

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons**, Pastor  
**Mrs. Karen Glose**, Director of Music  
**Mrs. Mary LaBianca**, Adult Choir Director  
**Mrs. Susan Parker, M.Ed.**, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School

**Mrs. Susan Parker**, Director of Religious Education  
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**Diocesan Website:** www.allentowndiocese.org

## 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**  
**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 6/7, 2021**

**Daily Masses**

Feb. 08, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Kovalcik	Kovalcik Family
Feb. 09, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Al Marhefka	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Feb. 10, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of Our Memorial Fund	
Feb. 11, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Carolyn Wuchter	Sr. Annette Seubert
Feb. 12, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Lizak	Rose Derkits
Feb. 13, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†James Kovacs	Barbara Lynn
Feb. 14, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Humenik	Sons, David and Paul
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Kenneth Crouthamel requested by Crouthamel Family.

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

# Good News!

February 7, 2021

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

Jb 7:1–4, 6–7; 1 Cor 9:16–19, 22–23; Mk 1:29–39

This harsh bit of advice is more military than religious. However, it does carry some truth. There are times when there is no way to avoid hardship, so all we can do is find some way of dealing with it. This is the situation in today's reading from Job. He experiences life as burdensome. To make matters worse, life is too short to be able to get beyond the difficulty. So what does he do? What might most of us do in similar situations? Complain.

There is really nothing wrong with complaining. The problem is to whom and for how long. A large number of the psalms are complaints or, to use the theological term, *laments*. To complain to God can be a profound prayer, for it admits our human inability to fix everything. And, it presumes that God can and just might fix the problem. The psalm response continues this train of thought with a prayer of confidence that God will fix it. The Gospel reading then provides examples of how Jesus did just that.

These are not merely stories of past events. Rather, they trace a profound yet difficult-to-accept religious belief: when we are overwhelmed by hardship, we should turn to God and place our need in God's care, believing that God wants what is best for us. Perhaps the rest is out of our hands, but we must believe that we are in God's hands and, therefore, safe.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

## Calendar:

### Monday – February 8

*Weekday*

Gn 1:1–19

Mk 6:53–56

### Tuesday – February 9

*Weekday*

Gn 1:20–2:4a

Mk 7:1–13

### Wednesday – February 10

*St. Scholastica, Virgin*

Gn 2:4b–9, 15–17

Mk 7:14–23

### Thursday – February 11

*Weekday*

Gn 2:18–25

Mk 7:24–30

### Friday – February 12

*Weekday*

Gn 3:1–8

Mk 7:31–37

### Saturday – February 13

*Weekday*

Gn 3:9–24

Mk 8:1–10

### Sunday – February 14

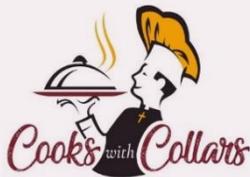
*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Lv 13:1–2, 44–46

1 Cor 10:31–11:1

Mk 1:40–45

**Rel. Ed. Classes.....** Sundays, 9:00 – 10:05 a.m.  
**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rel. Ed...** Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Adoration.....** Wednesdays after Mass  
**First Friday Adoration....** after Mass  
**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](http://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 Joseph Sentiwany, Sr. They were donated by his Son, Joe.

**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:** This weekend, Super Bowl weekend, February 6/7, we are 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.

**Candles were 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.

**Memorial Fund:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Ann Weber:** \$20 Doris Snyder. **In memory of Jerome Miranda:** \$20 Carol Jean Susko. **In memory of Barbara Moccio:** \$25 Anita Kotoris and Hope Stempo.

**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](mailto:mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com).

**VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR**

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

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To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit the Diocesan website at [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

**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.

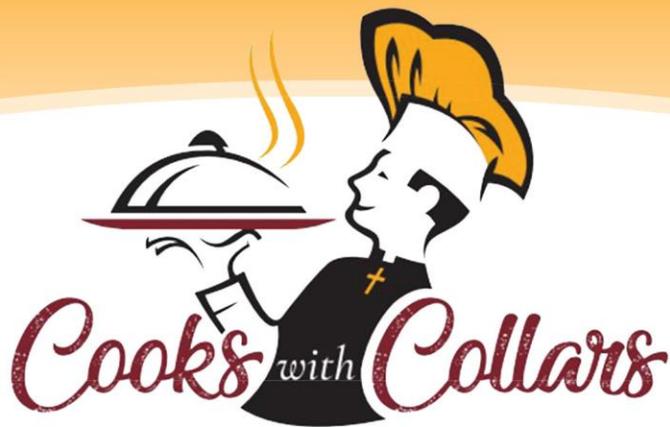
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