

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
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 12/13, 2021

Daily Masses

June 14, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Vincent Poandl	Family
June 15, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of Our Memorial Fund	
June 16, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†John and Mary Lizak	Children and Grandchildren
June 17, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Irene Tanzosh	Mike and Nancy Schneider
June 18, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Bankos	Daughter, Ann
June 19, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Parish Father's Day Intentions	
June 20, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Parish Father's Day Intentions	
	10:30 a.m.	Parish Father's Day Intentions	

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.

Good News!

June 13, 2021

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ez 17:22–24; 2 Cor 5:6–10; Mk 4:26–34

To What Shall We Compare the Kingdom of God? Today's readings are rich with answers to this question posed in Mark's Gospel. The prophet Ezekiel selects the metaphor of a cedar tree. Like such a tree, the kingdom of God begins as a tender shoot planted on a high mountain where it can grow unimpeded by other growth. There it will grow tall and firm, boasting many branches, rich with fruit, the home to various species of birds. The Gospel writer chose another metaphor—that of a small seed. This parable characterizes the inconspicuous nature of the kingdom's origin. We may not see it in the beginning because it is so small and surrounded by soil, but it contains within itself the force of life that someday will burst forth into a rich harvest.

The mustard seed is a special kind of seed. Today's Gospel calls it "the smallest of all the seeds on the earth" (Mark 4:31). However, following the pattern of growth that is hidden in the core of its being, it also brings forth one of the marvels of nature, producing "the largest of plants" (Mark 4:32). Metaphors also underscore the fact that these seeds must first transform, lose the appearance of a seed in order to rise, filled with the mysterious character of its growth. All of this happens quietly, unpretentiously, as if under the cover of night.

These are very moving metaphors, quite easy to understand and envision. However, the reality for which the metaphors stand is sometimes very difficult to realize because of human selfishness. Still, it is God's tree, God's seed, God's kingdom, and it is God who declares: "As I, the Lord, have spoken, so will I do!" (Ezekiel 17:24).

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

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 Frank and Dorothy Geosits. They were donated by their Children and 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. Register by emailing jstewart@allentowndiocese.org, or by calling the Office of Permanent Diaconate Formation on 610-332- 0442, Ext. 2031.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Albana Gegvata:** \$200 Larry and Ann Mazziotta. **In memory of Phyllis Kush:** \$20 Steve Marsch; \$25 Anna Boruch. **In memory of John Kachmar:** \$20 Gloria Farkas; \$50 Anonymous.

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 14

Weekday
2 Cor 6:1–10
Mt 5:38–42

Tuesday – June 15

Weekday
2 Cor 8:1–9
Mt 5:43–48

Wednesday – June 16

Weekday
2 Cor 9:6–11
Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday – June 17

Weekday
2 Cor 11:1–11
Mt 6:7–15

Friday – June 18

Weekday
2 Cor 11:18, 21–30
Mt 6:19–23

Saturday – June 19

Weekday
2 Cor 12:1–10
Mt 6:24–34

Sunday – June 20

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Jb 38:1, 8–11
2 Cor 5:14–17
Mk 4:35–41

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