

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

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
Seventh Sunday of Easter – May 15/16, 2021

Daily Masses

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| May 17, Monday | 8:00 a.m. | †Martha Marie Hozza | Husband, Edward |
| May 18, Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. | †Anna and Peter Rodick | Daughter, Rita Pavlick, and Family |
| May 19, Wednesday | 8:00 a.m. | †Irene Kedl | Son, Frank, and Family |
| May 20, Thursday | 8:00 a.m. | †Frank and Anna Miklos | Family |
| May 21, Friday | 8:00 a.m. | †Geraldine Molchany Filipovits | Sister, Helen, and Andre Laventure |
| May 22, Saturday | 4:00 p.m. | †Ernest Woolever | Daughter, Debra Kay, and Family |
| May 23, Sunday | 8:00 a.m. | Living and deceased parishioners | |
| | 10:30 a.m. | †Thomas Nron | Steven and Ann Marie Kinney |

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of John and Mary Wanisko requested by John and Elizabeth Kuchera.

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

From the Pastor
Seventh Sunday of Easter

The Holy Spirit is referred to by Jesus as the "Spirit of Truth." Jesus had not revealed, in the course of just three short years of His public ministry, all truth for He says of the apostles future: "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he ***will guide you into all the truth.***" That brief statement is really, really astonishing when you think about it, for he was saying these words to a group of largely uneducated men. Of course, they would have been educated in their Jewish faith and the Scriptures, but nowhere near to the experts, the Pharisees and Scribes and Sadducees, the leaders of the synagogues. Nor were they educated in the manner of the Greek and Roman schools of philosophy, to which our modern western civilization owes so much of our own principles of thought, education, law, mathematics and science.

These fishermen from Galilee were chosen to preach the Truth. And intrinsically linked to Truth is wisdom. We read in the Acts of the Apostles Saint Paul's famous encounter with philosophers and educated Greeks at the Areopogus in Athens, which in classical times, was a court. A court is where wisdom, truth, and judgment all come together, as Saint Paul found there an "altar to an unknown god" [Acts 17:23] prompting him to proclaim the Truth. Among those philosophers, Acts of the Apostles chapter 17 mentions "Epicureans and Stoics." The followers of these philosophies were both Roman and Greek people. Saint Paul basically preached to them: 'Time for you philosophers, Romans, and Greeks, to end your ignorance.'

Wisdom may be said to be the opposite of 'ignorance.' Those Roman and Greek philosophers were undoubtedly wise concerning the things of this world, but they were ignorant of the ways of God. And yet, as Saint Paul says: "*he fixed the ordered seasons and the boundaries of their regions, so that people might seek God, even perhaps grope for him and find him, though indeed he is not far from any one of us.*" [Acts 17:27] They "groped" and came 'close' but as the saying goes, 'close, but no cigar!' A young maiden Virgin from the hinterlands of the eastern Roman Empire, a young woman named Mary, carried in herself the Author of Life and Truth, and she 'taught' wisdom to the Son of God in His humanity. Upon her lap sat the CREATOR of ALL THINGS.

Saint John Henry Newman, an English Cardinal of the Church who lived in the 1800s, preached a sermon at the Catholic University of Dublin in 1856, saying: "Mary has this title in her Litany, because the Son of God, who is also called in Scripture the Word and Wisdom of God, once dwelt in her, and then, after His birth of her, was carried in her arms and seated in her lap in His first years. Thus, being as it were, the human throne of Him who reigns in heaven, she is called the "***Seat of Wisdom.***"

But the possession of her Son lasted beyond His infancy—He was under her rule, as St. Luke tells us, and lived with her in her house, till He went forth to preach—that is, for *at least a whole thirty years.* For if such close and continued intimacy with her Son created in her a sanctity inconceivably great, must not also the knowledge which she gained during those many years from His conversation of present, past, and future, have been so large, and so profound, and so diversified, and so thorough, that, though she was a poor woman without human advantages, she must in her knowledge of creation, of the universe, and of history, have excelled the greatest of philosophers, and in her theological knowledge the greatest of theologians, and in her prophetic discernment the most favored of prophets?

Mary, Seat of Wisdom, pray for us.

Adoration..... Wednesdays after Mass
First Friday Adoration.... after Mass

Congratulations to our Assumption B.V.M. children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 1. Declan Abruzzi, Emma Bauman, Jaxson Bielecki, Colton Fehnel, Aiden Fritz, Gabriella Licini, Bianca McHugh, Carter McHugh, Anthony Natale, Ava Parker and Lillian Schmidt. May you stay as close to Jesus as you were the day of your First Communion. **Also, congratulations to our May Queen, Bianca McHugh, and her court, Emma Bauman, Gabriella Licini, Ava Parker and Lillian Schmidt.**



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Lauren Geosits. They were donated by her Aunt Sharon, Uncle Jerry and Aunt Carol.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of John Kachmar:** \$50 LeRoy and Debra Brobst.

Because We Are Catholic Annual Appeal (BWAC): We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2021 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at BecauseWeAreCatholic.org. Thank you for your support!

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.

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 www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

Calendar:

Monday – May 17

Easter Weekday

Acts 19:1–8

Jn 16:29–33

Tuesday – May 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:17–27

Jn 17:1–11a

Wednesday – May 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 20:28–38

Jn 17:11b–19

Thursday – May 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 22:30; 23:6–11

Jn 17:20–26

Friday – May 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 25:13b–21

Jn 21:15–19

Saturday – May 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 28:16–20, 30–31

Jn 21:20–25

Sunday – May 23

Pentecost Sunday

Acts 2:1–11

1 Cor 12:3b–7, 12–13

Jn 20:19–23



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