

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
First Sunday of Advent – November 27/28, 2021

Daily Masses

Nov. 29, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Patricia Guttman	John and Agnes Siekonic
Nov. 30, Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	†Elaine Hunsinger	Daughter, Angie, and Family
Dec. 01, Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	Special Intentions	Family
Dec. 02, Thursday	7:00 a.m.	†Veronica Yanders	M/M Ronald Spengler
Dec. 03, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Arthur and Irene Andrews	Children, Arthur, Eileen and Chris
Dec. 04, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Jane Kovach	Virginia Haldeman
Dec. 05, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph and Kathryn Makovsky	Makovsky Family
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Dec. 04, Sat. 4:00 p.m. Anthony Molchany
Dec. 05, Sun. 8:00 a.m. Christine Kroll
10:30 a.m. Denise Hozza

Euch. Min.:

Frank Cerino
Cindy Walsh
Drew Maron

Altar Servers:

Maren Hartman/Lena Hartman
Wesley Cuchran
Darcy Conrad

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Leonard Fry requested by wife, Ann.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Matthew Vasquez, grandson of Tonya Weiner, who died recently.

Good News!

November 28, 2021

First Sunday of Advent (C)

Jer 33:14–16; 1 Thes 3:12—4:2; Lk 21:25–28, 34–36

Our birth day is not the anniversary of our birth—that is our birthday. Our birth day is the actual day of our birth. However, we do have a second birth day and it is this day to which this Sunday's readings refer. We might call it our final birth day, the day when we are born into fulfillment. Jeremiah assures us that will be the day when God's promises will be fulfilled in us. We will finally have a righteous leader; the nation will be safe, and the place where God dwells amid the people will be secure.

In the Gospel, Jesus is probably speaking figuratively about the end of the world—at least the end of the world as it is known to humans. However, it is not the end of everything, for after cosmic destruction takes place, "then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory" (Luke 21:27). After suffering the so-called birth pangs of the Messiah (see Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time), something new will appear; we will see that our redemption is at hand. We will be born into a new life in a new world.

Advent is the time to look forward to this new birth day of fulfillment. We do not simply await the anniversary of Jesus' human birth day, for that day announced the coming of the final birth day of each of us. His birth announces our new birth.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar

Monday – November 29

Advent Weekday

Is 2:1–5

Mt 8:5–11

Tuesday – November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

Rom 10:9–18

Mt 4:18–22

Wednesday – December 1

Advent Weekday

Is 25:6–10a

Mt 15:29–37

Thursday – December 2

Advent Weekday

Is 26:1–6

Mt 7:21, 24–27

Friday – December 3

St. Francis Xavier, Priest

Is 29:17–24

Mt 9:27–31

Saturday – December 4

Advent Weekday

Is 30:19–21, 23–26

Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6–8

Sunday – December 5

Second Sunday of Advent

Bar 5:1–9

Phil 1:4–6, 8–11

Lk 3:1–6

Rel. Ed. Classes Sundays, 9:00 – 10:05 a.m.
7th & 8th Grade Rel. Ed. .. Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.
First Friday Adoration.... after 8:00 Mass
Prayer Shawl Meeting.... 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
Adoration..... Wednesdays after Mass
Choir Rehearsal..... Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.



Lighting of the Advent Wreath [Week One] – [Before the evening meal, the family gathers at table.] **Leader:**

A flower shall blossom from the root of Jesse; the glory of God will fill the earth.

All: All creation will be filled with the saving power of God. **Leader:** O Emmanuel, Savior of Israel, you are God’s Son among us. ✠ - Come and save us, O Lord our God. **Leader:** O Wisdom of the Most High God, you rule with gentle might. ✠ - Come and save us, O Lord our God. **Leader:** O Lord of Israel, you gave us the Law on Sinai. ✠ - Come and save us, O Lord our God. **Leader:** Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN.** [One purple candle is lighted and left burning during the meal.]

Breakfast: Back by Popular Demand. We will be resuming the BVM Breakfast starting in January. Please watch the bulletin for more information. Also, Donut Sundays are back starting on Sunday, January 9. Hope to see you there.



Slovak Kolach Sale: Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are **due by today, Sunday, November 28.** Please complete the form and return it with your payment as

soon as possible. **The cost is \$16.00 each.** Additional order forms will be available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, December 11 and Sunday, December 12.



Stocking Stuffer: Need a stocking stuffer? Or just a little something to add to a gift for that special person? The Parish Fund Raising Committee is sponsoring a monthly lottery calendar for January 2022.

The calendars are \$5 each and the winners are based on the **evening daily** Pennsylvania Lottery number. Calendars will be on sale before Mass the weekends of November 27/28, December 4/5, 11/12 and 18/19. Calendars must be purchased prior to January 1, 2022.



Remember the Needy: Please take a tag from the “Giving Tree” which is located in the Church vestibule. The tags list items needed by the Catholic Charities Office to care for the needs of babies and their families. **Please place your unwrapped gifts under the tree by December 10** and we will take them to the Catholic Charities office.

New Holy Water Bucket : A special thank you to the family of John Rossi, III for their donation in his memory of a Holy Water Bucket and Sprinkler. We are using it for the first time this weekend to Bless our Advent Wreath.

Oplatky (Christmas Wafers) will be available (free will offering) in the church social hall all weekends during Advent. The 2022 Calendars, which are free, will also be available in the church social hall during Advent, compliments of Schisler Funeral Home.

Redner’s Save-A-Tape Program: Please keep saving your Redner’s Save-A-Tape Receipts by using your Save-A-Tape Card. If you don’t have one, just ask the cashier during your next shopping trip. Our church receives 1% for items you purchase, just by turning in your receipts. **So far this year we have received \$2,856.24. Just think, that’s almost \$2,850.00** received from pieces of paper you would normally throw in the garbage. Please place your **full receipts** in the containers located in the church vestibule. **We need the WHOLE receipt,** not just the bottom portion of the receipt. **See the letter from Redner’s Markets, Inc. posted on the bulletin boards for more information.** Thank You!

Winter Weather: With the return to colder temperatures and the possibility of snow and ice, we ask everyone to exercise caution when using the front church steps. A recommended alternative would be to enter thru the side entrance and use the interior Steps/Elevator.

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

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Forms are included in the Sunday Bulletin.

Place your order WITH PAYMENT in the Sunday Collection or drop off at the Rectory.

IMPORTANT:

Deadline for Orders: Sunday, November 28

Pick-up: After Mass in Church Social Hall:
Saturday December 11
Sunday December 12

THANK YOU

