

# 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**  
**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 3/4, 2021**

**Daily Masses**

July 05,	Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael and Catherine Cesanek	Daughter, Helen Kerbacher & Family
July 06,	Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†John Pavlick	Wife, Rita, & Family
July 07,	Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Strongowski	Mary Nederostek & Frank Schwartz
July 08,	Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Sons and Daughters of John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
July 09,	Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Andrew and Pansy Chedrick	Family
July 10,	Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Anna and Frank Walakovitz	Daughter, Ruth Marakovits
July 11,	Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
		10:30 a.m.	†Dorothy Geosits	Assumption BVM Choir

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Betty Crouthamel requested by Crouthamel Family.

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

# Good News!

July 4, 2021

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ez 2:2–5; 2 Cor 12:7–10; Mk 6:1–6a

**W**ho do you think you are? This question is not always posed in a spirit of lightheartedness. It could be hurled at someone in indignation. This indignation might be justified; the other could be assuming an unwarranted attitude of superiority. However, the fault could be our own. We might resent another's genuine insight or unquestionable wisdom. There seems to be within some of us a sense of inferiority that is threatened by the abilities of others—as if their talents diminish those of us who feel inferior. And what do we do about this? We might ignore such an individual, implying that she or he has nothing that interests us. This probably happens more often than we like to admit. Or we might try to embarrass the person, thus lowering the individual in the estimation of others. This is how some people depicted in the Gospel passage acted toward Jesus.

Prophets are not people who only look into the future. Such people are called seers. Genuine prophets have insight into the present, understanding the implications of the social forces that are operative and the challenge they might pose to religious traditions. That's why they are so often resented. We see this attitude in the passage from Ezekiel. God sent him to a rebellious people to call them to repentance. Chances are, this did not make him popular. It also did not make Jesus popular with some.

So often we applaud people who have religious insight—unless we know them well. Then we may think: You're no better than the rest of us. Who do you think you are?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

**Adoration.....** Wednesdays after Mass  
**First Friday Adoration....** August 6, 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 Michael and Catherine Cesanek. They were donated by daughter, Helen Kerbacher, and family.

**Baptism:** We are happy to welcome Brooks Matthew Fritz, child of Zachary and Jessi Fritz, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Brooks Matthew as he continues to grow in our faith.

**Memorial Fund:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following people who gave memorial contributions **in memory of Reverend Michael J. Stone:** Marjorie Fletcher; Steve and Rosemarie Stone; Bernice and Louie Tepes; Stan and Margo Wlodarczyk; Annie and George Stoffey; Joe Burns and Kate Pfeiffer; Lynda Janis; John and Marge Heist; Mel and Sandy Lebo; Dale and Marianne Laury; Cindy Lizak; Gene and Frances Grabarits; Mary Kachmar; Leonard and Paula Kosciolk; Jack and Iona Harhart; Barbara and Stephen Raykos. **In memory of Carol Gardner:** Sharon Geosits.



**Basket Social - Volunteers Needed:** In order to make our Basket Social event a success, we will need many volunteers. We will hold our second Basket Social Committee meeting on **Tuesday, July 13, 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!

**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](mailto: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 [mrsparnergscs@gmail.com](mailto:mrsparnergscs@gmail.com) if you are interested.

**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.

## Calendar:

### Monday – July 5

Weekday  
Gn 28:10–22a / Mt 9:18–26

### Tuesday – July 6

Weekday  
Gn 32:23–33 / Mt 9:32–38

### Wednesday – July 7

Weekday  
Gn 41:55–57; 42:5–7a, 17–24a / Mt 10:1–7

### Thursday – July 8

Weekday  
Gn 44:18–21, 23b–29; 45:1–5 / Mt 10:7–15

### Friday – July 9

Weekday  
Gn 46:1–7, 28–30  
Mt 10:16–23

### Saturday – July 10

Weekday  
Gn 49:29–32; 50:15–26a  
Mt 10:24–33

### Sunday – July 11

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Am 7:12–15  
Eph 1:3–14  
Mk 6:7–13

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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 12<sup>th</sup>**

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.

Volunteers Needed: In order to make this event a success, we will need many volunteers. Volunteers are needed for set-up, clean-up, ticket sales, food preparation, and so much more! We hope to see you at the meeting.

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

Monsignor Koons and the Basket Social Committee

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**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 A.S.A.P.**

