

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor
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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
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 7/8, 2020

Daily Masses

Nov. 09, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Frederick Gollatz	Diane and Helen Lavendoski
Nov. 10, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Ronald Weiner	Deborah Bodnar
Nov. 11, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†John Naupauer, Sr.	Christine, Nathan and Patrick Yagerhofer
Nov. 12, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Alfred Nederostek	Anna Bankos
Nov. 13, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of Our Memorial Fund	
Nov. 14, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Carmine Rizzo	Millie Ryan
Nov. 15, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Joan Skrapits	Nancy Birosik
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of the sons and daughters of John and Mary Wanisko requested by John and Elizabeth Kuchera.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Martha Hozza who died recently.

Good News!

November 8, 2020

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Wis 6:12–16; 1 Thes 4:13–18 or 4:13–14; Mt 25:1–13

Everybody Wants to Go to Heaven, but Nobody Wants to Die. This is the title of a bluegrass song as well as a book on bioethics. It's a clever title, and there is some profound truth in it. Death, which is so natural for living things, seems so unnatural to human beings, who cling tenaciously to life. One would think that believers who hold that Christ conquered death would be comforted by that faith. However, that isn't always the case. It's not that they don't believe; it's that they don't *understand* what they believe. But that is the difference between understanding and believing.

This is the problem described in Paul's letter today. The Thessalonians believed that, through his resurrection, Christ conquered death. Then why did some among them begin to die? Did those dying lack faith? No, Paul insists. Jesus, who died and rose, embraces those who have died and who will rise with him. Did the people fully understand this? Do we? Isn't this a question of faith—and trust?

Paul thought that he and other believers could still be alive when the rising would happen, and they were not. Or were they? Doesn't our faith give us hope that we—both the living and the dead—will be embraced by God's mercy? Doesn't something wondrous occur when those who have "fallen asleep" wake up in the glory of God? Still, we might not understand all of this, but we are called to believe, and in believing we are told to "console one another with these words" (1 Thessalonians 4:18).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – November 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Rome)

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17

Jn 2:13–22

Tuesday – November 10

St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Ti 2:1–8, 11–14 / Lk 17:7–10

Wednesday – November 11

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Ti 3:1–7 / Lk 17:11–19

Thursday – November 12

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

Phmn 7–20

Lk 17:20–25

Friday – November 13

St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

2 Jn 4–9

Lk 17:26–37

Saturday – November 14

Weekday

3 Jn 5–8 / Lk 18:1–8

Sunday – November 15

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31

1 Thes 5:1–6

Mt 25:14–30

Rel. Ed. Classes..... Sundays, 9:00 – 10:05 a.m.
7th & 8th Grade Rel. Ed... Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Adoration..... December 4 after Mass
Donut/Giving Sunday.... Sunday, December 13
Confirmation..... Thursday, February 4
Church Picnic..... Sun., **September 12, 2021**



Memorial Flowers: The flowers in church this week are in memory of Martha Hozza. They were donated by her family.

Baptism: We are happy to welcome Rhea Layne Arlene Williams, child of Aaron and Maria Williams, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Rhea Layne Arlene as she continues to grow in our faith.



Slovak Kolach Sale: Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by November 22. Please complete the form and return it with your payment as soon as possible. **The cost is \$16.00 each.** Additional order forms will be available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13.



Stocking Stuffer: Need a stocking stuffer? Or just a little something to add to a gift for that special person? The Parish Fund Raising Committee is sponsoring a monthly lottery calendar for January 2021.

The calendars are \$5 each and the winners are based on the **evening daily** Pennsylvania Lottery number. Calendars will be on sale before Mass the weekends of November 21/22, November 28/29, December 5/6, 12/13, 19/20 and 26/27. Calendars must be purchased prior to January 1, 2021.



Remember the Needy: Please take a tag from the "Giving Tree" which is located in the Church vestibule starting next weekend, November 14/15. The tags list items needed by the Catholic Charities Office to care for the needs of

babies and their families. **Please place your unwrapped gifts under the tree by December 13** and we will take them to the Catholic Charities office.

Local Poverty Relief Collection: The annual collection diocesan poverty relief collection will be taken up **next weekend, November 14/15.** The collection is used to support local groups and organizations that assist the poor here in the diocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. There is an envelope in your packet for this special collection.

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.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Richard Shaak:** \$25 Darlene and Julien Pail; \$50 Matthew and Autumn Kieber-Emmons. **In memory of Michele Mason-Paul:** \$25 Patrick and Roxanne Hoopes.

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.

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.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

Phone No. _____

Check One:

New Registration Change of Address

Moving out of Parish Request Envelopes

Request envelopes (returned home from college)



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.

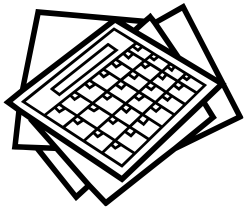
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Fundraising Committee
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November 8, 2020

Dear Fellow Parishioner,

Since 2004 our B.V.M. Fundraising Committee has helped to raise needed funds for capital improvements and general operating expenses, and to provide an opportunity for us to have some fun.

We have sponsored the Monthly Lottery Calendar, a Basket Social, a Basket Bingo, Parish Cookbook, Christmas and Easter Slovak Kolach (nut and fruit rolls), and the Picnic Basket Raffle. We would like to start off 2021 with another Monthly Lottery Calendar.

The calendar will be for January 2021 and will be based on the Pennsylvania State Lottery evening drawing. **Calendars are \$5.00** and can be requested by completing the form on the bottom of this letter and dropping it in the collection basket or bringing it to the rectory. **Calendars will also be sold in the church vestibule the weekend of November 21/22, November 28/29, December 5/6, December 12/13, December 19/20 and December 26/27.** Why not buy several as Christmas gifts for family or friends?

Thanks for your support of our past efforts. We look forward to your continuing support.

BVM Fundraising Committee

NAME _____

NUMBER

ADDRESS _____

1. _____

2. _____

PHONE _____

3. _____

Please list your preference for a lottery calendar number between 000 and 999. Please list at least 3 choices [or "no preference" if you want the next number available] and we will do our best to meet your request. Please include payment with your request; checks payable to Assumption B.V.M. Church. **You must be 21 or older to purchase a calendar.**

[Please drop in collection or bring to rectory.]

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2020 Hand Rolled Slovak Kolach Sale

Apple (new)

Apricot

Coconut Cream

English Walnut

Lekvar (Prune)

Poppy Seed

Pumpkin Cheese

Seedless Red Raspberry

\$16.00 each

Baked and prepared by Country Cottage Bake Shop Tamaqua, PA 18252

Forms are included in the Sunday Bulletin.

Place your order WITH PAYMENT in the Sunday Collection or drop off at the Rectory.

IMPORTANT:

Deadline for Orders: Sunday, November 22

Pick-up: After Mass in Church Social Hall:

Saturday December 12

Sunday December 13

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THANK YOU

