

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
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – November 14/15, 2020

Daily Masses

Nov. 16, Monday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intention	Marth Family
Nov. 17, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†James Kovacs	John and Tambria Pisklak
Nov. 18, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna Rodick	Daughter, Rita Pavlick, and Family
Nov. 19, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†John M. Nederostek	Wife, Margaret, and Family
Nov. 20, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Gloria Wyckoff	Bennett Family
Nov. 21, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Paul Kovach, Sr.	Son, Paul, and Family
Nov. 22, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Leonard Fry	Wife, Ann
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Paul Kovach, Sr. requested by Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Great Grandchild.

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

Good News!

November 15, 2020

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)

Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31; 1 Thes 5:1–6; Mt 25:14–30

Ready or Not, Here I Come. As children we called out this chant when playing hide-and-seek. However, it could very well describe the message of two of today's readings. Paul reminds the Thessalonians that "the day of the Lord will come like a thief at night" (1 Thessalonians 5:2). The Gospel tells a story about a man who returns after a long journey and intends to settle accounts with those whom he put in charge of his household. In both instances, the one returning might cry out, "Ready or not, here I come!" The point of each story: Be ready! But how? The Thessalonians are told they "are children of the light" (5:5). The Gospel suggests what that expression might mean—be responsible for what has been given to you.

In the Gospel, some servants fully use the talents given to them. However, one servant buries what he received. If that was not bad enough, that servant alleged fear of the householder as reason for his lack of initiative. If he knew that the householder was as demanding as he stated he was, he should have realized that his master would expect him to use what had been given. There is no excuse here in refusing to use what was given, nor in blaming the householder.

All of us have been given life, talents, and abilities. We are expected to use them. This is what it means to live fully. Surely we Catholics will be excited, not afraid, when the Lord announces, "Ready or not, here I come!"

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – November 16

Weekday

Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5

Lk 18:35–43

Tuesday – November 17

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious

Rv 3:1–6, 14–22

Lk 19:1–10

Wednesday – November 18

Weekday

Rv 4:1–11

Lk 19:11–28

Thursday – November 19

Weekday

Rv 5:1–10

Lk 19:41–44

Friday – November 20

Weekday

Rv 10:8–11

Lk 19:45–48

Saturday – November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:4–12

Lk 20:27–40

Sunday – November 22

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Ez 34:11–12, 15–17

1 Cor 15:20–26, 28

Mt 25:31–46

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 by the altar this week are in memory of Leonard Fry. They were donated by his wife, Ann.

Baptism: We are happy to welcome Zoelle Marie and Lilliana Rose Mason, children of Samantha Seeley and Steven Mason, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Zoelle Marie and Lilliana Rose as they continue to grow in our faith.



Slovak Kolach Sale: Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by **next Sunday, 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 this 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 **this 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 Martha Hozza:** \$25 Jane and Ron Spengler; \$100 Karen and Bill Glose; \$50 Hurban Family; \$100 The Gilbert, Haggerty and Sommer Families; \$20 Nancy Pavlovic; \$100 Michael Hozza; \$250 Family Member; \$50 Joanne Manning; \$50 Debra Kay and Joseph Bennett; \$50 Maryann Janis; \$25 David and Joan Lukman; \$100 Frances and Gene Grabarits; \$50 Bill and Mary Ann Holmes; \$20 Sal and Joy Nicosia; \$25 Mary Ellen and Joseph Schwartz; \$25 Sue, Chris and Kyle Parker; \$25 Helen and Stephanie Kerbacher; \$100 Marie Bitenc; \$25 Conrad Marth; \$50 Elysie and TJ Dailey; \$25 Tonya Weiner; \$25 Cindy and John Keglovits; \$20 Steve Marsch; \$30 Ann I. Fry; \$20 Barbara Grabarits and Family; \$25 Martha Jandrisovits; \$100 Bernice and Louis Tepes; \$100 Timothy Tepes; \$25 Stephen Kerbacher; \$50 Victoria Hall; \$150 Darlene Dimmick; \$20 John and Mary Herman; \$25 Michelle Hillpot; \$25 Dennis and Cheryl Sommer; \$50 John and Rose Marhefka; \$50 Annette and James Englert; \$100 Pamela Lewis; \$25 Louis and Lori Schwartz; \$25 Theresa and Andrew Melosky; \$25 Paula and Lenny Kosciolek; \$25 Ellen Zampino; \$25 John and Iona Harhart; \$20 Paula Schleicher; \$50 Bernard Marhefka; \$50 Patricia and James Sweeney; \$25 Anita Kotoris and Hope Stempo; \$20 Joseph Kolean; \$40 William and Lori Hozza; \$50 Richard Molchany; \$20.20 John Yurish. **In memory of Richard Shaak:** \$50 Ed and Denise Hozza; \$50 Stephen Baxter and Laura Rivezzi.

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.

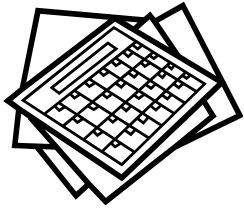
Oplatky (Christmas Wafers) will be available (free will offering) in the church social hall all weekends during Advent, as well as our 2021 Calendars, which are free, compliments of Schisler Funeral Home.

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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

