

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
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 16/17, 2021

Daily Masses

Jan. 18, Monday	NO MASS		
Jan. 19, Tuesday	NO MASS		
Jan. 20, Wednesday	NO MASS		
Jan. 21, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Irene Tanzosh	Walter and Irene Schmaldienst Sisters
Jan. 22, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Mike Plata, Jr.	Parents, Joe & Diane, Brother, Joe, and Sister, Jenny
Jan. 23, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Ryan Zawada	Wife, Nancy
Jan. 24, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†William Birosik	
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Dorothy Geosits requested by Joanne and Juliet Manning.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers, Emma Hartzell, sister of Nancy Birosik, and Agnes Goldschmidt, mother of Diane Banus, who died recently.

Good News!

January 17, 2021

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19; 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20; Jn 1:35-42

Today we focus on our call from God. Both Samuel and Jesus' disciples were called. Unfortunately, not everyone realizes he or she has been called to be a disciple. Pope Francis insists that by virtue of baptism we are all missionary disciples. What does this mean? What does it ask of us?

Today's readings set the stage for our consideration of discipleship. They tell us several things. As with Samuel, the invitation from God can be unexpected, for it can occur in the very ordinary events of life. Perhaps, like Samuel, we don't hear the call because the event is so ordinary. Maybe we need someone to open our eyes to God's presence in the ordinariness of life. But what do we expect a call from God to be? A thunderclap? A blinding light? Actually, when we realize we have been called by God, it is like a crash of thunder or a blinding light.

Intrigued by Jesus, the disciples wanted to hear more, and so they followed him. Frequently God speaks to us through the lives of other people. When we see goodness in them we too want to be good, to do good. This might prompt us to share what we have, to comfort those who suffer, to forgive those who have offended us. We may not yet know how to do it, but such goodness can touch us deeply. Do we listen, like Samuel? Are we open, like the disciples?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – January 18

Weekday
Heb 5:1-10
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday – January 19

Weekday
Heb 6:10-20
Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday – January 20

Weekday
Heb 7:1-3, 15-17
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday – January 21

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Heb 7:25—8:6
Mk 3:7-12

Friday – January 22

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Heb 8:6-13 / Mk 3:13-19

Saturday – January 23

Weekday
Heb 9:2-3, 11-14
Mk 3:20-21

Sunday – January 24

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jon 3:1-5, 10
1 Cor 7:29-31
Mk 1:14-20

Rel. Ed. Classes..... Sundays, 9:00 – 10:05 a.m.
7th & 8th Grade Rel. Ed... Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Adoration..... Wednesday, Jan. 20
First Friday Adoration.... **after Mass**
Confirmation..... Thursday, February 4
Church Picnic..... Sun., **September 12, 2021**



COOKS WITH COLLARS

Monsignor Koons needs your help!

Monsignor Koons is representing Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in COOKS WITH COLLARS, an online cooking video competition to raise funds for participating parishes and Catholic Charities in the Diocese of Allentown. Monsignor's cooking video includes parishioner Jane Spengler, and his sister, Rose Trout.

Go to: www.cookswithcollars.com to see priests from around the Diocese creating delicious kitchen concoctions. You may pay to vote multiple times. Every dollar of your vote(s) for Monsignor Koons goes to BVM Parish. Catholic Charities benefits from ad sponsorships. Vote early and vote often (deadline February 15) for our Diocesan top priest-chef! Each vote is just \$10.00. All voting proceeds for Monsignor Koons benefit our parish.

Thanks for making Monsignor Koons and Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish a winner!

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

Adoration: On **Wednesday, January 20** 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.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Dorothy Geosits:** \$25 Roseann Cericola; \$20 Cynthia Balliet Fehnel; \$25 Vince and Rose Grabarits; \$25 Tim and Janice Morris; \$20 Heidi and Stephen Skrapits. **In memory of Thomas Balent:** \$50 Wife and Family. **In memory of Emma Hartzell:** \$20 Anita Kotoris and Hope Stempo. **In memory of Ann Weber:** \$20.21 John Yurish; \$20 Anna Furst; \$50 Dale and Betty Millham and Family; \$50 Donald and Patricia Rogan; \$15 Hilda Frisch; \$40 Naomi Serensits and Family.

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.

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.

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

were mailed this past week 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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 CITY: _____

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