

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
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 24/25, 2021

Daily Masses

July 26, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna Ciecko	Ciecko Family
July 27, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Richard Zuercher	Al Schulter Family
July 28, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Stearns	Mary LaBianca
July 29, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†John English	Cindy Simoson
July 30, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†John Kachmar	Anna Hudock
July 31, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Doug Gable	Tim Tepes
Aug. 01, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Nello Rossini	Family

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

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

Good News!

July 25, 2021

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

2 Kgs 4:42–44; Eph 4:1–6; Jn 6:1–15

Two stories today tell of people hungry for bread who amazingly receive more than enough. In both the first reading and the Gospel passage, a few loaves feed a multitude of people, and there are baskets of leftovers. How did this happen? Did the loaves multiply before their eyes? Did more food drop from heaven? Who of us would not have been thrilled to witness a miraculous feeding like that?

These stories are rich in religious meaning. First, they are meant to show that God meets the needs of vulnerable people—and meets those needs in ways only God can. Second, the surplus bread reveals the overabundance of divine graciousness. God gives us much more than we need. In other words, God's generosity is boundless. Third, these marvels don't just happen out of the blue. They occur through the agency of very ordinary people. In the first reading it is Elisha's unnamed servant who distributes the loaves. The miracle seems to happen in his very hands. In the Gospel passage it is the disciples of Jesus—ordinary, questioning people like you and me who gather up twelve baskets of leftovers.

Did this event really happen? Of course, it did. In fact, these kinds of occurrences continue today. God is continually meeting our needs. God's generosity is always boundless. And God still accomplishes marvelous things in our lives through very ordinary people. The problem is that we often fail to realize this. We sometimes wish to see loaves of bread miraculously appear.

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 by the altar this week are in memory of Annette Yurish. They were donated by Jake, Ann Marie, Tim and Joe.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following people who gave memorial contributions in memory of **Dr. Edward John Paul Ciecko:** Joanne and Juliet Manning; The LaBrie Family - Christine, Jason and Jayden; Conrad Marth; Eugene and Frances Grabarits; John Yurish; Jane and Ron Spengler; Steve Marsch; Angel Kish; Michael Ochmanowicz; Maryclare and Mark Plucinsky; Vincent J. Ciecka, P.C.; Allan McLeod; Louis and Bernice Tepes; Virginia Haldeman; Liz and Carlo Bet; M/M Peter Keschl; Plata Family; Annmarie Pavlinsky. **In memory of Reverend Michael J. Stone:** Carl and Hilda Wunderler; Kathleen and Robert Wiswesser.

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!

St. Elizabeth's Drive Thru Chicken Dinner will be held on Wednesday, August 25 from 4:00 – 5:30 PM. Too hot to cook? They have the perfect dinner for you! Meal includes: ½ chicken, corn on the cob, baked potato, coleslaw, roll/butter & dessert. This meal is fully prepared by Fairview House Catering. Ticket cost is \$13.00 per meal. If you would like an order form, please e-mail dirreled@sercc.org or call 610-349-7791 or check their parish website at: <http://www.sercc.org/> Pick up is in St. Elizabeth parking lot at 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall. They will hand your dinner directly to you! Only 200 meals will be sold. Drop-off or mail orders to St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, 618 Fullerton Ave., Whitehall, PA 18052. Please mark envelope: "Chicken Dinner". All orders due by August 16.

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

Baptism: We are happy to welcome Teagan Tyler Depuy, child of Cassidy Andrejack and Jared Depuy, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Teagan Tyler as he continues to grow in our faith.

Calendar

Monday – July 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ex 32:15–24, 30–34
Mt 13:31–35

Tuesday – July 27

Weekday Ex 33:7–11; 34:5b–9, 28
Mt 13:36–43

Wednesday – July 28

Weekday
Ex 34:29–35 / Mt 13:44–46

Thursday – July 29

St. Martha
Ex 40:16–21, 34–38 / Jn 11:19–27

Friday – July 30

Weekday
Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16, 27, 34b–37
Mt 13:54–58

Saturday – July 31

St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest
Lv 25:1, 8–17 / Mt 14:1–12

Sunday – August 1

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Ex 16:2–4, 12–15
Eph 4:17, 20–24
Jn 6:24–35

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.



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Prizes: Gift Baskets, Gift Cards, and Special Prizes

Ticket Information: Buy tickets early (by September 5th) to avoid the crowds!

Price: \$5.00 for one sheet of 25 tickets

***Bonus:** Buy 4 sheets of tickets (\$20 worth) and get 1 sheet free! (To get bonus tickets, you must purchase tickets early – by September 5th). Please fill out the form below. Name and phone number must be recorded so we can properly reserve your tickets. Place the form with your payment marked “Basket Social” and mail, place in the collection basket, or drop off to Assumption BVM rectory no later than September 5th. We will hold the tickets at the door until you come to the Basket Social.

Great food will be served! Please come and enjoy delicious homemade food, baked goods, and so much more!

Detach here. Return with check to Assumption BVM, 2174 Lincoln Avenue, Northampton, PA 18067

Please PRINT CLEARLY!

ADVANCED PURCHASE OF TICKETS for Basket Social (checks payable to BVM):

PRINT Name CLEARLY	PRINT Phone CLEARLY	# Paid Sheets	Bonus Sheets	Total \$\$\$	Office Use Only

We will hold your tickets. Pick up tickets at the door when you attend the Basket Social!