

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
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary – August 14/15, 2021

Daily Masses

Aug. 16, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
Aug. 17, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Sophia and Stephen Bankos Family	Family
Aug. 18, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†John Morgan	Butch and Mary Ann Morgan
Aug. 19, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Kluscarits	Bella and Mike Skweir
Aug. 20, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Straka	Steve Marsch
Aug. 21, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Poandl	Family
Aug. 22, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna and Henry Jaindl	Conrad Marth and Family
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of William Kotoris requested by daughter, Nikki.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Hope Stempo who died recently.

Good News!

August 15, 2021

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (B)

Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab; 1 Cor 15:20–27; Lk 1:39–56

Today's readings help us see why Mary should be called blessed. The first reading depicts a woman as gloriously "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet" (Revelation 12:1). This image is captured in well-known Marian statues. However, this woman is wailing "aloud in pain as she labored to give birth" (12:2). In fact, here and in the Gospel, women are depicted as pregnant.

When a woman is in labor, she is both at her most vulnerable and her strongest. When giving birth she faces the real possibility of death. Yet, she places herself in such jeopardy to bring another to life. Her steely inner resolve is matched with remarkable physical strength when she is called upon to "Push!" The labor pains that precede birth became a striking metaphor, in both ancient Israel and the early Church, for the struggle experienced in bringing forth the reign of God (see Isaiah 21:3, Matthew 24:8, Mark 13:8, and Romans 8:22). Such suffering came to be known as "the birth pangs of the Messiah."

Certainly, Mary is blessed because of her physical birthing of the Messiah. However, the Magnificat, her revolutionary prayer in the Gospel, describes the birthing of the reign of God when the powerful are brought down and the lowly uplifted, the hungry filled and the rich "sent away empty" (Luke 1:53). This is not a feast of a plastic statue but of a woman willing to give her life for the reign of God. She certainly deserves to be "clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet."

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 Rev. Francis Straka and Rev. Michael Stone. They were donated by Judy Haldeman.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following people who gave memorial contributions in memory of **Virginia Huber:** Conrad Marth; Joanne and Larry Hiestand; Steve Marsch. **In memory of Dr. Edward John Paul Ciecko:** Virginia R. Plata and Family. **In memory of John Rossi:** Irene Gollatz.



Anniversary Flowers: The flowers by Blessed Virgin Mary's Statue and Saint Joseph's Statue this week are in honor of the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Karen and John Stayt.

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.

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

Ink Cartridge and Toner Recycling: Recycle your empty ink and toner cartridges and Assumption B.V.M. Church will get \$2 back in Staples Rewards® for each one. So not only will we save on future purchases, but we can also feel good about reducing waste in our landfills. Please deposit them in the box located in the vestibule.



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 16

Weekday

Jgs 2:11–19

Mt 19:16–22

Tuesday – August 17

Weekday

Jgs 6:11–24a

Mt 19:23–30

Wednesday – August 18

Weekday

Jgs 9:6–15

Mt 20:1–16

Thursday – August 19

Weekday

Jgs 11:29–39a

Mt 22:1–14

Friday – August 20

St. Bernard, Abbot and Doctor of the Church

Ru 1:1, 3–6, 14b–16, 22

Mt 22:34–40

Saturday – August 21

St. Pius X, Pope

Ru 2:1–3, 8–11; 4:13–17

Mt 23:1–12

Sunday – August 22

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jos 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b

Eph 5:21–32

Jn 6:60–69

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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!