

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



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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
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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 of Lent – February 27/28, 2021

Daily Masses

March 1, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†John J. Budihias	Estate
March 2, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Rosemarie Meiley	Butch Grabarits
March 3, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Kovalcik	Sister, Johanna Fabik and family
	6:30 p.m.	†Anna Hartzell	Mary and John Herman
March 4, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Ann Weber	Roy and Mary Ann Fisher
March 5, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Rev. Francis Straka	Fred and Jane Loquasto
March 6, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Poandl	Family
March 7, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Martha Hozza	Debra Kay and Joe Bennett

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Louise Kotoris requested by daughter, Nikki.

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

From the Pastor

February 28, 2021

Second Sunday of Lent (B)

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

IN the readings today, we have a look into the future while looking at the past. Because of Abraham's faith in the one, true God, Abraham was promised that his descendants would be "*as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore.*" (Genesis 22:17) But that promise didn't come to Abraham until **after** his faith was put to the test, as we hear in the first reading this 2nd Sunday of Lent. Isaac was Abraham's and Sarah's beloved son, born in their old age. Isaac represented Abraham and Sarah's **future**, but in the present moment, the angel of the Lord was sent to test his faith: how deeply did he trust the Lord when, earlier in his life, the Lord said to him: "*I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great...*" (Genesis 12:2) Indeed, that promise came true. The Jewish people, as well as Christians, consider Abraham "our father in faith." Here was a man, who lived a few thousand years ago, whose name is still spoken in Churches and Synagogues the world over. God's promises are fulfilled.

The only son that would be sacrificed is the ONLY-BEGOTTEN SON OF GOD. In our second reading, Saint Paul reminds us in his letter to the Romans that "*He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him?*" (Romans 8:32)

And so we see in the Gospel the **Transfiguration of the Lord**. He knew His Father's will, that HE would be the Lamb of God, sacrificed for our sins. But the Lord Jesus wanted His Apostles to know what **the future** would hold, not only for Him, The Beloved Son, but also for us, as *adopted* sons of daughters; sons and daughters in the faith of Abraham, brothers and sisters of Jesus Christ. This is GOOD NEWS! Spread it whenever and wherever you can!

Calendar:

Monday – March 1

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b-10

Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday – March 2

Lenten Weekday

Is 1:10, 16-20

Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday – March 3

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18-20

Mt 20:17-28

Thursday – March 4

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5-10

Lk 16:19-31

Friday – March 5

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3-4, 12-

13a, 17b-28a

Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday – March 6

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14-15, 18-20

Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday – March 7

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 20:1-17

1 Cor 1:22-25

Jn 2:13-25

Monsignor Koons

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
First Communion..... Saturday, May 1, 9:00 a.m.
Church Picnic..... Sun., **September 12, 2021**

First Friday Adoration: The First Friday of March, March 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.

Lenten Activities:

Mass: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:00 a.m.

Adoration: Following the 8:00 a.m. Mass on Wednesdays until 9:15 a.m.

Additional Mass Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. followed by **Stations of the Cross** at 7:00 p.m.

Confessions: Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Operation Rice Bowl is a wonderful way to bring the spirit of Lenten sacrifice home. Operation Rice Bowl allows millions of our starving brothers and sisters to benefit and it doesn't cost us a cent! To participate, choose one night a week to eat a sacrificial meal. We will publish suggested meals in the bulletin each week. The meal is designed to imitate the quantity of food eaten by the poor. Take the cost of the meal, subtract it from what you normally would have spent for dinner that day, and give the difference to Operation Rice Bowl. **This week's menu: Baked Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Fruit Cocktail OR Tuna Salad on Pita, Jell-O with Banana Slices.**

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.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Rose Zangari:** \$100 Children; \$50 Grandchildren; \$20 John and Pat Schneider. **In memory of Paul Kovach:** \$50 Judy Haldeman; \$50 Robert and Tina Daku; \$25 Warren Family; \$25 Eugene and Frances Grabarits; \$15 Michael Sommer; \$25 Frank and Eileen Laufik; \$25 Ann Marie and Steve Graff; \$25 Mary Ann Liskanich.

Slovak Kolach Sale: Your Easter Slovak Kolach **orders are due by Sunday, March 14.** Please complete the salmon colored form and return it with your payment. The cost is \$16.00 each. Additional order forms are available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, March 27 and Sunday, March 28.

Cemetery Clean-up: To prepare our cemetery (and mausoleum) for spring and the Easter holiday you are asked to please remove your Christmas plants and decorations **by Sunday, March 14 (if the snow every melts).** Any Christmas decorations left on the graves or at the mausoleum after this date will be discarded. If you know of any non-parishioners having graves or crypts on our cemetery, please pass along this information.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____
 Phone No. _____

Check One:
 New Registration Change of Address
 Moving out of Parish Request Envelopes
 Request envelopes (returned home from college)

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory

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Thank you to all who have voted and donated to this fun and imaginative diocesan fundraiser. Our parish came in second with \$33,425.00! However, we were #1 in number of donors, so both Notre Dame of Bethlehem and Assumption BVM were "Top winners." Thank you and God bless you!
Msgr. Koons

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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2021 Hand Rolled Slovak Kolach Sale

Apple
Apricot
Coconut Cream
English Walnut
Lekvar (Prune)
Poppy Seed
Pumpkin Cheese
Seedless Red Raspberry

\$16.00 each

Baked and prepared by Country Cottage Bake Shop Tamaqua, PA 18252

Forms are included in the Sunday Bulletin.

Place your order WITH PAYMENT in the Sunday Collection or drop off at the Rectory.

IMPORTANT:

Deadline for Orders: Sunday, March 14

Pick-up: After Mass in Church Social Hall:
Saturday March 27
Sunday March 28

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THANK YOU

