

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
Epiphany of the Lord – January 1/2, 2022**

Daily Masses

Jan. 03, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Simoson	Wife, Cindy
Jan. 04, Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	†Rev. Francis Straka	Tony and Hattie Reinish
Jan. 05, Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	†members of the Fusco & Dellapietra Families	Dellapietra Family
Jan. 06, Thursday	7:00 a.m.	†Susan and Rudolph Bauer	Carol and Gary Houck
Jan. 07, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Herb Bitenc	Wife, Marie
Jan. 08, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Ann Weber	Andrews Family
Jan. 09, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Anna Hartzell	Gary and Dorothy Minnich

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Jan. 08, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	Charles Fisher
Jan. 09, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Karen Stayt
	10:30 a.m.	Larry Nemeth

Euch. Min.:

Leonard Kosciolk
Frank Cerino
Joy Nicosia

Altar Servers:

Andrew Nederostek/Marc Simmons
Aidan Kraus/Aiden Fritz
Ava Miletics

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Rev. Michael J. Stone requested by Marjorie Fletcher.

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

Good News!

January 2, 2022
The Epiphany of the Lord (C)
Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Many traditional religions have in some way ascribed divinity to light—either they claim that light emanates from a god or that light itself is divine. This is probably because light is a primal necessity, essential for life. We find such thinking in today's readings.

"Your light has come" (Isaiah 60:1) says today's Old Testament reading. This is Isaiah's glorious message for the people of Jerusalem. The city had been destroyed; the people scattered; the future looked bleak. This message must have filled the people with hope. Not only does light bring them hope, but the light actually streams from their God. It is the Lord who shines, bestowing his radiance upon them. This light is filled with promise.

The story of the Magi is not meant primarily for children who delight in moving figurines of the three kings a bit closer to the stable every day. This is an adult story about inner darkness and enlightenment. The strangers, ignorant of ancient Israel's traditions, were able to read the signs of the times. Because of their openness, they found the Light of the World. The learned men of Jerusalem were well-schooled in the ancient promises, for they knew where to send the strangers. However, they felt threatened by these signs. They closed their minds and hearts to any omens that might imperil their positions of privilege. They had a chance to benefit from this new light, but they turned their backs on it.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar

Monday – January 3

Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 3:22—4:6
Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday – January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton,
Religious
1 Jn 4:7-10
Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday – January 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop
1 Jn 4:11-18
Mk 6:45-52

Thursday – January 6

Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 4:19—5:4
Lk 4:14-22a

Friday – January 7

Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:5-13
Lk 5:12-16

Saturday – January 8

Christmas Weekday
1 Jn 5:14-21
Jn 3:22-30

Sunday – January 9

The Baptism of the Lord
Is 42:1-4, 6-7
Acts 10:34-38
Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

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.
Donut/Giving Sunday.... Sunday, January 9
Breakfast Sunday..... Sunday, January 23

Rectory Office will be closed Monday, January 3 for New Year's.

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 **Dr. Edward John Paul Ciecko:** Dr. Joseph Ciecko. **In memory of Dr. Francis Plucinsky:** Eugene and Frances Grabarits.

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Sunday Breakfast: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses on **Sunday, January 23.** Please support this fundraising effort of the parish and enjoy a homemade breakfast with your friends. Menu includes: French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs or omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door. This month's special is Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast.**



"Donut/Giving Sunday": Next Sunday, January 9, our Hospitality Committee will be hosting "Donut/Giving Sunday". Join us after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses for coffee, donuts and fellowship in our social hall. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding. Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. **This month's donuts are being donated by Marie Bitenc in memory of her husband, Herb Bitenc.**

Help Needed: Anyone who would like to help with taking down the Christmas decorations is asked to come to the Church on **Saturday, January 8, starting at 8:00 a.m. Please enter thru the 2nd floor doors at the rear of the Church.**

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.

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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