

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
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 7/8, 2021**

Daily Masses

Aug. 09, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Janet Pavlick	Rita Pavlick and Family
Aug. 10, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Schisler	Son, Arthur, and Family
Aug. 11, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Rev. Michael J. Stone	Jack and Iona Harhart
Aug. 12, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph R, Anna and Michael A. Strella	William and Martha Reagan
Aug. 13, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Louis Tepes, Sr.	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Aug. 14, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Carmine Rizzo	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
Aug. 15, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Annette Yurish	Family
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Geraldine Seko requested by Family.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Virginia Huber and John Rossi, III who died recently.

Good News!

August 8, 2021

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

1 Kgs 19:4–8; Eph 4:30—5:2; Jn 6:41–51

Live in Love. Now that's an exhortation that should be easy to follow, because everyone wants to love and to be loved. However, it's not as easy as it appears. Today's second reading contains a list of offenses against love: "bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling" (Ephesians 4:31). Even those we should love the most can so annoy us that we lose control and might respond with bitterness or shouting. Furthermore, this exhortation is difficult because we are told to refrain from such anger toward people we don't even know or those we don't like. We are to show kindness toward everyone. How can we ever do this?

We might not have the courage or the desire. We are, after all, just weak human beings. True, but we have been "sealed for the day of redemption" with the "holy Spirit of God" (Ephesians 4:30). For the Jewish people, the Spirit of God referred to the dynamic power of God at work in the world. This means that the dynamic power of God is with us to transform us from bitter, angry people to be "imitators of God, as beloved children" (Ephesians 5:1).

Because this is the case, because this transforming power is available to us, why don't we allow it to transform us and, in so doing, transform our world? Why is the world in such disarray? Why is there so much violence, oppression, and despair? Why are the most vulnerable among us often preyed upon? If we so desperately want to give and receive love, then why don't we?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Adoration..... Wednesdays after Mass

Basket Social Meetings...

"Basket" Planning Committee Tuesday, August 17, 6:00 pm

"Food" Planning Committee Tuesday, August 31, 6:00 pm

First Friday Adoration.... after 8:00 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 John and Rosalie Cimino. They were donated by daughter, Joy Nicosia, and family.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following people who gave memorial contributions **in memory of Virginia Huber:** Denise and James Greene; Edward and Mary Lakatos, Jr. **In memory of Rev. Michael J. Stone:** M/M Donald Genovese. **In memory of Dr. Edward John Paul Ciecko:** \$25 Mary Ellen Lowery. **In memory of Frank Yandrasitz:** Steve Marsch. **In memory of Anna Seier:** Steve Marsch. **In memory of Paul and Mary Jane Kovach:** Joseph Falatek.

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 by September 3. Training will be held in September.

Basket Social Meetings: We will hold our fourth Basket Social Committee meeting on Tuesday, August 17 at 6:00 p.m. for those who are helping with the "Basket" committee part of the social. The "Food" committee will meet on Tuesday, August 31 at 6:00 p.m. 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 mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com to reach our Advancement Director Mrs. Tripaldi.

Parish Festival: Queenship of Mary Church, 1324 Newport Avenue, Northampton, will have its annual parish festival today, 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



SAVE ALUMINUM PULLTABS – Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

Calendar

Monday – August 9

Weekday
Dt 10:12–22
Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday – August 10

St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
2 Cor 9:6–10
Jn 12:24–26

Wednesday – August 11

St. Clare, Virgin
Dt 34:1–12 / Mt 18:15–20

Thursday – August 12

Weekday
Jos 3:7–10a, 11, 13–17
Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday – August 13

Weekday
Jos 24:1–13
Mt 19:3–12

Saturday – August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr
Jos 24:14–29
Mt 19:13–15

Sunday – August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab
1 Cor 15:20–27
Lk 1:39–56

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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!