

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
Pentecost Sunday – May 22/23, 2021

Daily Masses

May 24, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Lillian Nush	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
May 25, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna Hartzell	Sylvia and John Marth
May 26, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Herb Bitenc	Wife, Marie
May 27, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Andrew B. Nederostek	Daughter, Betty, and Family
May 28, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Alfred Kosman	John and Mary Yurasits and Family
May 29, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Health and Blessing – Thomas and Regina Krause on the occasion of their 25 th Wedding Anniversary	
May 30, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Martha Marie Hozza	Joanne and Juliet

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Herb Bitenc requested by his wife, Marie.

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

From the Pastor
Pentecost Sunday

It seems like yesterday that we were celebrating Christmas, and shoveling snow. How quickly time goes by! The weather these past few days has been beautiful, all the more so now that precautions against the COVID virus are being eased somewhat. There is a “refreshing breath of fresh air” in the environment, whether it is the beautiful, sunny days, or the feeling of being “released” from fears about viruses, masks, and social distancing...

The Spirit of God is a “breath of fresh air” too, so to speak. The Spirit of God is the promised inheritance of those who believe in Jesus Christ and seek His presence even though He has risen and ascended to Heaven. The promise of Christ, to send the Spirit of Love upon us, opens our hearts to divine grace, to enable us to live a “newness of life” in and through and with Jesus who is our Way, our Truth, and our Life.

I am grateful to see more and more of our parishioners returning to Mass, even though the dispensation from attending is still in effect. The Diocese of Allentown, in view of the governor’s recommendations, and CDC guidance, has lifted the requirement of wearing a mask at Mass if ‘fully vaccinated.’ So too are the restrictions on social distancing eased, and therefore, all our pews are open, but it may yet still be a good idea for family groups not to “crowd each other” in the pew, if possible.

Various people have asked about our annual Parish Picnic. Unfortunately, we had to make a decision to again postpone the Annual Picnic because of the logistics of preparing food while social distanced, the Park’s rules, Diocesan social distancing rules at the venue and attendance limits. This decision was based on the guidance issued about a month ago. In that time, the guidance has changed quickly, and seems to continue to do so. Which means the possibility of a resurgence of the virus in late summer, and the possibility of a return to social restrictions. Thus, even though there are other local parishes that are planning to go ahead with their annual picnics, we had made the decision already, and still believe with all of uncertainty, that it was the correct decision to make.

In lieu of the picnic, however, a fundraising event is being planned, a Basket social, that perhaps will occur over three days on the weekend around the same date in early September. More information will follow soon.

A further note: in the next few weeks, it is hoped that a new sound system will be installed in the Church. We have had difficulties with the old sound system, and several notices that in certain areas of the Church, it is difficult to hear. Be forewarned! If you are blissfully unable to hear my homilies on Sundays, you may be in for a surprise very soon!

God bless you all!

Monsignor Koons

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



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Herb Bitenc. They were donated by his wife, Marie.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of John Kachmar:** \$20 Charlie and Cindy Walsh; \$25 Kelly Holmes.

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.

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Good News!!! The Assumption B.V.M. Young-At-Heart will resume meetings starting on Tuesday, June 29th, 12 noon, at the 26th Street Playground in Northampton. (Inclement weather: BVM Social Hall) All members will be contacted individually by a club officer. Looking forward to seeing all members attend. Nancy and Anita (Nikki)

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 – May 24

Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
Gn 3:9–15, 20
Jn 19:25–34

Tuesday – May 25

Weekday
Sir 35:1–12
Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday – May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest
Sir 36:1, 4–5a, 10–17
Mk 10:32–45

Thursday – May 27

Weekday
Sir 42:15–25 / Mk 10:46–52

Friday – May 28

Weekday
Sir 44:1, 9–13
Mk 11:11–26

Saturday – May 29

Weekday
Sir 51:12cd–20
Mk 11:27–33

Sunday – May 30

The Most Holy Trinity
Dt 4:32–34, 39–40
Rom 8:14–17
Mt 28:16–20

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