

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
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 17/18, 2021

Daily Masses

July 19,	Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna Walakovitz	Daughter, Ruth Marakovits
July 20,	Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Sommer	Jane and Ron Spengler
July 21,	Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Marhefka	Children and Families
July 22,	Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Swankoski	Frank and Carol Steier
July 23,	Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
July 24,	Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Paul Kovach	Jane and Ron Spengler
July 25,	Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
		10:30 a.m.	†John M. Nederostek	Wife, Margaret, and Family

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Anna and Edward Weider requested by daughter, Sandy, and Dennis Yonosh.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers, Dr. Edward John Paul Ciecko, brother of Dr. Joseph Ciecko, and Charles Tepes, brother of Louis Tepes, Jr., who died recently.

Good News!

July 18, 2021

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jer 23:1–6; Eph 2:13–18; Mk 6:30–34

Follow the leader. This is not simply the name of a childhood game. It is actually an essential directive for living. We learn so many things in life because we followed someone. That is how we learned to read, to play a musical instrument, to speak another language, or to understand social behavior.

Many nations at the time of Jeremiah represented their kings as shepherds, leading the people to verdant pastures and restful waters. We see this in the art they left behind. However, many of the kings of Jeremiah's day were not good leaders—not attentive shepherds, nor faithful to God, who had entrusted the people to their care. Consequently, God stepped in to be their shepherd. This is the image of the divine shepherd found in the responsorial psalm. Jesus also characterized religious leaders as shepherds. He was distraught that the people were “like sheep without a shepherd” (Mark 6:34).

Is this situation different today? Many are eager to follow a leader, but which one? Ours is a multicultural, pluralistic, international society with innumerable viewpoints. Voices cry out from many corners, demanding to be heard. But which voice should we heed? Which worldly leaders should we follow? It's apparent that our leaders, both civic and religious, disagree on certain matters. What are we to do? The issue is not “with whom do I agree?” but rather “whose point of view makes me a better person? More compassionate? More understanding? More selfless? More Christlike?” Are we following the right leader?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Adoration..... Wednesdays after Mass
Basket Social Meeting.... Tuesday, August 3, 6:00 pm
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 Herb Bitenc. They were donated by his wife, Marie.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following people who gave memorial contributions **in memory of Reverend Michael J. Stone:** Jennifer Sommer and Family; Jeana Radocha DePuy and Family; Helen and Stephanie Kerbacher; Stephen Marsch; M/M Andrew Melosky; M/M Mark Flisak; M/M Joseph Yadush; Ruthann Grieshammer, Ann Marie Pavlinsky, Mary Helen Plata and Monica Plata; Anne Krukus; Florence and Ann Janis; M/M James Zimmerman; The Sawka Family; M/M Dennis Lobach; Monica Myirski; Nancy Birosik; M/M Louis Tepes, Jr.; Patricia Grabarits and Lisa Michael; Sharon Geosits; M/M Jeff Bolkovich; M/M Albin Milewski; Karen Owens; George O'Brien; Ellen Zampino; Rev. James and Betty Harris; Rita Pavlick. **In memory of Phyllis Kush:** Doris and Nickolas Halushaki; Gloria Farkas; M/M Meltsch; Jennifer Sommer and family; Bernadette Kochan; Indus Capital Partners, LLC.; Northampton Area Senior Ladies. **In memory of Carol Gardner:** John and Debra Olewine.

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.

Parish Festival: Queenship of Mary Church, 1324 Newport Avenue, Northampton, will have its annual parish festival on Sunday, August 8, on the church grounds from 11:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. There will be plenty of food including: Homemade pierogies, mac and cheese, funnel cake fries, egg rolls, longos, Mario's Pizza, cabbage and noodles and much more. Music by Dave Betz Polka Band from 11:30 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. and Flirtin' With The Mob from 3:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Also, come ride the OLH Express. Kandi's Karicatures 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. See flyer in vestibule for more information. All are welcome to attend!

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 19

Weekday

Ex 14:5–18 / Mt 12:38–42

Tuesday – July 20

Weekday

Ex 14:21–15:1 / Mt 12:46–50

Wednesday – July 21

Weekday

Ex 16:1–5, 9–15 / Mt 13:1–9

Thursday – July 22

St. Mary Magdalene

Sg 3:1–4b / Jn 20:1–2, 11–18

Friday – July 23

Weekday

Ex 20:1–17 / Mt 13:18–23

Saturday – July 24

Weekday

Ex 24:3–8

Mt 13:24–30

Sunday – July 25

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kgs 4:42–44

Eph 4:1–6

Jn 6:1–15

Basket Social - Volunteers Needed: In order to make our Basket Social event a success, we will need many volunteers. We will hold our third Basket Social Committee meeting on **Tuesday, August 3, 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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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.

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

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.

