

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



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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
First Sunday of Advent – November 28/29, 2020**

Daily Masses

Nov. 30, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Rita Roman	Dorothy Geosits
Dec. 01, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Patricia Guttman	Steve Marsch
Dec. 02, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Rev. Francis Straka	Jean Kosalko and Sons
Dec. 03, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Louise Procanyn	Melvin Procanyn
Dec. 04, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael Hillpot	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Dec. 05, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Joseph Sentiwany, Sr.	Michael Pierzga and Family
Dec. 06, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Kathryn and Joseph Makovsky	M/M Gerald J. Makovsky
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Stephen Kotoris requested by sister, Nikki.

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

**Wednesday Eucharistic Adoration - Tuesday Bible Study
Telephone Ministry**

Dear Parishioners of Assumption BVM:

During our priest convocation at the beginning of November, Bishop Schlert requested that parishes institute a period of Eucharistic Adoration on a weekly basis. Here in our parish, we have had Eucharistic Adoration on the First Fridays of the month. It has been an opportunity of grace and prayer that I will extend, at the Bishop's recommendation, to a weekly basis. **Beginning Wednesday, December 2, 2020, which is the First Week of Advent, Wednesday morning Mass will continue into Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and conclude with Benediction at 9:15AM.** This will enable those who stay to make a "holy hour" before the exposed Blessed Sacrament; we will have a period of prayer and a period of silence during that hour. Please consider joining in prayer at Mass and adoration afterwards. The Mass and Exposition/Benediction will be livestreamed to our Facebook page. *Adoration on Wednesday mornings will continue throughout the year. First Friday adoration will also continue.* In these uncertain times, seeking the Lord in the Holy Eucharist, the "source and summit" of our faith, will provide an opportunity to "rest in Him" and take to Him in prayer our cares and concerns, our hopes and joys. Please consider taking this opportunity to grow in friendship with our Eucharistic Lord.

ALSO: This past August, the Sisters of Christian Charity have found a new home at Queenship of Mary Convent. One of the sisters of the community, Sister Donna Brady, S.C.C., has offered her time and talents to our parish. Sister would like to initiate a Bible Study on *Tuesday mornings in our Social Hall at 8:45am*, after the morning Mass. The Bible Study is not a structured program, but rather, Sister invites themes from the participants to read/discuss each week. **Sister will begin our group on Tuesday, December 1 at 8:45am.** She also conducts a bible group at Queenship of Mary on Tuesdays at 7pm. You are most welcome to attend either group. Sister Donna also conducts a group on Thursday evenings at 7pm at Queenship to work on wood crafts. Books and samples are provided for each person to choose which craft he/she would like to paint. Sister does the "cutting" and has the wood crafts ready to paint for the next week's session. You are welcome to attend at Queenship, **and if there is interest, we could have a morning session at our parish on Thursday mornings in our Social Hall. Please let the Rectory know of your interest for a morning session.**

ASLO: Sister Donna will be starting a 'phone ministry' to our shut-ins during this time of isolation, which has been particularly difficult for the elderly. She will also be making communion calls in the near future. If you know of any elderly person who would appreciate a phone call from Sister, 'just to talk,' please let us know.

Calendar:

Monday – November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9–18

Mt 4:18–22

Tuesday – December 1

Advent Weekday

Is 11:1–10

Lk 10:21–24

Wednesday – December 2

Advent Weekday

Is 25:6–10a

Mt 15:29–37

Thursday – December 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 26:1–6

Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday – December 4

Advent Weekday

Is 29:17–24

Mt 9:27–31

Saturday – December 5

Advent Weekday

Is 30:19–21, 23–26

Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6–8

Sunday – December 6

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1–5, 9–11

2 Pt 3:8–14

Mk 1:1–8

Rel. Ed. Classes..... Sundays, 9:00 – 10:05 a.m.
Bible Study..... **Tuesdays, starting Dec 1st**
7th & 8th Grade Rel. Ed... Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Eucharistic Adoration.... **Wednesdays starting**
December 2 after Mass
First Friday Adoration.... **Friday, December 4**
after Mass
Donut/Giving Sunday.... Sunday, December 13
Confirmation..... Thursday, February 4
Church Picnic..... Sun., **September 12, 2021**



Lighting of the Advent Wreath [Week One] – [Before the evening meal, the family gathers at table.] **Leader:** A flower shall blossom from the root of Jesse; the glory of God will fill the earth. **All:** All creation will be filled with the saving power of God. **Leader:** O Emmanuel, Savior of Israel, you are God’s Son among us. **R** - Come and save us, O Lord our God. **Leader:** O Wisdom of the Most High God, you rule with gentle might. **R** - Come and save us, O Lord our God. **Leader:** O Lord of Israel, you gave us the Law on Sinai. **R** - Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Leader: Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.** [One purple candle is lighted and left burning during the meal.]

First Friday Adoration: The First Friday of December, December 4, 2020, our parish will offer a holy hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The 8 o’clock Mass will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and will last one hour concluding with Benediction at 9:15 a.m.

Attention Eucharistic Ministers: The **2021 “Visiting the Sick and Homebound”** books are here. They are located in the church social hall this weekend. Your name is on your book.

Attention Lectors: The 2021 Lector Workbooks are here. They are located in the church social hall this weekend. Your name is on your book.

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



Slovak Kolach Sale: Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13.

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.



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 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. 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 10 and we will take them to the Catholic Charities office.

“Donut/Giving Sunday”: On Sunday, December 13, 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. As a special treat this month’s donuts are being purchased from Krispy Kreme and are being donated by Juliet Manning.

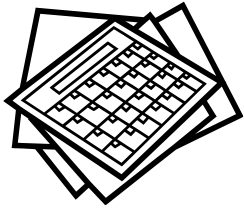
Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Martha Hozza:** \$25 Mike and Sue Spengler; 50 The board and staff of the Lehigh County Employees FCU; \$25 Sandra and Dennis Yonosh. **In memory of Michele Mason-Paul:** \$20 Anonymous; \$50 Loraine Randolph; \$50 Deanne and Ivan Fenstermacher; \$50 Martin and Florence Edelman.

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.

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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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

