

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
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 30/31, 2021

Daily Masses

Feb. 01, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Bernadette Marushak	Ciecko Family
Feb. 02, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Jean Wieder	Friend
Feb. 03, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Sentiwany, Sr.	Joan Piotrowski
Feb. 04, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Margaret Tepes	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Feb. 05, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Chickilly	Brenda and Bob Fritz
Feb. 06, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Ryan Carbone	Fred and Lisa Koons
Feb. 07, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Patrick Kinney	Steven and Ann Marie Kinney

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week for the health and blessing of Hope Stempo requested by Joanne and Juliet.

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

Good News!

January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Dt 18:15–20; 1 Cor 7:32–35; Mk 1:21–28

Who teaches with authority? To whose voice should we listen? The first reading provides an answer. Moses had been appointed by God to be God's voice for the Israelites—for that is what a prophet is. Moses assures the people that God will raise up a leader like himself. They are to listen to that voice just as they listened to his voice. The Gospel presents Jesus as the fulfillment of that promise.

The issues of contemporary life are extraordinarily complex. Actually, when one is in the midst of living, it is always complex. It was complex at the time of Moses and at the time of Jesus as well. So, to whose voice should disciples listen? It is easy to answer: "The one with authority." But who has authority? Recognizing genuine authority is not as easy as it sounds. Moses' position of authority was eventually recognized, but that was not the case in the beginning. The expression, "Who died and left you boss?" comes right out of an earlier story of Moses (Exodus 2:14). As for Jesus, he never held a recognized position of authority in his society, and we know his authority seems eventually to have been rejected by most.

A sign of genuine authority is seen in the integrity of one's life. Moses led the people through the struggles of the wilderness. In this Gospel, Jesus confirms the message of his teaching with his works of healing. Who has authority? "By their fruits you will know them" (Matthew 7:16).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday - February 1

Weekday
Heb 11:32–40
Mk 5:1–20

Tuesday – February 2

Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1–4
Heb 2:14–18
Lk 2:22–40

Wednesday – February 3

Weekday
Heb 12:4–7, 11–15
Mk 6:1–6

Thursday – February 4

Weekday
Heb 12:18–19, 21–24
Mk 6:7–13

Friday – February 5

St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Heb 13:1–8
Mk 6:14–29

Saturday – February 6

St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
Heb 13:15–17, 20–21
Mk 6:30–34

Sunday – February 7

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 7:1–4, 6–7
1 Cor 9:16–19, 22–23
Mk 1:29–39

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



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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.

Thank you for an amazing response so far!

Don't forget to Vote!!



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of James Nicosia. They were donated by his Parents, Joy and Sal Nicosia.

Adoration: On Wednesday mornings the 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.



Souper Sunday of Caring: Next Sunday, Super Bowl weekend, February 6/7, we will be collecting funds for the Northampton Area Food Bank. Throughout the country

Billions of dollars will be spent to celebrate the Super Bowl. Can you afford \$5 or \$10 to help feed the needy? Drop your donation in one of the soup pots which will be located in the church vestibule after all Masses on Super Bowl weekend.

First Friday Adoration: The First Friday of February, February 5, 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.

Blessing of Throats: This Saturday, January 30 and Sunday, January 31, there will be a general blessing of throats at the end of Mass.

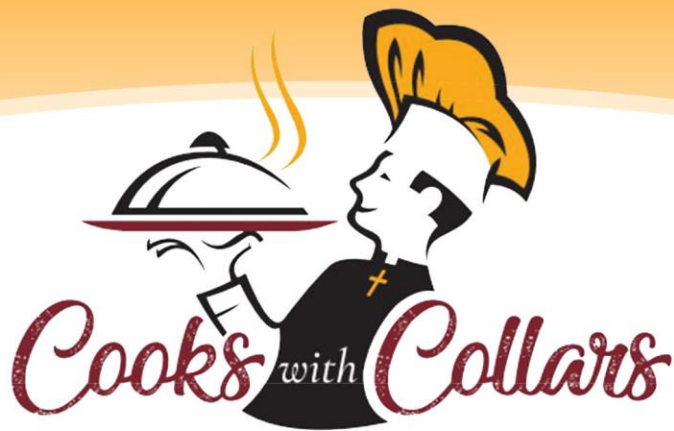
Candles will be Blessed for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2 – Candlemas Day). They are available in the church vestibule for your personal use. We ask an offering of \$3.50 per box to help cover the costs.

Good Shepherd Catholic School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week beginning **today, Sunday, January 31.** To kick off our week, we are offering live tours for any families interested in enrolling students for next school year. All tours must be scheduled ahead of time as we will not have our typical Open House due to the pandemic. Tours will begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. (last time slot being noon.) If you would like to sign up, please contact Mrs. Tripaldi at 610-262-9171 or by email: mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com. Tours are being offered for students entering Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, and Kindergarten through grade 8. Spaces are limited for next school year so register early! If you would like to tour but cannot make it that Sunday, please reach out and we can make necessary accommodations.

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

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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