

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

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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
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – June 5/6, 2021

Daily Masses

June 07, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Conarty	Bennett Family
June 08, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Sentiwany, Sr.	David and Karen Sentiwany
June 09, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Ronald Weiner	Phyllis and Terry Bossard
June 10, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Nederostek	John and Deb Heckenberger
June 11, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Weider	Daughter, Sandy, and Dennis Yonosh
June 12, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Catherine and John Marth	Son, Conrad, and Family
June 13, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Bernard and Julia Shara and Stephanie Sarris	Son and Brother, Mark Shara

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Robert Haldeman requested by Family.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Phyllis Kush and Donald Missimer, brother of Barbara Budnick, who died recently.

The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ
From the Pastor

One of my first memories of going to Mass happened sometime when I was about 3 ½ years old. We had moved into our house in August 1965. In September 1965, my oldest sister started 1st grade at the then-new OLPH School in Bethlehem Township. Our parish was founded on Trinity Sunday, 1963, and our family was one of the original families that made up the parish. So my memory must be from the Spring of 1966. Our founding Pastor, Father Harry Hynes, was a good and holy Irish-American priest, originally ordained for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia in 1942. He was a canon lawyer, educated at Saint Charles, Philadelphia, then Rome, and then because of the war, back to the US to finish at Catholic University in Washington, D.C. I remember during the Mass, rambunctious little kid that I was, standing up on the pew, and imitating Father Hynes as he elevated the Sacred Host just after the consecration. I also remember having my imitation squelched by my father.... And not much more. As I grew, I always loved going to Mass. I loved the beauty with which Father Hynes reverently offered Mass, and although he died on July 11, 1975, when I was just about to enter into 8th grade, I can still hear his voice chanting "Through Him, with Him, and in Him...." Many of my conscious actions when I offer Mass are taken from the ritual habits that Father Hynes did when he offered Mass, as I correctly [or incorrectly] recall them, having served as an altar boy at his feet.

Father Hynes also celebrated an annual Forty Hours Devotion in our parish. I remember the mysterious beauty of the Psalm chants, the Litany of the Saints, and the Eucharistic Hymns. I was mesmerized, and awed, by the majesty and reverence of these celebrations. I loved to see the procession of priests and altar boys around the church. One of the Eucharistic Hymns which I grew up with was "Humbly We Adore Thee." It is an English translation of Saint Thomas Aquinas' Eucharistic hymn, "*Adoro Te Devote*."

In 2004, Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa, a preacher to the Papal Household, wrote of this hymn:

"Like other venerated Latin liturgical hymns of the past, it belongs to the community of the faithful that have sung it for centuries, have made it their own and almost re-created it, no less than to the author who composed it, often, however, remaining anonymous... In every stanza of the *Adoro Te Devote* there is a theological affirmation and an invocation which is the prayerful response of the soul to the mystery. The theological truth recalled in the first stanza refers to the manner of the presence of Christ in the Eucharistic species. The Latin expression '*vere latitas*' is charged with meaning, it means: he is hidden, but he really is (where the accent is on '*vere*,' only the reality of the presence) and it also means: he truly is, but hidden (where the accent is on '*latitas*,' on the sacramental character of this presence)."

I always pray before each Mass that I may celebrate the Mystery of the Holy Eucharist with reverence and awe, such as I had when I was just a small boy. I count Father Hynes as a kind of "patron" for me, even 51 years after his passing, to help me, as a priest remain "in love" with Christ and His Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist.

Happy Feast of Corpus Christi!

Adoration..... Wednesdays after Mass
First Friday Adoration.... July 2, 2021 after Mass
Basket Social..... September 10 – 12, 2021

Rectory Summer Hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or call for an appointment. **Rectory office is closed on Fridays.**



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Robert Haldeman. They were donated by the Haldeman and Churetta Families.

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.

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

Permanent Deacon Come and See Event: Do you believe that God might be calling you to discern the Ordained Ministry of Christ the Servant, as a Permanent Deacon in the Diocese of Allentown? If so, you and your family are invited to attend a COME AND SEE Event at Saint Joseph the Worker Parish Church on Friday Evening, June 25 at 6:00 p.m. Registration is required. Please register by emailing jstewart@allentowndiocese.org, or by calling the Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation on 610-332-0442, Ext. 2031.

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.



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)

Calendar:

Monday – June 7

Weekday
 2 Cor 1:1-7 / Mt 5:1-12

Tuesday – June 8

Weekday
 2 Cor 1:18-22 / Mt 5:13-16

Wednesday – June 9

Weekday
 2 Cor 3:4-11 / Mt 5:17-19

Thursday – June 10

Weekday
 2 Cor 3:15-4:1, 3-6 / Mt 5:20-26

Friday – June 11

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
 Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9
 Eph 3:8-12, 14-19
 Jn 19:31-37

Saturday – June 12

The Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 2 Cor 5:14-21
 Lk 2:41-51

Sunday – June 13

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Ez 17:22-24
 2 Cor 5:6-10
 Mk 4:26-3

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