

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 Baptism of the Lord – January 8/9, 2022

Daily Masses

Jan. 10, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Memorial Fund Members	
Jan. 11, Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	†Donna Westgate	Cindy Simoson
Jan. 12, Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	†Marie Mriss	Bennett Family
Jan. 13, Thursday	7:00 a.m.	†Adolph Trinkle	Jack and Iona Harhart
Jan. 14, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Elaine Hunsinger	Daughter, Angie, and Family
Jan. 15, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Jane Kovach	Family
Jan. 16, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Frank Straka	Jane and Ron Spengler

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Jan. 15, Sat. 4:00 p.m. Susan Parker

Jan. 16, Sun. 8:00 a.m. Thomas Kovalchik

10:30 a.m. Edward Hozza

Euch. Min.:

Luisa Assante

Cindy Walsh

Joy Nicosia

Altar Servers:

Lena Hartman/Maren Hartman

Samuel Kroll/Gavin Fritz

Gerald Miletics/Nathan Mercadante

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of John and Mary Wanisko requested by John and Elizabeth Kuchera.

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

Good News!

January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord (C)

Is 42:1–4, 6–7; Acts 10:34–38; Lk 3:15–16, 21–22

Before the Second Vatican Council, ministry was considered by many to be a Protestant word, and the religious leader who did it was called a minister. Catholics had priests and bishops who received and administered sacraments. Religious women did the Church's work in schools and hospitals. The council turned our understanding of Church membership inside out. We've come to realize that with baptism—not ordination or religious profession—comes the responsibility of ministry. Catholics and Protestants alike understand their commitment to justice and peace is a genuine ministry that seeks to establish God's reign in our world.

Many interpreters believe that the account of Jesus' baptism points to the inauguration of his own ministry. The theology expressed is certainly Trinitarian (the voice, Jesus identified as Son, and the dove). However, the revelation of his true identity occurs as he begins preaching and healing. Some say his baptism was meant to strengthen him as he began his public life. Others believe it was meant to strengthen his disciples.

Today we maintain that by baptism we are all children of God. Vatican II has enlightened us as to what this really means. Pope Francis has reminded us that by virtue of our baptism we are missionary disciples (see *Evangelii Gaudium*, 120). In other words, as disciples we follow Jesus, learning from him. As missionaries we go out to spread his Good News to others. It is now for us to take up the ministry where he left off, to be faithful servants with whom God is well pleased.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar

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.

CANCELLED: Due to concerns with Covid we are cancelling the Breakfast and Donut Sunday until further notice.

Adoration: On Wednesdays the morning Mass will continue with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and conclude with Benediction at 8:15 a.m. This will enable those who stay to make a "holy hour" before the exposed Blessed Sacrament; we will have a period of prayer and a period of silence during that hour. Please consider joining in prayer at Mass and adoration afterwards.

Catholic Relief Services Collection: The weekend of **January 22/23**, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. **How will you help?** Please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise. Envelopes are contained in your packet for this special collection.



Good Shepherd Catholic School will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week from Sunday, January 30th through Saturday, February 5th. To kick off our week, we are offering live tours for families interested in enrolling students in our school. Tours will begin at

10:30 and end at 12:30. If you would like to sign up for a tour, please contact Mrs. Tripaldi at 610-262-9171 or mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com. Tours are being offered for students entering Preschool 3, Pre-K 4, and Kindergarten through grade 8. Spaces are limited for next school year so register early! If you would like to tour but cannot make it that Sunday, please reach out and we can make necessary accommodations.



Souper Sunday of Caring: On Super Bowl weekend, February 12/13 we will be collecting funds for the Northampton Area Food Bank at all the Masses. Throughout the country Billions of dollars will be spent to celebrate the Super Bowl. Can you

afford \$5 or \$10 to help feed the needy? Drop your donations in the soup pots that the teens will be holding after all Masses on Super Bowl weekend.

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.

Monday – January 10

Weekday
 1 Sm 1:1–8
 Mk 1:14–20

Tuesday – January 11

Weekday
 1 Sm 1:9–20
 Mk 1:21–28

Wednesday – January 12

Weekday
 1 Sm 3:1–10, 19–20
 Mk 1:29–39

Thursday – January 13

Weekday
 1 Sm 4:1–11
 Mk 1:40–45

Friday – January 14

Weekday
 1 Sm 8:4–7, 10–22a
 Mk 2:1–12

Saturday – January 15

Weekday
 1 Sm 9:1–4, 17–19; 10:1a
 Mk 2:13–17

Sunday – January 16

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Is 62:1–5 1
 Cor 12:4–11
 Jn 2:1–11

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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