

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor
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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 of Easter / Divine Mercy Sunday - April 11, 2021

Daily Masses

Apr. 12,	Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Conarty	Bennett Family
Apr. 13,	Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Fred Hurban	Hurban Family
Apr. 14,	Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward J. Conarty, Jr.	Debra Kay and Joe Bennett
Apr. 15,	Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Martha Marie Hozza	Husband, Edward
Apr. 16,	Friday	8:00 a.m.	Living/Deceased members of the Stanley Piervallo Family	Family
Apr. 17,	Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
Apr. 18,	Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†John M. Humenik	Brothers, David and Paul
		10:30 a.m.	†Dominick Galluzzo	Family

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

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Dominick Galluzzo who died recently.

From the Pastor

Divine Mercy

The Sunday after Easter is designated by the Church as Divine Mercy Sunday, coming from the writings and experiences of St Faustina Kowalska. In 1931, she had a vision of Christ for which He wanted her to promote devotion, promising "that the soul that will venerate this image will not perish." In the image, "the two rays denote Blood and Water. The pale ray stands for the Water which makes souls righteous. The red ray stands for the Blood which is the life of souls.... These two rays issued forth from the very depths of My tender mercy when My agonized Heart was opened by a lance on the Cross."

St. Faustina also wrote that Jesus stressed the importance of the image as part of the Divine Mercy devotion. She attributed these words to Jesus:

"I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy. That vessel is this image with the signature; 'Jesus, I trust in You.'"

I find it interesting that the image of Divine Mercy projects these "two rays" which denote the blood and water from the pierced side of Jesus. The Church counts this act of the blood and water coming forth from Christ as the "birth" of the Church, the Spouse of Christ, since Eve, the spouse of Adam, was born from the rib taken from the side of Adam. The symbolism and signs of the Church are numberless and rich in imagery. The two rays also conform to another teaching of the Church concerning mercy: The Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. I like to think of the red ray emanating from the Divine Mercy image as indicative of the divine, merciful grace that enables 'souls,' that is, you and me, to engage in the corporal works of mercy. After all, corporal relates to the Body, and blood nourishes the body. The Corporal works of mercy are:

- To feed the hungry.
- To give water to the thirsty.
- To clothe the naked.
- To shelter the homeless.
- To visit the sick.
- To visit the imprisoned or ransom the captive.
- To bury the dead.

By comparison, the white ray, which stand for the water which makes souls righteous, is the Divine help that enables us to engage the Spiritual Works of mercy, which are:

- To instruct the ignorant.
- To counsel the doubtful.
- To admonish the sinners.
- To bear patiently those who wrong us.
- To forgive offenses.
- To comfort the afflicted.
- To pray for the living and the dead.

In other words, what emanates from the Heart and side of Christ, comes to us as a grace by which we can return the sacrifice of our works of mercy to the Father in heaven, allowing Christ's Mercy to flow into ourselves, out to our neighbors and back to God, completing a Divine current of Mercy that increases faith, hope, and love in the Holy Trinity.

God Bless you all, and once again, Happy Easter!

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
Church Picnic..... Sun., **September 12, 2021**

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Elaine Molchany:** \$35 Lester and Barbara Frickert; \$25 Frederick Molchany.

Good Shepherd Catholic School News: Registrations are now being accepted for grades K through 8 for the 2021-2022 school year. We are also offering a full day 3 year old and 4 year old Preschool program for next year. Classes are filling up quickly for next year, so if you are interested please call the school at 610-262-9171 to set up a private tour or email our Advancement Director Mrs. Tripaldi at mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com.

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.

Calendar:

Monday - April 12

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:23-31

Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday - April 13

Easter Weekday

Acts 4:32-37

Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday - April 14

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:17-26

Jn 3:16-21

Thursday - April 15

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:27-33

Jn 3:31-36

Friday - April 16

Easter Weekday

Acts 5:34-42

Jn 6:1-15

Saturday - April 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 6:1-7

Jn 6:16-21

Sunday - April 18

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

1 Jn 2:1-5a

Lk 24:35-48

Night at the Ball Game: Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on Friday, June 25 on the Party Porch, 1st base line, at Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Ironpigs Way, Allentown hosted by B.V.M. Choir. Food will be available from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Game starts at 7:05 p.m. For ticket reservations call Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138. Cost is \$40 per person. Tickets are limited to 40 people per Coca Cola Park Covid requirements. Because of these social distance requirements tickets are limited to 2 per person, first come, first serve. **Reminder: Payment must be received by Sunday, April 25.**

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

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.

Victim Assistance Coordinator

DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER

1-800-791-9209

Email: victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

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Saturday, May 8, 2021

Pick Up Times -3PM to 6PM

Holy Trinity Church 4102 S. Church Street, Whitehall

½ Roast Chicken, Baked Potato, Cole Slaw, Roll & Bread

Prepared by Lorah’s Farm Market – Take Away Only

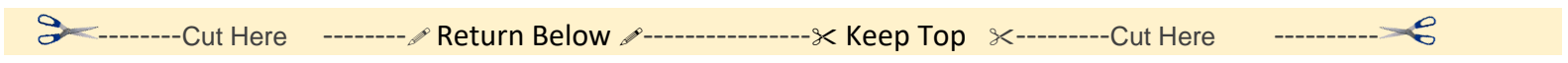
Orders and Payment must be received by Sunday, May 2, 2021

On site purchases will not be available

Questions KofC4050@gmail.com or 814-694-4050

All funds raised support the council's charitable giving. The Knights appreciate your support.

Name _____ Qty _____ Pick up time _____



Return This Order Form by May 2, 2021

Pick up time: __ 3:00-3:30 __ 3:30-4:00 __ 4:00-4:30 __ 4:30-5:00 __ 5:00-5:30 __ 5:30-6:00

Name _____

Email _____

Quantity _____ x \$12.00 each = Total Cost _____

Place form and payment, cash or check in a sealed envelope labeled
“Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner,” in collection basket by May 2nd
Or mail form and payment to “Knights of Columbus Council 4050,
Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 4102 S. Church Street, Whitehall, PA 18052
Make Checks Payable to: Knights of Columbus Council 4050

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