

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.
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-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 16/17, 2021

Daily Masses

Oct. 18, Monday	8:00 a.m. †David Liskanich	Family
Oct. 19, Tuesday	7:00 a.m. †Helen Weiner	Phyllis, Terry and Family
Oct. 20, Wednesday	No Mass	
Oct. 21, Thursday	No Mass	
Oct. 22, Friday	8:00 a.m. †Hilda Bendekovits	Bruce and Carol Confer
Oct. 23, Saturday	4:00 p.m. †Jonathan Keller	Family
Oct. 24, Sunday	8:00 a.m. †Paul Kovach, Jr.	Judy Haldeman
	10:30 a.m. Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule:

Oct. 23, Sat. 4:00 p.m.

Oct. 24, Sun. 8:00 a.m.

10:30 a.m.

Lector:

Anthony Molchany

Thomas Kovalchik

Edward Hozza

Euch. Min.:

Frank Cerino

Nancy Birosik

Drew Maron

Altar Servers:

Andrew Nederostek

Wesley Cuchran

Gerald Miletics

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of George and Mary Stefaniak requested by daughter, Linda Stefaniak.

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

Good News!

October 17, 2021

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Is 53:10–11; Heb 4:14–16; Mk 10:35–45 or 10:42–45

Can You Drink the Cup? That is the question in today's Gospel that Jesus posed after James and John, two of his closest followers, asked for places of honor. They wanted to be recognized for their loyalty. Don't we all? Jesus asks them: "Can you drink the cup?" (Mark 10:38). Can you pay the price? And they both say: "We can" (10:39). Such confidence and self-assurance!

This is a Sunday that focuses on hardship—not the hardship that comes from the burdens of life itself, such as economic distress, racial and gender bias, or the loss of loved ones. Jesus was certainly concerned about these. However, today's readings have a specific focus. He asks: "Can you drink the cup that I drink?" Can you face and endure what I must? Can you follow me to suffering?

Isaiah refers to the servant of the Lord, that mysterious individual who suffers at the hands of others precisely because of his loyalty. However, his suffering is not in vain: "Because of his anguish...my servant, the just one, shall justify the many" (53:11). The spirit of this servant lives on in many stories about Jesus. It certainly does this Sunday. Like the servant, Jesus will suffer for the sake of others. How ready are James and John, you and I, for such a role?

Jesus then turns the values of society upside down. You want to be great? Then you have to serve others. You want to be first? Then, for the sake of others, you have to put yourself last. To follow Jesus means to follow him even through suffering. "Can you drink the cup?"

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar

Monday – October 18

St. Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10–17b / Lk 10:1–9

Tuesday – October 19

Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac

Jogues, Priests, and
Companions, Martyrs

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17–19, 20b–21

Lk 12:35–38

Wednesday – October 20

Weekday

Rom 6:12–18 / Lk 12:39–48

Thursday – October 21

Weekday

Rom 6:19–23 / Lk 12:49–53

Friday – October 22

Weekday

Rom 7:18–25a / Lk 12:54–59

Saturday – October 23

Weekday

Rom 8:1–11

Lk 13:1–9

Sunday – October 24

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary
Time

Jer 31:7–9

Heb 5:1–6

Mk 10:46–52

Adoration..... Wednesdays after Mass
First Friday Adoration.... after 8:00 Mass
Choir Rehearsal..... Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.
Prayer Shawl Meeting.... Tuesday, October 19, 10 a.m.



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Thomas Marakovits. They were donated by wife, Ruth, and Family.



Filling Sale: Need any Filling for Thanksgiving?? Assumption B.V.M. Fund Raising Committee will be selling 2lb containers for \$9.00 each. Deadline for orders will be Sunday, November 7. Pick up will be on Tuesday, November 23. Please call Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138 to order or for more information.

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

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Rev. Michael J. Stone:** Ann-Margaret Rodgers Longenbach.
In memory of Bernice Bohenek: Martha Jandrisevits.

Baptism: The parish community joyfully welcomes Aurora Mason, daughter of Samantha Seeley and Steven Mason, who was Baptized into our faith this past Sunday. We will pray that she will continue to grow in the grace and love of God our Father.

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.

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.

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.



The Northampton Area Food Bank is looking for donations of Turkeys to distribute to needy families for Thanksgiving. Anyone interested in donating a turkey is asked to call the church

rectory between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday - Friday at 610-262-2559. Also, needed to complete the Thanksgiving dinners are: canned cranberry sauce, Stove Top Stuffing, canned green beans and canned or boxed potatoes.

Kolbe Academy will be holding its second annual "Steps for Recovery" event from 10/23 through 10/30. The event includes a Virtual Walk/Run and a Live Festival. The festival will be held Saturday 10/30 from 12-4 PM and will include food trucks, vendors/crafters, activities, games, and live music. To register for one or both events go to www.runsignup.com/kolbesteps

World Mission Sunday: Next weekend, October 23/24, we are invited to unite with Catholics around the world to "celebrate the hope that saves" through prayer, participation in the Eucharist and by giving generously. In this way, we stand in solidarity with the young and developing churches in over 120 countries through our support for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith through this special collection. Please be generous in your prayer and support for the Church in mission around the world. There is an envelope in your October/November packet for this special collection.

Annual Pro Life Lapel Rose Campaign: Next weekend, October 23 and 24, the Knights of Columbus Council 4050 will hold their annual Pro Life Lapel Rose Campaign, accepting donations prior to each mass. Your donations support Culture of Life activities of the council's Faith in Action program.

St. Elizabeth Credit Union – Hiring part-time position, 20-25 hours per week, including Friday evening until 6:30. Must be able to maintain strict confidentiality and have general computer knowledge – Word & Excel helpful. Accounting/bookkeeping, financial and customer service experience a plus. Send resume to office@stelzcu.net or call 610-262-3772.

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Call 610-262-9315 or 610-533-2794 for information

Directions to Holy Trinity: Take MacArthur Rd (145 N) to light at Rt 329.
Take left at Rt 329 to the next light. Holy Trinity is on the left.

Saturday, October 23

10 AM to 7 PM

Sunday, October 24

8 AM to 1 PM

Tickets: 25 for \$5.00, on sale at door.

****Only basket party committee may be present for drawing****

Prizes will be available for pickup Sunday evening and
Monday afternoon. Winners will be called.

Great homemade food and baked goods on sale!

****TAKE OUT ONLY****

We will follow CDC guidelines at the time of the event.

Small games of chance license #0094R21



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