

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
Baptism of the Lord – January 9/10, 2021**

Daily Masses

Jan. 11, Monday	8:00 a.m.	Health and Blessing – Hope Stempo	Mary Legath
Jan. 12, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Rheta Botteon	Mike and Bella Skweir
Jan. 13, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Jan. 14, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Nederostek	M/M Jacob Molchany
Jan. 15, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Geosits	Mary LaBianca
Jan. 16, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Alfred Kosman	BVM Young-At-Heart
Jan. 17, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Bernard & Julia Shara & Stephanie Sarris	Son & Brother, Mark Shara

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention 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 Ann Weber, Phil Falcone and Rosalie Najpauer, sister of Paul Mikulcik, who died recently.

Good News!

January 10, 2021
Baptism of the Lord (B)
Is 55:1–11; 1 Jn 5:1–9; Mk 1:7–11

Who was not asked, at the dawn of young adulthood, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Today there are so many options for girls and boys. How does one decide? Money and security are very tempting, as are fame and reputation. And then there is the other side of the story when, in the quiet of our thoughts, we wonder if we became everything we might have been. Did we choose the right path or the easy one? Did we rise to the occasion when life challenged us, or did we stay where it was comfortable? Did we really grow up, or did we just get older?

Today we cross the threshold of Christmastime and into Ordinary Time, when the readings focus on discipleship. What kind of disciple do we want to be? Regardless of the past, today we have a chance to start anew. Today’s Gospel passage places Jesus before us as a model to follow. He is at the threshold of his ministry. Stepping out of the waters of the Jordan, he is told: “You are my beloved Son.” As Son, his role is to bring God’s goodness to the world. Through baptism and profession of faith, we too are filled with God’s spirit. We too are beloved sons and daughters of God, called to bring God’s goodness to the world. What does this mean for us? To what kind of lives does this call us? What do we want to be when we grow up?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – January 11

Weekday

Heb 1:1–6

Mk 1:14–20

Tuesday – January 12

Weekday

Heb 2:5–12

Mk 1:21–28

Wednesday – January 13

Weekday

Heb 2:14–18

Mk 1:29–39

Thursday – January 14

Weekday

Heb 3:7–14

Mk 1:40–45

Friday – January 15

Weekday

Heb 4:1–5, 11

Mk 2:1–12

Saturday – January 16

Weekday

Heb 4:12–16

Mk 2:13–17

Sunday – January 17

Second Sunday in

Ordinary Time

1 Sm 3:3b–10, 19

1 Cor 6:13c–15a, 17–20

Jn 1:35–42

Rel. Ed. Classes..... Sundays, 9:00 – 10:05 a.m.
Bible Study..... **Tuesdays, after Mass**
Adoration..... **Wednesdays 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**



COOKS WITH COLLARS starting January 15!
Monsignor Koons needs your help!

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[*the winner?* Let's hope!]
Don't forget to Vote!!

Adoration: On Wednesdays the morning Mass will continue with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and conclude with Benediction at 9:15 a.m. 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.

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.

Bible Study: Sister Donna is doing a Bible Study on Tuesday mornings in our Social Hall at 8:45 a.m., 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. All are welcome to attend.

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.

Young at Heart Update: The officers and board members of Assumption BVM Young at Heart trust you had a bountiful Thanksgiving and a Holy and Peaceful Christmas. Due to the governmental regulations concerning Covid-19, we are extending our return to meetings until May of 2021. The outlook for our beginning looks positive with the vaccines and the restrictions being lifted. Until then stay safe, wear those masks, wash those hands and love each other from 6 feet away, Happy New Year. We will keep you posted. Nancy / Anita

Catholic Relief Services Collection: The weekend of **January 23/24**, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. **How will you help?** Please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise. Envelopes are contained in your packet for this special collection.

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.

ENVELOPE NUMBER: _____
 NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____

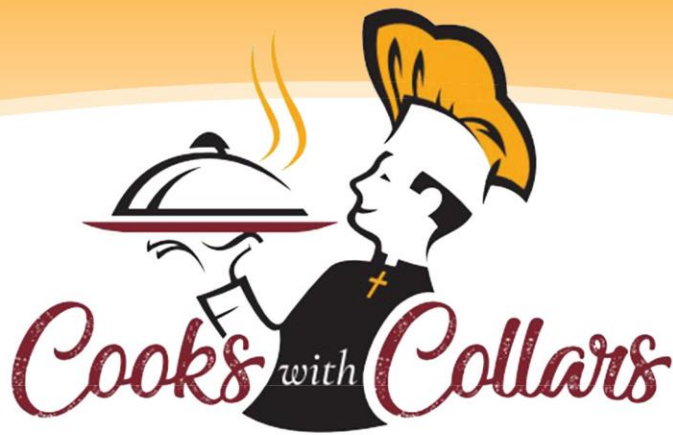
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