

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
Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 19/20, 2021

Daily Masses

June 21, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Julius Strongowski	Daughter, Rita, and Family
June 22, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Rev. Frances Straka	Jane and Ron Spengler
June 23, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Josephine Margaret Centenaro	Cindy Simoson
June 24, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Thomas Dragositz	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
June 25, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Chickilly	M/M John Marshall
June 26, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Connie Marth	Karen and Betsy
June 27, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael James Janis	Grandmother, Kathryn Chickilly
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Edward Bankos requested by Daughter, Ann Fry.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Rev. Michael J. Stone, who died recently.

Good News!

June 20, 2021

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

One of the forces of nature that we have been unable to control is unruly water. We are actually helpless when caught between torrents of rain from above and surging water from below. It is no wonder the ancestors of ancient Israel who lived between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers characterized cosmic evil as tumultuous water that only the great creator-God could control. This is the scene described in the reading from Job. This water is not destroyed; it is only harnessed. We will have to wait for the end of time for such water to be abolished. (“The sea was no more,” Revelation 21:1.) This divine power over water is praised in the psalm response as well.

Belief in God’s absolute power over chaotic water and cosmic evil lies behind the story of Jesus calming the sea. This story doesn’t simply recount a display of Jesus’ extraordinary command over the forces of nature. It is certainly that, but it is actually much more. It stands to reason that, if only the great creator-God can exercise control over this fearsome watery threat, and if Jesus can effortlessly exercise control over such water, then Jesus is somehow this great creator-God. In today’s Gospel, the audacious disciples, who initially were frightened by the ferocity of the squall, were astounded by Jesus’ authority over the storm. They declared, “Who then is this whom even wind and sea obey?” (Mark 4:41).

It is clear from this story that Jesus is the real force of nature.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Adoration..... Wednesdays after Mass
First Friday Adoration.... July 2, 2021 after Mass
Basket Social..... September 11 – 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 William Molchany and Robert Lakatos. They were donated by Anthony and Diane Molchany and family.

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.

Good Shepherd is hiring! As our school is growing, so is the need for additional teachers. We are in need of a Preschool teacher, Early and Upper Elementary teachers, and Middle School. Please email your resume and clearances to Mrs. Parker at mrsparkergscs@gmail.com if you are interested.

Basket Social - Volunteers Needed: In order to make our Basket Social event a success, we will need many volunteers. We will hold a Basket Social Committee meeting on **Wednesday, June 30th, at 6 pm** in the Social Hall. Volunteers are needed for set-up, clean-up, ticket sales, food preparation, and so much more! We hope to see you at the meeting. All are welcome!

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.

**Funeral arrangements for
The Reverend Michael J. Stone**

Calling hours: Monday, June 21 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Assumption B.V.M. Church

Mass of Christian Burial: Monday, June 21 1:00 p.m.
Assumption B.V.M. Church

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Phyllis Kush:** \$20 Nancy Pavlovic; \$25 Helen and Stephanie Kerbacher.

Calendar:

Monday – June 21

St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Religious
Gn 12:1–9
Mt 7:1–5

Tuesday – June 22

Weekday
Gn 13:2, 5–18
Mt 7:6, 12–14

Wednesday – June 23

Weekday
Gn 15:1–12, 17–18
Mt 7:15–20

Thursday – June 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Is 49:1–6
Acts 13:22–26
Lk 1:57–66, 80

Friday – June 25

Weekday
Gn 17:1, 9–10, 15–22
Mt 8:1–4

Saturday – June 26

Weekday
Gn 18:1–15 / Mt 8:5–17

Sunday – June 27

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 1:13–15; 2:23–24 2 / Cor 8:7, 9, 13–15
Mk 5:21–43

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Basket Social

Saturday, September 11, 2021—10 am—6 pm

Sunday, September 12, 2021—8 am—1 pm

***Drawings will begin at 1:30 pm on September 12th**

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is bringing back our Basket Social! Please help us make this parish event a success. We are in need of filled baskets, gift cards, and special (larger) prizes. Use your creativity and fill a basket or another container. Ideas are unlimited...you can find many on the internet, especially Pinterest. We are asking that the basket and its contents be wrapped in clear or light colored cellophane so the contents can be easily seen. Please attach a card explaining the theme/contents and "Donated by..." Whatever theme basket you choose to make, please know your donation will be greatly appreciated. *Don't forget: New items only in the baskets. Please check expiration dates before adding items to your baskets.

Our goal is a minimum of 300 baskets/prizes. To break that down, we are setting a goal of 150 baskets/prizes by August 1st, and another 150 by September 1st. We can do it! Baskets can be dropped off in the Social Hall as early as next weekend. They will be stored in the PREP area until the week of the Social.

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Please look for updates and reminders regarding the Basket Social in our weekly bulletins.

Monsignor Koons and the Basket Social Committee

Please PRINT clearly!

Name _____ **Phone** _____

_____ **YES! I will donate** _____ **gift basket(s), value of \$20 and up.**

_____ **YES! I will donate \$** _____ **(\$20 and up). Please buy a basket in my name.**

_____ **YES! I will donate \$** _____ **to defray general expenses and food costs.**

_____ **YES! I will donate baked goods.**

Please return to Church (collection basket) or the Rectory by Sunday, July 4.

