

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
Third Sunday of Advent – December 12/13, 2020

Daily Masses

Dec. 14, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of Our Memorial Fund	
Dec. 15, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Harry Weaver	Family
Dec. 16, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†John Marhefka, Sr.	Children and Families
Dec. 17, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Myirski, Jr.	Family
Dec. 18, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†John Filipovits	Wife, Ann
Dec. 19, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Connie Marth	Richard, Barbara and Joseph Ebner
Dec. 20, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Irene Tanzosh	Judy Haldeman

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of John Filipovits requested by wife, Ann.

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

Good News!

December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent (B)

Is 61:1–2a, 10–11; 1 Thes 5:16–24; Jn 1:6–8, 19–28

So far the readings for Sundays in Advent have shown God leading the people into a new way of life—a way of righteousness and loyalty, of honesty and responsibility. Today the readings show the people beginning to see that the accomplishment of this transformation would come through the leadership of one individual. Who might that person be?

The passage from Isaiah describes a prophet, one anointed by God and bringing good news to the poor. When the Baptist appears on the scene in John's Gospel, people wonder if it might be him. He insists he is not the one, nor is he a prophet. Then, "Who are you?" (John 1:19) Recalling the passage from Isaiah read on the First Sunday of Advent, John tells them he is the one repairing the road, getting it ready for the long awaited one to arrive. He adds that his baptism is a baptism of repentance. He is readying them to be what Paul describes as "perfectly holy...blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thessalonians 5:23).

We now see that these readings are preparing us for salvation. We are now told that such divine graciousness will be inaugurated by an individual, one who has not yet been identified. Will it be a powerful king? A mighty warrior? A spectacular prophet? Those in the time before Christ didn't know. We now know that it will be someone powerful enough to initiate a revolutionary change in the lives of the entire people. Now waiting gets exciting.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – December 14

Advent Weekday

Nm 24:2–7, 15–17a

Mt 21:23–27

Tuesday – December 15

Advent Weekday

Zep 3:1–2, 9–13

Mt 21:28–32

Wednesday – December 16

Advent Weekday

Is 45:6c–8, 18, 21c–25

Lk 7:18b–23

Thursday – December 17

Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8–10

Mt 1:1–17

Friday – December 18

Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5–8

Mt 1:18–25

Saturday – December 19

Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2–7, 24–25a

Lk 1:5–25

Sunday – December 20

Fourth Sunday of Advent

2 Sm 7:1–5, 8b–12, 14a, 16

Rom 16:25–27

Lk 1:26–38

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



Volunteer Gifts: Gifts for the following volunteers will be located in the Church Social Hall **this weekend, December 12/13:** Altar Servers, Breakfast Workers, Church Cleaning Crew Members, Eucharistic Ministers, Finance Committee Members, Funeral Team Members, Greeters, Hospitality Committee Members, Lectors, Choir Members, Picnic Committee Members and Ushers. P.R.E.P. teachers gifts will be located in the classrooms.



Lighting of the Advent Wreath [Week Three] – [Before the evening meal, the family gathers at table.] Leader: Father, to you belong the seasons and the ages. **All:** *You are the beginning and the*

end of all things. Leader: O Desired One of the nations, may we always be awake and alert to your coming. **R - Come and make us one. Leader:** O Judge of the living and the dead, reward us according to our deeds. **R - Come and make us one. Leader:** O Bringer of Salvation, fill us with joyful longing for your coming. **R - Come and make us one. Leader:** Lord, hear our prayers and come to us, bringing light into the darkness of our hearts; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN. [Two purple candles and the one rose candle are lit and left burning during the meal.]**

Advent Confessions: Saturday, December 19 from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 4:45 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; **Sunday, December 20** from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; **Tuesday, December 22** from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.; **Wednesday, December 23** from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

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.

The Annual Diocesan Collection for the National Appeal of Retired Religious takes place this weekend, December 12/13. Envelopes are contained in your packet for this special collection.

Winter Weather: With the return to colder temperatures and the possibility of snow and ice, we ask everyone to exercise caution when using the front church steps. A recommended alternative would be to enter thru the side entrance and use the interior Steps/Elevator.

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 19/20 and 26/27. Calendars must be purchased prior to January 1, 2021.



"Donut/Giving Sunday": Today, Sunday, December 13, our Hospitality Committee will be hosting "Donut/Giving Sunday". Join us after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Mass for coffee, donuts and fellowship in our Social Hall. Parishioners are encouraged to bring and potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding. As a special treat this month's donuts are being purchased from Kipsy Kreme and are being donated by Juliet Manning.

To Go Only!

Baptism: We are happy to welcome Gabrielle Welles, child of Kortney and Robert Welles, who began to share in the life of Jesus on Sunday, November 29 in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Gabrielle as she continues to grow in our faith.

Baptism: We are happy to welcome Gianni Velasquez and Issac Velasquez, children of Dennise and Junior Velasquez; Jaelise Antigua, child of Dennise Velasquez and John Antigua; Armani Menezes, child of Arlette Menezes, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Gianni, Issac, Jaelise and Armani as they continues to grow in our faith.

Good Shepherd Catholic School is now accepting registrations for the 2021-2022 school year. We offer full day Preschool and Pre-K programs as well as Kindergarten through grade 8. 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.

Good Shepherd Catholic School is hiring! If you are interested in teaching, and have the proper credentials, call the school office at 610-262-9171 or email Mrs. Parker at mrsparkegscs@gmail.com for more information.

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*Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
Northampton, PA*

*Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 24, 2020*

Mass 2:00 p.m.

Mass 4:00 p.m.

Mass 6:00 p.m.

Mass 8:00 p.m.

*Christmas Day
Friday, December 25, 2020*

Mass 9:00 a.m.

