

# 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**  
**Third Sunday of Advent – December 11/12, 2021**

**Daily Masses**

Dec. 13, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Danette Koons	M/M Frederick Koons, Sr.
Dec. 14, Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	†Memorial Fund Members	
Dec. 15, Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	†Rosemarie Meiley	Karen Liberto and Helen Slog
Dec. 16, Thursday	7:00 a.m.	†John Marhefka, Sr.	Children and Families
Dec. 17, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Sons and daughters of John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
Dec. 18, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Lucille Mikulcik	Husband, Paul, and Family
Dec. 19, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Connie Marth	M/M Edward Deichmeister

**Next Week's Schedule: Lector:**

Dec. 18, Sat. 4:00 p.m. Susan Parker

Dec. 19, Sun. 8:00 a.m. Thomas Kovalchik

10:30 a.m. Edward Hozza

**Euch. Min.:**

Luisa Assante

Cindy Walsh

Joy Nicosia

**Altar Servers:**

Andrew Niderostek/Marc Simmons

Aidan Kraus/Aiden Fritz

Ava Miletics

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Stephen Kerbacher, Sr. requested by wife, Helen, and Family.

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

## Good News!

December 12, 2021

Third Sunday of Advent (C)

Zep 3:14–18a; Phil 4:4–7; Lk 3:10–18

This is the Sunday of joy, Gaudete Sunday. In the first reading, the people are told to “Shout for joy” because “the Lord is in your midst” (Zephaniah 3:14–15). The psalm response tells us to “cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and holy one of Israel” (see Isaiah 12). The second reading directs us to “rejoice in the Lord always” because “the Lord is near” (Philippians 4:4–5). In the Gospel, we see that “the people were filled with [messianic] expectation,” even wondering “whether John might be the Messiah” (Luke 3:15). All John could say was that “one mightier than I is coming” (3:16).

So today, what are we waiting for this Sunday and how is God present? We know that God is already present with us in many ways: in the Church and sacraments; in the lives of good people we know; in the depths of our hearts. And so, we rejoice. We also know that the story of salvation is unfinished. There are still so many evils from which we must be saved. When you think of them, what’s at the top of your list?

We are eager for God to come into our lives anew to comfort us and strengthen us. We know we cannot do it alone. Even as we wait for the day of salvation to dawn, we rejoice for we know that it came before and will come again. That’s why we sing “Joy to the World.”

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

## Calendar

**Monday – December 13**

St. Lucy, Virgin and Martyr

Nm 24:2–7, 15–17a

Mt 21:23–27

**Tuesday – December 14**

St. John of the Cross, Priest

and Doctor of the Church

Zep 3:1–2, 9–13

Mt 21:28–32

**Wednesday – December 15**

Advent Weekday

Is 45:6b–8, 18, 21c–25

Lk 7:18b–23

**Thursday – December 16**

Advent Weekday

Is 54:1–10

Lk 7:24–30

**Friday – December 17**

Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8–10

Mt 1:1–17

**Saturday – December 18**

Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5–8

Mt 1:18–25

**Sunday – December 19**

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mi 5:1–4a

Heb 10:5–10 Lk 1:39–45

**Rel. Ed. Classes** ..... Sundays, 9:00 – 10:05 a.m.  
**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rel. Ed.** .. Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**First Friday Adoration....** after 8:00 Mass  
**Prayer Shawl Meeting....** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.  
**Adoration.....** Wednesdays after Mass  
**Choir Rehearsal.....** Wednesdays 7:00 p.m.  
**Christmas Decorating....** Saturday, Dec. 18, 8 a.m.



**Lighting of the Advent Wreath [Week Three] – [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 Desired One of the nations, may we always be awake and alert to your coming. **R - Come and make us one.** **Leader:** O Judge of the living and the dead, reward us according to our deeds. **R - Come and make us one.** **Leader:** O Bringer of Salvation, fill us with joyful longing for your coming. **R - Come and make us one.** **Leader:** Lord, hear our prayers and come to us, bringing light into the darkness of our hearts; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN. [Two purple candles and the one rose candle are lit and left burning during the meal.]**

**Advent Confessions**

Sunday, December 12 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
 Saturday, December 18, 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
 Sunday, December 19, 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.  
 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.  
 Monday, December 20, 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.  
 Wednesday, December 22, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

**Breakfast:** Back by Popular Demand. We will be resuming the BVM Breakfast starting on January 23, 2022. Please watch the bulletin for more information. Also, Donut Sundays are back starting on Sunday, January 9, 2022. Hope to see you there.

**Church Decorating For Christmas:** Volunteers are needed to assist in Decorating the Interior of the Church for Christmas this **Saturday, December 18 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Come for as long as you can. **Please enter thru the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor doors at the rear of the Church.**

**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.

**Good Shepherd Catholic School** is now accepting registrations for the 2022-2023 school year. We offer full day Preschool and Pre-K programs as well as Kindergarten through grade 8. For more information, or to schedule a tour please contact our Advancement Director Mrs. Lauri Tripaldi at 610-262-9171 or email her at [mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com](mailto:mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com).



**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.



**Slovak Kolach Sale:** Order pick up date is **this weekend, Saturday, December 11, and Sunday, December 12.**

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

**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.



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

**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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