

# 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**  
**Third Sunday of Easter - April 18, 2021**

**Daily Masses**

Apr. 19,	Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Connie Marth	Jean Marhefka
Apr. 20,	Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Emma Hartzell	Heidi and Steve Skrapits
Apr. 21,	Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Kelly Koons	Fred and Lisa Koons
Apr. 22,	Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of Our Memorial Fund	
Apr. 23,	Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of the Charles Marsch Family	Steve Marsch
Apr. 24,	Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Joseph Seko, Jr.	Kovach Family
Apr. 25,	Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
		10:30 a.m.	Health and Blessing – Joy and Sal Nicosia on the occasion of their 65 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	Family

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

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

**From the Pastor**  
**Third Sunday of Easter**

**“They thought they were seeing a ghost.”**

I remember when I was a young boy visiting the home of an aunt and uncle that was an old house up the line near Leighton. It was old: and it had some adjoining small buildings, perhaps they were an old barn and small garage, and the place was a bit “creepy-scary” to me and some of my siblings when we, on a few occasions, would go snooping around. My cousins were about five to ten years older than me and my siblings, and they probably observed us secretly, guessing [correctly] that we thought the place was “haunted.” Right at the top of the staircase inside the house there was a door through which you could see a rocking chair. My cousin must have rigged it up to move on its own, because I remember seeing it rocking without anybody in it. This confirmed my suspicion that the old house had “ghosts.” I was really petrified! Luckily, I didn’t see any ghosts, I just saw what I assumed was the effect of a ghost’s presence....

So I am intrigued by this line from today’s Gospel. Those apostles, I am quite certain, must have been petrified to see the risen Christ. And they were hard-scrabble fishermen, probably not unlike the type of men who worked, in modern times, in steel mills and cement factories. “Peace be with you,” indeed!

Why were they so frightened? It is because the risen, glorified human body is unlike anything ANYONE has ever seen. Yet it awaits us as the reward of salvation. It will be us who share in that same resurrection of Jesus, as the reward of reaching the beatitude of heaven.

Saint Thomas Aquinas teaches what the four qualities of the risen, glorified human body will be, based on the scriptures:

- 1) **Impassibility** - the glorified body will no longer suffer physical sickness or death, as Saint Paul teaches regarding the glorified body in 1 Corinthians 15:42, “It is sown in corruption, it shall rise in incorruption.”
- 2) **Subtlety** - meaning that we will have a spiritualized nature in the sense of a spiritual body as did our Lord, as we learn at 1 Corinthians 15:44: “It is sown a corruptible body, it shall rise a spiritual,” i.e. a spirit-like, “body.” We see that Christ’s glorified body was able to pass through closed doors.
- 3) **Agility** – the glorified body will obey the soul with the greatest ease and speed of movement as we read in 1 Corinthians 15:43: “It is sown in weakness, it shall rise in power,” that is, “mobile and living.” Saint Thomas Aquinas says, “But mobility can only signify agility in movement. Therefore the glorified bodies will be agile.” We discern agility in our Resurrected Lord’s ability to bilocate and travel great distances in an instant.
- 4) **Clarity** – the glorified body will be free from any deformity and will be filled with beauty and radiance as we read at Matthew 13:43: “The just shall shine as the sun in the kingdom of their Father,” and Wisdom 3:7: “The just shall shine and shall run to and fro like sparks among the reeds.” Here clarity refers not being “clear” but to being “bright.”

Nothing to be afraid of here! One could spend hours imagining what impassibility, subtlety, agility, and clarity will be like. One could then pray with gratitude for the promise of such future, great gifts.

**It is worth noting that the Virgin Mary has already received her glorified and resurrected body.** Hence, she has the four gifts of the resurrection. Which then explains how, over the centuries, the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared at various times and places to selected, blessed people. This dogma of our faith is what is meant by the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Patroness of our parish.

Monsignor Koons

**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**

**First Friday Adoration:** The First Friday of May, May 7, 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.

**Night at the Ball Game:** Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on Friday, June 25 on the Party Porch, 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

**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](mailto: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.

**Rachel's Vineyard Retreat:** An intimated spiritual journey for anyone seeking healing after abortion. In a safe, supportive, non-judgmental environment you can focus on this painful time in your life and enter into the process of healing. Through scripture readings, guided meditations and activities flowing from the meditations, you can experience God's compassion and forgiveness. For registration information contact: Carol Swavely, MA, 1-866-3RACHEL (Toll Free) or 610-435-1541, ext. 373. Or email Carol at [cswavely@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:cswavely@allentowndiocese.org). The retreat will be held July 23, 24 and 25, 2021 at the St. Francis Retreat House in Easton. Deadline for Registration is Friday, July 16, 2021.

## Calendar:

### Monday - April 19

*Easter Weekday*  
 Acts 6:8-15  
 Jn 6:22-29

### Tuesday - April 20

*Easter Weekday*  
 Acts 7:51-8:1a  
 Jn 6:30-35

### Wednesday - April 21

*Easter Weekday*  
 Acts 8:1b-8  
 Jn 6:35-40

### Thursday - April 22

*Easter Weekday*  
 Acts 8:26-40  
 Jn 6:44-51

### Friday - April 23

*Easter Weekday*  
 Acts 9:1-20  
 Jn 6:52-59

### Saturday - April 24

*Easter Weekday*  
 Acts 9:31-42  
 Jn 6:60-69

### Sunday - April 25

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*  
 Acts 4:8-12  
 1 Jn 3:1-2  
 Jn 10:11-18

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

#### Check One:

New Registration  Change of Address

Moving out of Parish  Request Envelopes

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Prepared by Lorah’s Farm Market – Take Away Only

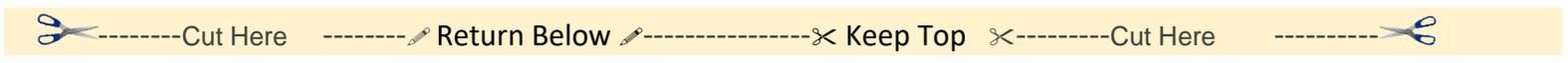
Orders and Payment must be received by Sunday, May 2, 2021

**On site purchases will not be available**

Questions [KofC4050@gmail.com](mailto:KofC4050@gmail.com) or 814-694-4050

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### Return This Order Form by May 2, 2021

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Place form and payment, cash or check in a sealed envelope labeled  
“Knights of Columbus Chicken Dinner,” in collection basket by May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
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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