

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
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 26/27, 2021

Daily Masses

June 28, Monday	8:00 a.m.	L/D members of the Anthony Bankos Family	Family
June 29, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Patricia Guttman	Ray and Tina Garrison
June 30, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Carmine Rizzo	Wife and Family
July 01, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Clare Bennett	Son, Joe, and Family
July 02, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Erwin Kager	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
July 03, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Hilda Bendekovits	M/M Robert Kurtz
July 04, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Martha Hozza	Assumption B.V.M. Choir

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Anna Walakovitz requested by Daughter, Ruth Marakovits.

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

Dear Parishioners,

This past Monday, June 21, we celebrated here at Assumption BVM the funeral Mass of Father Michael Stone, Pastor Emeritus of Saint Ambrose in Schuylkill Haven, and former pastor of Assumption from 1980 to 1992.

It was inspiring to see the number of parishioners who were able to come to pay their respects prior to the Mass and those who were able to participate in the funeral Mass. More than 36 priests were in attendance to concelebrate the funeral with our Diocesan Bishop, Bishop Alfred A. Schlert.

I was feeling particularly 'proud,' as they say, of our parish for the preparations that took place behind the scenes. Members of our choir- and others- graciously organized themselves for a "deep cleaning" of the Church on Friday evening and Saturday morning. The results were visibly noticeable and everything "sparkled." Thanks to the volunteers too who weeded around the Church and the parking lot last week. Also, volunteers got together to help prepare for food and hospitality both before and after the funeral. Our choir was present to assist with the music at Mass, and Father Stone was given a beautiful send-off from his beloved parish that was his first as a Pastor. I sincerely thank all the people who volunteered their time and energy to make our parish welcoming and inviting to everyone. THANK YOU!

You probably have noticed that there was an insert in last week's bulletin about a "Basket Social" that will replace this year- the annual parish picnic. There will be a general meeting on Wednesday, June 30 at 6:00 pm to organize a committee and get the "ball rolling." Anyone interested in attending and participating is welcome. I am confident that this alternate fund-raiser will be a great success. Given the guidance from the Diocese and the Park at the beginning of May, we had to make a decision to once again postpone the annual Parish Picnic. Although there seems to be light at the end of the "COVID Tunnel" we haven't yet passed through completely, and so the decision was made with caution in mind and with much disappointment.

On a similar note, a few weeks ago I had invited Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors and Altar Servers to offer their services if they so wish to do so at Mass, which would be much appreciated. I decided not to yet issue "schedules" for these ministries because the Bishops of Pennsylvania have not yet lifted the dispensation from the Sunday obligation. My thinking was that I did not want to "oblige" anyone to follow a schedule before the Bishops reinstated the "obligation" of attendance at Sunday Mass.

Summer is upon us, and we have had great weather. Let's pray that this Summer will lift everyone's spirits as we seek to return to normality after these challenging 18 months. God Bless you all! And thank you for making our parish a true Christian community!

Msgr. Koons

Adoration..... Wednesdays after Mass
Basket Social Meeting ... Wednesday, June 30, 6pm
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 in church this week are in memory of Minnie and Joseph Preisler. They were donated by daughter, Mary Ann Holmes, and family.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Reverend Michael J. Stone:** \$100 Joanne Manning; \$25 Richard and Barbara Ebner; \$50 Conrad Marth; \$250 Dr. Joseph Ciecko; \$25 Linda Shaak; \$100 Edward and Denise Hozza; \$50 Edward Hozza, Sr.; \$25 Anonymous; \$500 The Ronald Spengler Family; \$500 Anonymous; \$50 John and Cindy Keglovits; \$25 Carol Jean Susko; \$25 Ruth Marakovits; \$50 Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart; \$50 Debra Kay and Joe Bennett; \$50 Ann Fry; \$50 Bill and MaryAnn Holmes; \$50 Hurban Family; \$40 Elizabeth Hanzarik and son, Jeffrey. **In memory of Carol Gardner:** \$20 Richard and Barbara Ebner. **In memory of Phyllis Kush:** \$35 Rosemary and Andrew Hensel; \$25 Ann Fry. **In memory of Dominick Galluzzo:** \$100 Stan, Brittany, Leo and Lisa Belach; \$100 Chris and Rick Mondschein; \$60 Bob, Karen, Andrew and Kim Bydlon.

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 **this 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!

Holy Trinity Parish, Egypt, will conduct their Annual Parish Picnic at Egypt Memorial Park, on Sunday, July 11, from 12:30 to 6:00pm. Pierogies, Halupki, Halushkie, Kielbasi and standard picnic food will be served. Musical entertainment will be provided throughout the afternoon. All required CDC safety protocols will be followed by the picnic staff and volunteers. Come and enjoy good food, refreshments, and entertainment.

St. Mary's Church, 122 Union St., Catasauqua is so excited to announce "Our Block Party is Back"! Please join us Thursday, July 15, Friday, July 16, and Saturday, July 17 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM. As always, we will feature our homemade foods such as steak sandwiches, pierogies, halupki, potato pancakes, and more. Play Bingo each night in our air-conditioned Parish Hall. Your favorite adult and children games are back as well D.H. Productions will, as always, entertain you all night long with your favorites and some games to get all involved.

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 mrsparkegscs@gmail.com if you are interested.

Calendar:

Monday – June 28

St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr
Gn 18:16–33
Mt 8:18–22

Tuesday – June 29

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1–11 / 2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18
Mt 16:13–19

Wednesday – June 30

Weekday
Gn 21:5, 8–20a
Mt 8:28–34

Thursday – July 1

Weekday
Gn 22:1b–19
Mt 9:1–8

Friday – July 2

Weekday
Gn 23:1–4, 19; 24:1–8, 62–67
Mt 9:9–13

Saturday – July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle
Eph 2:19–22
Jn 20:24–29

Sunday – July 4

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ez 2:2–5
2 Cor 12:7–10
Mk 6:1–6a

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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.

