homelands, even though they would still be under Persian control. In the Isaian passage, this foreign king is called the Lord's anointed and is blessed by God despite the fact that he is unaware of it. This suggests that even those who do not know or worship the God of Israel can be competent civic leaders as long as they work for the benefit of their citizenry.

The Gospel story is a bit more complex. Jewish law banned making a graven image of a person, as was found on Roman coins. This means that those trying to trap Jesus exposed their own violation of the law by possessing such a coin. Jesus did not condemn the Romans for casting such coins. Rather, he says that political leaders deserve our civic allegiance. How the Jews were to accomplish this without using forbidden Roman coins isn't explained. But then, how civic-minded people are to uphold complicated political and social values today is hard to explain as well. This is one of the challenges of belonging to a pluralist society. No political ticket perfectly mirrors all of the gospel values. Our civic duty is to decide which values we should advance.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## Calendar:

### Monday – October 19

*Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs*  
Eph 2:1–10  
Lk 12:13–21

### Tuesday – October 20

*Weekday*  
Eph 2:12–22  
Lk 12:35–38

### Wednesday – October 21

*Weekday*  
Eph 3:2–12  
Lk 12:39–48

### Thursday – October 22

*Weekday*  
Eph 3:14–21  
Lk 12:49–53

### Friday – October 23

*Weekday*  
Eph 4:1–6  
Lk 12:54–59

### Saturday – October 24

*Weekday*  
Eph 4:7–16  
Lk 13:1–9

### Sunday – October 25

*Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Ex 22:20–26  
1 Thes 1:5c–10  
Mt 22:34–40

- Adoration.....** First Fridays after Mass
- Donut/Giving Sunday.....** Sunday, November 1
- Church Picnic.....** Sunday, **September 12, 2021**

**Pastoral Visit of the Bishop**

Last Christmas, Msgr. Koons had the opportunity to invite Bishop Alfred Schlert, our Diocesan Bishop, to make a Pastoral Visit to our parish, but because of scheduling conflicts and the COVID virus, the visit had to be delayed. Msgr. Koons is happy to announce that our parish will be honored to welcome Bishop Schlert to our parish on Sunday, November 1, 2020, the Feast of All Saints. Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Because of social distancing issues, the seating capacity of our church remains at 60 persons.

Msgr. Koons has been awaiting this pastoral visit so that the Bishop could also bless the Religious Education Library in memory of Robin Hall, who was an assistant to the Religious Education Coordinator until passing away on July 8, 2017. Now completed, the room is at the east end of the school hallway and has been re-furnished as a children's library for our Religious Education Program from donations made to our Parish Memorial Fund. At the invitation of Msgr. Koons, the Bishop will bless the library in the presence of our students after the 8 o'clock Sunday Mass on All Saints Day.

Doughnuts and coffee (Donut Sunday) will be held that Sunday in the Church Social Hall because of the Bishop's visit. We welcome Bishop Schlert to our wonderful parish!



**Commemoration Of All Souls:** On Sunday, **November 1, at 12:30 p.m.** at our cemetery, we will have a special prayer service to remember the faithful departed, bless the cemetery, and to read the names of those buried/entombed there this past year.

**Cemetery Vigil Lights** are available in the church social hall now thru October 31. We ask a donation of \$2.50 per candle to cover expenses.



**Memorial Flowers:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Thomas Marakovits. They were donated by wife, Ruth, and Family.

**Memorial Fund:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Joan Warren:** \$30 Edward and Martha Hozza; \$25 Eugene and Frances Grabarits. **In memory of Mary Kovalcik:** \$300 Anonymous; \$200 Anonymous. **In memory of Helen Sommer:** \$15 Rose Prickler.

**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.



**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.

**Baptism:** The parish community joyfully welcomes Vincent Galluzzo, Jr., son of Tara Sitko and Vincent Galluzzo, Sr., who was Baptized into our faith this past Sunday. We will pray that he will continue to grow in the grace and love of God our Father.

**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 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.



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Space is limited!

Come join us on:

**Saturday, Nov. 7th**  
by appointment ONLY



**REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021/22 SCHOOL YEAR OPENS THAT DAY!**

\*Due to Covid-19, no walk-ins will be admitted. You must reserve a time slot for your tour. All attendees must wear a mask.

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