

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-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 25/26, 2021**

Daily Masses

Sept. 27, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Ronald Weiner	Wife, Tonya, and Family
Sept. 28, Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	†Mary Gabovitz	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
Sept. 29, Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	†Thomas Marakovits	Wife, Ruth
Sept. 30, Thursday	7:00 a.m.	†Nellie Ruch	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
Oct. 01, Friday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intentions	
Oct. 02, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Lucille Mikulcik	Husband, Paul, and Family
Oct. 03, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Swankoski	Vincent and Jennifer Steier and Hannah, Hailey and Hutton
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Hope Stempo requested by Joanne and Juliet.

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

THANK YOU!

On Saturday, September 11 and Sunday, September 12, 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
Choir Rehearsal..... Wed., October 6, 7 p.m.
Prayer Shawl Meeting.... Tuesday, October 19, 10 a.m.



Memorial Flowers: The flowers in front of the altar this week are in memory of Hilda and Walter Holmes. They were donated by son, Bill, and Family.

Attention Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers: We are going to send out a schedule for Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers and Altar Servers soon. 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 contribution **in memory of Hope Stempo:** Carol and Ed Cesanek.

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 2nd grade and Confirmation is in 8th grade. Grades 1st thru 6th meet on Sunday mornings starting October 3. Grades 7th and 8th 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 22nd Street and Lincoln Avenue) **next 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.

Do You Crochet or Knit? Would you be interested in sharing your talents with parishioners who could use our prayers and a comforting shawl? Whether you're an accomplished crafter or just a beginner, there are patterns available for your skill level. If you would like to be part of a prayer shawl ministry, please contact Mary LaBianca at 610-502-0160. The meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month starting on Tuesday, October 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the church social hall.

Choir Rehearsal for Christmas and weekly Mass will be held Wednesday evenings **starting Wednesday, October 6, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. (we are usually finished before 8:30 p.m.)** As always, we're looking for new members. If you like to sing please consider joining this group of wonderful people with hearts of service who join voices together in prayer, praise and worship. If you are unable to make a commitment for weekend Masses, please consider joining us just for Christmas, when we sing at the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. If you have any questions please call Karen at 610-442-5984.

Calendar

Monday – September 27

St. Vincent de Paul, Priest
 Zec 8:1-8
 Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday – September 28

Weekday
 Zec 8:20-23 / Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday – September 29

Sts. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael, Archangels
 Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
 Jn 1:47-51

Thursday – September 30

St. Jerome, Priest and Doctor of the Church
 Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12
 Lk 10:1-12

Friday – October 1

St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 Bar 1:15-22
 Lk 10:13-16

Saturday – October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels
 Bar 4:5-12, 27-29
 Mt 18:1-5, 10

Sunday – October 3

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Gn 2:18-24
 Heb 2:9-11
 Mk 10:2-16

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