

# 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**  
**Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 31/August 1, 2021**

**Daily Masses**

Aug. 02, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Martha Marie Hozza	Husband, Edward
Aug. 03, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Dr. Edward John Paul Ciecko	Joanne and Juliet
Aug. 04, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†James Kovacs	John and Tambria Pisklak
Aug. 05, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Phyllis Kush	Jane and Ron Spengler
Aug. 06, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Kelly Koons	Fred and Lisa Koons
Aug. 07, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Geraldine Seko	Kovach Family
Aug. 08, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Agnes Goldschmidt	Joanne and Juliet
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of James Kovacs requested by wife, Connie, and family.

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

# Good News!

August 1, 2021

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Ex 16:2–4, 12–15; Eph 4:17, 20–24; Jn 6:24–35

Last week's stories about bread take a very different turn this week. In today's Gospel, Jesus uses the bread theme as a metaphor. Here bread symbolizes the teachings of Jesus that will nourish us, that will satisfy our deepest needs. Jesus employs a method of interpretation favored by the rabbis of his day. He refers to a passage from the religious tradition (the passage that happens to be the first reading for today), and then, step by step, explains its meaning for the people of his day. His "homily" is really a response to the challenge from those who demanded a sign that would give evidence of the authority with which he spoke.

Those who challenged Jesus did so after they had been filled by the bread that he earlier miraculously provided. Jesus knew they weren't looking for signs of the presence of God in their midst. They simply wanted more food.

Jesus pointed out that the people of Moses' time had been called to trust that, day by day, God would provide them with food—as impossible as that might have seemed. Likewise, Jesus' hearers were called to trust his claims about his unique relationship with God, whom he called Father—as impossible as that might have seemed. This really isn't a story just about bread—the edible kind or the eucharistic kind. It is a story about believing in Jesus and accepting his teaching about the bread from heaven that promises eternal life.

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 Edward and Mary Bankos. They were donated by daughter, Ann I. Fry.

**Memorial Fund:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following people who gave memorial contributions **in memory of Dr. Edward John Paul Ciecko:** Bernice A. Pruski; Raymond and Dolores McNulty; Joanne and Larry Hiestand; Rose Dervin and Family; Vincent Lozzi; Martin and Felicia Wallach. **In memory of Reverend Michael J. Stone:** Richard and Helen Cuth; Carmen and Mary Serignese; Carol and Edward Cesanek.

**Attention Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers:** We are going to send out a schedule for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers in September. Anyone interested in helping at Mass prior to the schedule being sent out, is asked to please see Msgr. Koons before the Mass.



**New Altar Servers:** Any boy or girl in the parish who has made First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server is asked to contact Joanne at the rectory by phone - 610-262-2559 or email - [bvm1922@rcn.com](mailto:bvm1922@rcn.com) by September 3. Training will be held in September.

**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](mailto: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**

## Calendar

### Monday – August 2

Weekday  
Nm 11:4b-15 / Mt 14:13-21

### Tuesday – August 3

Weekday  
Nm 12:1-13 / Mt 14:22-36

### Wednesday – August 4

St. John Vianney, Priest  
Nm 13:1-2, 25-14:1, 26-29a, 34-35  
Mt 15:21-28

### Thursday – August 5

Weekday  
Nm 20:1-13 / Mt 16:13-23

### Friday – August 6

Transfiguration of the Lord  
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14  
2 Pt 1:16-19  
Mk 9:2-10

### Saturday – August 7

Weekday  
Dt 6:4-13 / Mt 17:14-20

### Sunday – August 8

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
1 Kgs 19:4-8  
Eph 4:30-5:2  
Jn 6:41-51

**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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**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.**



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**Prizes:** Gift Baskets, Gift Cards, and Special Prizes

**Ticket Information:** Buy tickets early (by September 5<sup>th</sup>) 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 5<sup>th</sup>). 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 5<sup>th</sup>. 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!

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*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):**

<b>PRINT Name CLEARLY</b>	<b>PRINT Phone CLEARLY</b>	<b># Paid Sheets</b>	<b>Bonus Sheets</b>	<b>Total \$\$\$</b>	<b>Office Use Only</b>

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