

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
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 10/11, 2021

Daily Masses

July 12,	Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Herb Bitenc	Wife, Marie
July 13,	Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Serensits	Vincent and Dolores DiSante
July 14,	Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Robin Hall	Catherine and Larry Mauer
July 15,	Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Shirley Woolever	Daughter, Debra Kay, and Family
July 16,	Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Tepes	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
July 17,	Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Jane Kovach	Judith Haldeman
July 18,	Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
		10:30 a.m.	†Peter Rodick	Daughter, Rita Pavlick, and Family

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Herb Bitenc requested by wife, Marie.

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

Good News!

July 11, 2021

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Am 7:12–15; Eph 1:3–14 or 1:3–10; Mk 6:7–13

Today's readings are about unpretentious people who accomplished remarkable deeds. Amos, a shepherd from the southern kingdom of Judah who also cultivated sycamore figs, challenged the people at a northern shrine in Israel. He did not come from an illustrious family, nor was he particularly important. Yet he is the one called by God to summon the northern Israelites to repentance.

The disciples of Jesus pursued family businesses like fishing or were employed by the Romans like Matthew. They didn't come from socially prominent families, nor were they known as community leaders. But look at what they did: they cast out demons and cured the sick. Where did these people get their training? More importantly, where did they obtain their power? We find the answer to such questions in the second reading: "In him we were also chosen" (Ephesians 1:11).

The Ephesians letter assures us that God "has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens" (1:3). We don't have to worry about performing miracles; all we have to do is open ourselves to the graciousness of God. God will do the rest. Through us, God will cast out the demons of prejudice and bias that plague our world, of selfishness and spitefulness so prominent in our political rivalries, of greed and dishonesty in many of our social interactions. Through us, God will heal our country, our world, and our Church of hatred, violence, and oppression. With Amos and the Twelve we too hear: "You can do it."

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 Shirley Woolever. They were donated by daughter, Debra Kay Bennett, and family.

Baptism: We are happy to welcome Lukas Patryk Dzidek, child of Lukasz and Jamie Dzidek, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Lukas Patryk 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:** Donald Bahnick; Jerry and Carol Miletics; Charlie and Cindy Walsh; Frank and Mary Cerino; Ron and Diane Rohrbach; Bethann and Mark Nederostek; Margaret Krempasky.

Holy Trinity Parish, Egypt, will conduct their Annual Parish Picnic at Egypt Memorial Park, **today, 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.

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.

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.

Assumption B.V.M. Church Basket Social

Saturday, September 11 10 am-6 pm

Sunday, September 12 8am – 1pm

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

Calendar

Monday – July 12

Weekday

Ex 1:8–14, 22 / Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday – July 13

Weekday

Ex 2:1–15a / Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday – July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin

Ex 3:1–6, 9–12 / Mt 11:25–27

Thursday – July 15

St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Ex 3:13–20 / Mt 11:28–30

Friday – July 16

Weekday

Ex 11:10–12:14 / Mt 12:1–8

Saturday – July 17

Weekday

Ex 12:37–42 / Mt 12:14–21

Sunday – July 18

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1–6 / Eph 2:13–18 / Mk 6:30–34



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!

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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 A.S.A.P.

