

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

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**Mrs. Mary LaBianca**, Adult Choir Director  
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## Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.  
Monday & Friday 8:00 a.m.  
Tue., Wed. & Thu. 7:00 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-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time – August 28/29, 2021**

**Daily Masses**

Aug. 30, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Diane Collis	Betty Toolan
Aug. 31, Tuesday	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	†Carol Gardner	Becky and Walter Strongowski
Sept. 1, Wednesday	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	†Joseph and Justine Regina	Daughters and Family
Sept. 2, Thursday	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	†Carolyn Wuchter	Sr. Annette Seubert, S.P.
Sept. 3, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Marhefka	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Sept. 4, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Ann Weber	Mark and Beth Nederostek
Sept. 5, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Martha Marie Hozza	Husband, Edward, and Family

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of John Kachmar requested by wife, Mary, and family.

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

# Good News!

August 29, 2021

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Dt 4:1–2, 6–8; Jas 1:17–18, 21b–22, 27; Mk 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

**L**aw versus values. That is a very difficult choice to place before people. Why can't we choose both? Actually, that is the ideal.

Law is a legislated way that a group lives out a value. We value safe highways, and so we legislate traffic regulations, speed limits, and so forth. We value communal prayer, and so we devise liturgical calendars and worship ceremonies. Usually, the way we live out a value changes more frequently than the value itself. However, it often happens that people become so attached to a custom or law, though unfamiliar with the underlying value it embodies, that a change of custom becomes very disruptive. This certainly happened in the Church after the Second Vatican Council, which took place in the 1960s.

This seems to be the source of tension in today's Gospel scene. Washing hands before eating was a ritual custom here, not just a hygienic one. It probably originated with priests who bloodied their hands while sacrificing animals. Eventually, ritual washing became one of the 613 customs that Pharisees expected every Jewish man to observe. Referred to as "a hedge around the law," such customs served to ensure the law itself was protected and would not be broken. Jesus' disciples did not observe this ritual, and so they were criticized.

Jesus immediately came to their defense. He did not disparage the value of appropriate ritual behavior. Rather, he accused his opponents of clinging to out-of-date practices while disregarding underlying values. Practices are external; values are internal. Laws and customs can change; fundamental principles and standards endure.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

**Adoration.....** Wednesdays after Mass  
**Basket Social Meeting...**  
**"Food" Planning Committee** Tuesday, August 31, 6:00 pm  
**First Friday Adoration....** October 1 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 Fund:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following people who gave memorial contributions **in memory of Hope Stempo:** Sal and Joy Nicosia; Mike and Sue Spengler; Edward Hozza, Sr.; Geraldine Kery; Janet Ifkovits; Theresa Racek; Mary Ann Hammer; Ed and Denise Hozza; Joseph and Debra Kay Bennett. **In memory of John Rossi, III:** John and Betty Rossi.

**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.

**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!



**Back to School for Good Shepherd Catholic School!** We are so excited for our K - 8th grade GSCS students to begin classes tomorrow, Monday, August 30, and our preschool and Pre-K students to begin classes on Tuesday, August 31. Our teachers and our

amazing custodian Mr. Sherlock have been busy getting the building and classrooms ready for our students! We can't wait to be back in the classroom, learning with all of our friends! Registration is still open for the 2021-22 school year! If you are interested in more information or in taking a tour, please reach out to Mrs. Tripaldi at [mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com](mailto:mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com) or call the school at 610-262-9171.

**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**



**Memorial Flowers:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Lauren Geosits. They were donated by Aunt Carol, Uncle Jerry and Aunt Sharon.

## Calendar

### Monday – August 30

Weekday  
 1 Thes 4:13–18  
 Lk 4:16–30

### Tuesday – August 31

Weekday  
 1 Thes 5:1–6, 9–11  
 Lk 4:31–37

### Wednesday – September 1

Weekday  
 Col 1:1–8  
 Lk 4:38–44

### Thursday – September 2

Weekday  
 Col 1:9–14  
 Lk 5:1–11

### Friday – September 3

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church  
 Col 1:15–20  
 Lk 5:33–39

### Saturday – September 4

Weekday  
 Col 1:21–23  
 Lk 6:1–5

### Sunday – September 5

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
 Is 35:4–7a  
 Jas 2:1–5  
 Mk 7:31–37

**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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**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!**