

# 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**  
**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 21/22, 2021**

**Daily Masses**

Aug. 23, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Caroline Yastrzab	Betty Toolan
Aug. 24, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†James Kovacs	Wife, Connie
Aug. 25, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Aug. 26, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Thomas Pavlinsky	Sister-in-Laws
Aug. 27, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Joe Myirski, Jr.	Family
Aug. 28, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Lauren Geosits	Geosits Family
Aug. 29, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Thomas Marakovits	Wife, Ruth

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

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

# Good News!

August 22, 2021

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jos 24:1–2a, 15–17, 18b; Eph 5:21–32 or 5:2a, 25–32; Jn 6:60–69

One can say that life is a series of choices. You have to make up your mind; which shall it be? Some of these choices are insignificant: red or green? Others are much more important: To what shall I commit my life? Shall I get married? There are some choices that are even more momentous: What kind of a person do I want to be— trustworthy or crafty? Should I even bother with God and religion?

Having spent a lifetime in the wilderness, the Israelites were poised in the land of the Amorites, ready to enter the land promised to them by God. Before they moved forward, a pressing decision had to be made. Which god were they going to worship? A Canaanite god who presumably made the land before them fertile and inviting? Or the God who delivered them from Egypt, fed them in the wilderness, brought them safely to this point, and yet with whom they quarreled throughout their wilderness sojourn? Joshua voiced his decision: “As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord” (Joshua 24:15).

Jesus’ declaration of himself as “the bread of life” (John 6:35) troubled many people. It was then, and still is today, a difficult saying. It was repulsive to many, and they thought that Jesus sounded blasphemous. Those who could not accept his claim, left him. He asked his closest followers, as he asks us today: “Do you also want to leave?” Speaking for all, Peter replied: “Master, to whom shall we go?” (John 6:67–68). How might you answer?

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

**Adoration.....** Wednesdays after Mass  
**Basket Social Meeting...**

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

**First Friday Adoration....** after 8:00 Mass

**Basket Social.....** September 11 – 12, 2021

**Please Note Time Change of Daily Mass:** As of Monday, August 30 our daily Mass schedule is changing. Mass on Mondays and Fridays will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m. Rosary will be said on Mondays and Fridays at 7:20 a.m. On Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 a.m. followed by the Rosary. This is to accommodate our school Sisters who live in the convent.



**Memorial Flowers: Memorial Flowers:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Hutnick and Lessel Families. They were donated by Eleanor and Suzanne Lessel.

**Memorial Fund:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following people who gave memorial contributions in memory of **Hope Stempo:** Marie Bitenc; Joanne & Juliet Manning; Conrad Marth; Steve Marsch; Louis & Bernice Tepes; Karen & Bill Glose; Geraldine Skrapits; Carol Ann Deutsch; Cindy and Charlie Walsh; Tonya Weiner; Mary Legath; Regina Hesch; Rita Pavlick; Doris Snyder; Sharon Geosits; Frances Greene; Victoria Hall; Theresa Melosky; Nancy Birosik; Connie Kovacs; Frances Rupinski; John & Janet Meyers; Ronald & Priscilla Koch; Michael & Bella Skweir; Linda Shaak. **In memory of Dr. Edward John Paul Ciecko:** Joan Smith; Mary Mulholland; Eileen Sevem; Dr. Francis Plucinsky & wife, Priscilla. **In memory of Rev. Michael J. Stone:** Bernard & Diane Cesanek; Eileen Sevem. **In memory of Virginia Huber:** Bill & MaryAnn Holmes; Thomas Hock; Frank & Mary Cerino.

**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 Meeting:** 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!

**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**

**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](mailto:mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com) to reach our Advancement Director Mrs. Tripaldi.

## Calendar

### Monday – August 23

Weekday  
1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10  
Mt 23:13–22

### Tuesday – August 24

St. Bartholomew, Apostle  
Rv 21:9b–14  
Jn 1:45–51

### Wednesday – August 25

Weekday  
1 Thes 2:9–13  
Mt 23:27–32

### Thursday – August 26

Weekday  
1 Thes 3:7–13  
Mt 24:42–51

### Friday – August 27

St. Monica  
1 Thes 4:1–8  
Mt 25:1–13

### Saturday – August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church  
1 Thes 4:9–11  
Mt 25:14–30

### Sunday– August 29

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Dt 4:1–2, 6–8  
Jas 1:17–18, 21b–22, 27  
Mk 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

**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.

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# Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Basket Social

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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!**