

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



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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-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 18/19, 2021**

**Daily Masses**

Sept. 20, Monday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intentions	Family
Sept. 21, Tuesday	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	†Sons & Daughters of Mary & John Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
Sept. 22, Wednesday	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	†James Kovacs	Pat Albertson and Family
Sept. 23, Thursday	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	†Joseph Recker	Jack and Iona Harhart
Sept. 24, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Elaine Molchany	Margaret Krempasky
Sept. 25, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Hilda Bendekovits	Joe and Nancy Richter
Sept. 26, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Emma Hartzell	Heidi and Steve Skrapits
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Robert Haldeman requested by daughter, Judy.

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

## **THANK YOU!**

**This past Saturday and Sunday, our parish had the first Basket Social in more than five years, and it was a great success. Preliminary numbers indicate that a net profit of over \$25,000.00 was realized due to all your monetary donations, baskets, participation, and the work of our basket and food committees! I am very grateful to the numerous businesses that supported our basket social with monetary donations, gift cards, advertising, food donations and support. Members of the basket social committee volunteered many hours soliciting such support and it was a great success.**

**Thank you to everyone for your generosity: those who donated monetarily to offset expenses, those who donated monetarily to purchase baskets (and those who shopped for them), those who donated baskets, those who contributed baked goods, and especially for the creative cooperation, planning and work of our committees. I would also like to thank Susan Parker who generated the idea for this fundraiser and for chairing the committees which planned and worked everything out. A special thank you to Jane Spengler for overseeing and organizing the kitchen and food preparations. Thank you, thank you!**

**Many people who came to the social commented on how creative and varied the baskets were and were impressed by the number of them and the prizes. There were 293 baskets in total, 54 gift cards, and 15 "big prizes" and a free raffle prize. The food was delicious too, and once again, as is usual with our kitchen crew's culinary talents, we ran out of most foods before the social was over!**

**Questions inevitably arise about "next year." Return to parish picnic? Have another basket social? Honestly, it is difficult to say... And I invite your "say." We are living in times when this pandemic looms like a dark cloud over any kind of "social" horizon when it comes to planning ahead. Be that as it may, let us look back a few days and enjoy the success of our parish family, of which we can appropriately claim, we are "the little parish that COULD!"**

**Again, thank you, and God Bless you all!  
Msgr. Koons**

**Adoration.....** Wednesdays after Mass  
**First Friday Adoration....** October 1 after 8:00 Mass  
**Blessing of Animals.....** Sunday, October 3, 12 noon



**Memorial Flowers:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Ryan Zawada. They were donated by his Parents, Diane and Joe, Brother, Joe & Sister, Jenny.

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

**Memorial Fund:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following people who gave memorial contributions **in memory of Virginia Huber:** Hughes Family: Lisa, Geoff, Katie, Chrissy and Steve. **In memory of Rev. Michael J. Stone:** Dale and Janice Rodgers.

**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 email - bvm1922@rcn.com or by phone 610-262-2559. Training will be held soon.

**P.R.E.P. Classes Beginning Sunday, October 3.**  
*Attention: Parents of parish children in Grades 1-8.* If you have not registered your child for P.R.E.P. classes, please complete the registration form and return it immediately with your tuition payment. Grades 1-8 are mandatory. The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Confirmation is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Grades 1<sup>st</sup> thru 6<sup>th</sup> meet on Sunday mornings starting October 3. Grades 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> will meet on Wednesday nights starting October 6. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Parker at 610-262-7343.

**Blessing of Animals:** In observance of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Assumption BVM Parish will have a Blessing of Animals on the rectory lawn (corner of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Lincoln Avenue) **on Sunday, October 3 at 12:00 noon.** After a brief prayer service the animals will be blessed. Bring your dogs, cats, birds and other pets to this celebration. Please make sure that animals are leashed or caged for their safety.



**Memorial Flowers:** The flowers by the St. Joseph's altar this week are in memory of Joseph Simoson, Jr. They were donated by his wife, Cindy.

**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.

**Steak Sandwich Dinner:** St. Elizabeth Parish is sponsoring a Drive Thru Steak Sandwich Meal on Saturday, September 25, 2021. Steaks are \$11 each and Cheese Steaks are \$12.00 each. This includes: sauce, onions, pickles and hot peppers all on the side. Orders are due by September 20. Pick up is at St. Elizabeth Parish Hall, 435 Pershing Boulevard, Whitehall from 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information or to place an order, see their parish website for the order form [www.sercc.org](http://www.sercc.org). Contact Joan 610-349-7791 or email [dirreled@sercc.org](mailto:dirreled@sercc.org). Orders can be dropped off at the parish office or mailed to: Steak Sandwiches, St. Elizabeth Church, 618 Fullerton Avenue, Whitehall, PA 18052.

## Calendar

### Monday – September 20

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gōn, Priest, and Paul Chōng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs  
Ezr 1:1-6  
Lk 8:16-18

### Tuesday – September 21

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist  
Eph 4:1-7, 11-13  
Mt 9:9-13

### Wednesday – September 22

Weekday  
Ezr 9:5-9  
Lk 9:1-6

### Thursday – September 23

St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
Hg 1:1-8  
Lk 9:7-9

### Friday – September 24

Weekday  
Hg 2:1-9  
Lk 9:18-22

### Saturday – September 25

Weekday  
Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a  
Lk 9:43b-45

### Sunday – September 26

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Nm 11:25-29  
Jas 5:1-6  
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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