

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
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph – December 26/27, 2020

Daily Masses

Dec. 28, Monday	NO MASS	
Dec. 29, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Robin Hall Frank and Ruth Gasper Family
Dec. 30, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Raymond and Colette Semler Joanne and Sue Family
Dec. 31, Thursday	8:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	†Jerome Miranda †Members of the Frank and Anna Farkas Family
Jan. 01, Friday	9:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners Laura Knecht
Jan. 02, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Stephen Paukovits, Sr.
Jan. 03, Sunday	8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners †Roland Grieshammer Lou Ann and Patrice Currie

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Pasquale and Assunta Moccio requested by Granddaughter, Nikki.

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

Good News!

December 27, 2020

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (B)

Sir 3:2–6, 12–14 or Gn 15:1–6; 21:1–3; Col 3:12–21 or 3:12–17
 or Heb 11:8, 11–12, 17–19; Lk 2:22–40 or 2:22, 39–40

Some of the most popular television programs depict family interactions. Unfortunately, many of these families are dysfunctional, and those that are not often appear to be vapid, boring, even unrealistic. Today's readings offer examples of genuine family values and the kind of relationships for which most people yearn.

Sirach describes the tender care that bonds parents and children. First it is the parents who care for the children. Over the years the roles reverse and adult children care for elderly parents. The family is the basic community, where one first learns the hard lessons of unselfishness and forgiveness. The psalm response also describes a model family. The husband will experience success in his work and enjoy the blessings of family life with his wife and their children. Paul provides a list of values to which family members should commit themselves: "compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving one another" (Colossians 3:12–13). Finally, the Gospel reading provides a glimpse into the lives of the Holy Family. Here they are: a refugee family with Joseph as the protector.

In a way, these are all "holy families." Prayer is important in the first reading; fear of the Lord is rewarded in the psalm; Paul calls the people "God's chosen ones" (Colossians 3:12). This feast is not meant to be only a look into the past at the Holy Family. It is an opportunity for us to look into the present and do our part to make our own families holy.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – December 28

Holy Innocents, Martyrs
 1 Jn 1:5–2:2
 Mt 2:13–18

Tuesday – December 29

Christmas Weekday
 1 Jn 2:3–11
 Lk 2:22–35

Wednesday – December 30

Christmas Weekday
 1 Jn 2:12–17
 Lk 2:36–40

Thursday – December 31

Christmas Weekday
 1 Jn 2:18–21 / Jn 1:1–18

Friday – January 1

Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God
 Nm 6:22–27
 Gal 4:4–7
 Lk 2:16–21

Saturday – January 2

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church
 1 Jn 2:22–28
 Jn 1:19–28

Sunday – January 3

Epiphany of the Lord
 Is 60:1–6
 Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6
 Mt 2:1–12

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.
First Friday Adoration.... **after Mass**
Confirmation..... Thursday, February 4
Church Picnic..... Sun., **September 12, 2021**

Blessing of a Home on the Epiphany (January 3):

The leader begins: ✧ *In the name of the Father... Peace be with this house and with all who live here. All respond:* And also with you. **The leader introduces the blessing:** *During these days of the Christmas season, we keep this feast of Epiphany, celebrating the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, to John in the River Jordan, and to the disciples at the wedding at Cana. Today Christ is manifest to us! Today this home is a holy place. Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to John: "In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, And without him nothing came to be. And the Word became flesh And he made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. This is the Gospel of the Lord."*

All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. **After a short silence, the leader continues:** *O God, by your heavenly star, you guided those who were wise to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. May your blessing come to rest on our home and all of us. Make our lives wise with your wisdom, true to your teaching, and enlivened by your love. May your Word made flesh make his home among us. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. AMEN. Everyone then processes from one room to another. In each room, God's blessing is asked on all that takes place in that room. Holy Water is sprinkled. The front and rear door frames are marked: 20 + C + M + B + 21.* [The traditional names of the 3 Kings are: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.]

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Dorothy Geosits:** \$50 Daughter, Sharon Geosits; \$25 Karen and Bill Glose; \$20 Joy and Sal Nicosia; \$50 Metro and Shirley Bach; \$50 M/M Michael Krupa; \$50 Jerome Onuschak, Jr.

New Year's Mass Schedule

New Year's Eve	4:00 p.m.
New Year's Day	9:00 a.m.

Volunteer Gifts: Gifts for the following volunteers are located in the Church Social Hall: 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.

Rectory Office will be closed Thursday, December 31 thru Monday, January 4 for New Year's.

Lottery Calendars: 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 Masses this weekend, December 26/27; **Thursday, December 31 before the 4:00 p.m. Mass and Friday, January 1 before the 9:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass.** This will be the last chance to purchase the calendars.

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.



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.

ASSUMPTION B.V.M. 2020 OFFERING STATEMENTS

will be mailed the week of January 11 to those who contributed \$1000 or more during 2020. If you desire a statement of your 2020 contributions and your contributions are under \$1000 please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket any Sunday during the month of January.

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