

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-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 2/3, 2021**

Daily Masses

Oct. 04, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael James Janis	Mom and Dad and Family
Oct. 05, Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	†Rev. Francis Straka	Lisa and Mike Basile
Oct. 06, Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	†John and Irene Miklos	Family
Oct. 07, Thursday	7:00 a.m.	†Virginia Huber	Betty Toolan and Family
Oct. 08, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Preisler	Daughter, Mary Ann Holmes, and Family
Oct. 09, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Rosina Assante	Son, Mario, and Family
Oct. 10, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Helen Sommer	Nancy Jane Birosik

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Oct. 09, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Anthony Molchany
Oct. 10, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Christine Kroll
	10:30 a.m.	Denise Hozza

Euch. Min.:

Leonard Kosciolk
Joseph Cieccko
Joy Nicosia

Altar Servers:

Hope Warren/Mikayla Warren
Samuel Kroll
Darcy Conrad

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Michael James Janis requested by Family.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Patricia Stayt, mother of John Stayt, who died recently.

Good News!

October 3, 2021

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)
Gn 2:18–24; Heb 2:9–11; Mk 10:2–16

In the story of the creation of the first woman, the Hebrew word ezer is used to describe her relationship with the first man. Many Bibles translate that word as “helper” or “helpmate,” thus making the woman an addition to the man. The Lectionary translates the word as “suitable partner,” emphasizing mutuality rather than subservience. Since the word is generally used for divine assistance, it certainly does not imply inferiority.

Another important Hebrew word is bad, usually translated as “alone.” A common meaning is “separated from,” implying incompleteness in a relationship. This incompleteness is remedied when the man is given a suitable partner, one who is as intimate a companion to him as are his bones.

The intimacy of this relationship of mutuality is found in the Gospel passage as well. There the focus is on the endurance of the relationship. Jesus insists that the bond that joins the couple together must not be severed. Many today might find this ruling too rigid. Things can happen in intimate relationships; partners can grow apart; staying together could become dangerous. While these are valid concerns today, women in the patriarchal society of the time would see Jesus’ interpretation of the law as protecting them. By law only men could divorce their wives, and reasons for doing so could be as trivial as poor cooking.

Today’s readings remind us of our need for intimate relationships of mutuality. They further underscore how important it is to cherish such relationships and to nurture them by respecting our partners.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar

Monday - October 4

St. Francis of Assisi
Jon 1:1–2:2, 11
Lk 10:25–37

Tuesday - October 5

Weekday
Jon 3:1–10 / Lk 10:38–42

Wednesday - October 6

Weekday
Jon 4:1–11 / Lk 11:1–4

Thursday - October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary
Mal 3:13–20b / Lk 11:5–13

Friday - October 8

Weekday
Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2
Lk 11:15–26

Saturday - October 9

Weekday
Jl 4:12–21 /
Lk 11:27–28

Sunday - October 10

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 7:7–11
Heb 4:12–13
Mk 10:17–30

Adoration..... Wednesdays after Mass
First Friday Adoration.... 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 by the altar this week are in memory of Hutnick and Lessel Families. They were donated by Eleanor and Suzanne Lessel.

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 **today, Sunday, October 3.** Grades 7th and 8th will meet on Wednesday nights **starting this Wednesday, 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) **today, 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.

Choir Rehearsal for Christmas and weekly Mass will be held Wednesday evenings starting this 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.

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.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following people who gave memorial contribution **in memory of Hope Stempo:** John and Karen Stayt.

Cemetery Vigil Lights will be available in the church social hall next weekend. We ask a donation of \$2.50 per candle to cover expenses.

Baptism: McGrady Eugene Maynard was baptized into Christ this past Sunday. We welcome him to our parish community and pledge our prayers and support to him and to Joel and Lauren Maynard, his parents.

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.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____
 Phone No. _____

Check One:

- New Registration Change of Address
 Moving out of Parish Request Envelopes
 Request envelopes (returned home from college)

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory



Saint Elizabeth of Hungary invites YOU to their 12th Annual Basket Social! Their 12th Annual Basket Social will be held at Saint Elizabeth's Parish Hall, 435 Pershing Blvd., Whitehall on Friday, October 8 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., Saturday, October 9 from 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Deliciously prepared food is available all weekend! Tickets can be purchased early by calling 610-266-0695 ext. 208. Please wear a mask and plan to adhere to the socially distancing regulations. Hope to see you there!

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