

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
Second Sunday of Advent – December 4/5, 2021

Daily Masses

Dec. 06, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†John Krim	John and Diane Chimics
Dec. 07, Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	†Catherine and Thomas Hughes	Joanne Manning
	7:00 p.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
Dec. 08, Wednesday	8 :00 a.m.	†Anna Plata	Daughters
	6:30 p.m.	†James Nicosia	Parents, Joy and Sal
Dec. 09, Thursday	7:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Geosits	Betty Toolan
Dec. 10, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael Hillpot	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Dec. 11, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Margaret E. Niderostek	Daughter, Betty, and Family
Dec. 12, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Helen Sommer	Andrew and Theresa Melosky

Next Week's Schedule:

Lector:
 Dec. 11, Sat. 4:00 p.m. Charles Fisher
 Dec. 12, Sun. 8:00 a.m. Karen Stayt
 10:30 a.m. Larry Nemeth

Euch. Min.:

Conrad Marth
 Leonard Kosciolk
 Joy Nicosia

Altar Servers:

Anthony Colandrea
 Samuel Kroll/Gavin Fritz
 Brady Woolslayer/Nathan Mercadante

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of John Krim requested by friends, John and Diane Chimics.

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

Good News!

December 5, 2021
 Second Sunday of Advent (C)
 Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Many of us grew up thinking that this life doesn't amount to much. It's full of pitfalls and enticements that threaten our eternal salvation. Such disdain often boils over into contempt for the world. According to this thinking, it is only the next life that is important, which will unfold in a much better place. Today's readings challenge such extreme thinking. They assure us that the glory of God is partially revealed to us even within this life. They astound us by insisting that God speaks to us through life's events—events that often appear to be quite mundane.

Baruch tells of Jerusalem, the city loved passionately by every Israelite. This was a city like so many other cities. However, God dwelt there and wherever God dwells is, for that reason, a holy city—be it is Jerusalem, Munich, or Detroit. God dwells in our midst, right here, right now. Hence, this imperfect life and this damaged world are holy.

The Gospel situates John the Baptist in the middle of the ancient Near Eastern world. It was a Roman world controlled by Caesar and a Jewish province ruled over by Herod. John stated that it was to that place at that time that the Promised One would come, and it was up to John to “prepare the way of the Lord” (Isaiah 40:3; Luke 3:4).

Most importantly, we must never forget that God took on the troubles and sins of this world and entered our life, making it his life. This is the real reason that this world is holy.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar

Monday – December 6

Advent Weekday
 Is 35:1-10 / Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday – December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop and
 Doctor of the Church
 Is 40:1-11 / Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday – December 8

Immaculate Conception of
 the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Gn 3:9-15, 20
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12
 Lk 1:26-38

Thursday – December 9

Advent Weekday
 Is 41:13-20 / Mt 11:11-15

Friday – December 10

Advent Weekday
 Is 48:17-19 / Mt 11:16-19

Saturday – December 11

Advent Weekday
 Sir 48:1-4, 9-11
 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday – December 12

Third Sunday of Advent
 Zep 3:14-18a
 Phil 4:4-7
 Lk 3:10-18

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 Two] – [Before the evening meal, the family gathers at table.] Leader: Father,

to you belong the seasons and the ages. **All:** *You are the beginning and the end of all things.* **Leader:** O Flower of Jesse's stem, you are the sign of salvation. **℟** - *Come and deliver us; do not delay.* **Leader:** O Key of David, you open and close by your power. **℟** - *Come and deliver us; do not delay.* **Leader:** O Daystar, you are the eternal light, the sun of justice. **℟** - *Come and deliver us; do not delay.* **Leader:** Stir our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through Christ our Lord. **AMEN. [Two purple candles are lighted and left burning during the meal.]**

Holy Day of Obligation: Wednesday, December 8, is a Holy Day of obligation, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Masses will be celebrated on Tuesday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, at 8:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.**

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: Order pick up date is **next weekend, Saturday, December 11, and Sunday, December 12.**

The Annual Diocesan Collection for the National Appeal of Retired Religious takes place next weekend, December 11/12. Envelopes are contained in your packet for this special collection.



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 December 4/5, 11/12 and 18/19. Calendars must be purchased prior to January 1, 2022.

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.



Remember the Needy: Please place your unwrapped gifts under the tree by December 10 and we will take them to the Catholic Charities office.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Victim Assistance Coordinator
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To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndiocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

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!

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.

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