

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
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph – December 26, 2021**

Daily Masses

Dec. 27, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Yezzo	Wife, Bonnie, and Family
Dec. 28, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Julius Strongowski	Daughter, Rita, and Family
Dec. 29, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Robin Hall	Mary Rose and Brittany Reis
Dec. 30, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Raymond and Colette Semler	Family
Dec. 31, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†John J. Budihas	Estate
	4:00 p.m.	†Members of the Frank and Anna Farkas Family	Family
Jan. 01, Saturday	8:00 a.m.	†Matthew Vasquez	Rita Pavlick
	4:00 p.m.	†John Kachmar	Anna Hudock
Jan. 02, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Martha Hozza	Ginnane Family

Next Week's Schedule:

Lector:
Jan. 01, Sat. 4:00 p.m. Anthony Molchany
Jan. 02, Sun. 8:00 a.m. Christine Kroll
10:30 a.m. Denise Hozza

Euch. Min.:

Frank Cerino
Joseph Ciecko
Drew Maron

Altar Servers:

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

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Pasquale and Assunta Moccio requested by granddaughter, Nikki.

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

Good News!

December 26, 2021

Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (C)

1 Sm 1:20–22, 24–28; 1 Jn 3:1–2, 21–24; Lk 2:41–52

So many family-oriented television programs today feature the antics of dysfunctional families. They're often so well produced that we laugh at the blundering exploits, thus giving them credibility. The readings for today's feast show us what a real family looks like. Parents worry about the security of their children (Luke); brothers and sisters are told to be compassionate, kind, humble, gentle, and patient (Colossians); elders are respected and cared for in their need (Sirach). Even the psalm response sketches the profile of a flourishing family as understood at that time.

We can only guess what the Holy Family must have been like. There is no indication that their neighbors saw them as anything more than an average family. Jesus learned Joseph's trade and, most likely, would take over the business after he died. Instead, he launched out as an itinerant preacher. Even that does not seem to have been so exceptional for that time. Nor was Mary's widowhood reason for him to stay home. The Gospels indicate that she was part of a protective family unit. This did not appear to be an exceptional family. But how exceptional it was!

The lesson is that even an average family has the potential to be a holy family. What we should do is pattern our lives after Paul's exhortation to the Colossians. If we live like this, we will discover that holiness is all in the family.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar

Monday – December 27

St. John, Apostle and Evangelist
1 Jn 1:1–4 / Jn 20:1a, 2–8

Tuesday – December 28

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
1 Jn 1:5–2:2 / Mt 2:13–18

Wednesday – December 29

Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:3–11 / Lk 2:22–35

Thursday – December 30

Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:12–17
Lk 2:36–40

Friday – December 31

Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 2:18–21
Jn 1:1–18

Saturday – January 1

Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God
Nm 6:22–27
Gal 4:4–7
Lk 2:16–21

Sunday – January 2

Epiphany of the Lord
Is 60:1–6
Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6
Mt 2:1–12e

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.

Rectory Office will be closed Friday, December 24 thru Monday, December 27 for Christmas. Also, the rectory office will be closed Friday, December 31 thru Monday, January 3 for New Year's.

New Year's - Mass Schedule

Friday, December 31 (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.
Saturday, January 1 8:00 a.m.

Epiphany - Mass Schedule

Saturday, January 1 (Vigil) 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, January 2 8:00 a.m.
10:30 a.m.

Blessing of a Home on the Epiphany (January 2):

The leader begins: ✕ *In the name of the Father.... Peace be with this house and with all who live here. All respond:* And also with you. **The leader introduces the blessing:** *During these days of the Christmas season, we keep this feast of Epiphany, celebrating the manifestation of Christ to the Magi, to John in the River Jordan, and to the disciples at the wedding at Cana. Today Christ is manifest to us! Today this home is a holy place. Listen to the words of the holy Gospel according to John: "In the beginning was the Word. And the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came to be through him, And without him nothing came to be. And the Word became flesh And he made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. This is the Gospel of the Lord."*
All respond: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. **After a short silence, the leader continues:** *O God, by your heavenly star, you guided those who were wise to your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. May your blessing come to rest on our home and all of us. Make our lives wise with your wisdom, true to your teaching, and enlivened by your love. May your Word made flesh make his home among us. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord. AMEN. Everyone then processes from one room to another. In each room, God's blessing is asked on all that takes place in that room. Holy Water is sprinkled. The front and rear door frames are marked: 20 + C + M + B + 22.* [The traditional names of the 3 Kings are: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar.]

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following people who gave memorial contributions **in memory of Diane Silfies:** Louis and Bernice Tepes; Lynn and Tim Tepes; Eugene and Frances Grabarits. **In memory of Joseph G. Bauer:** M/M Richard Cuth, Sr.

Lottery Calendars: 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 Masses this Sunday, Dec. 26; Friday, Dec. 31 before the 4:00 p.m. Mass and Saturday, Jan. 1 before the 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Masses. This will be the last chance to purchase the calendars.

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

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.

ASSUMPTION B.V.M. 2021 OFFERING

STATEMENTS will be mailed the week of January 10 to those who contributed \$1000 or more during 2021. If you desire a statement of your 2021 contributions and your contributions are under \$1000 please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket any Sunday during the month of January.

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