

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA, Pastor
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Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
 Weekdays 8:00 a.m.
 Holy Days 7:00 p.m. [Vigil]
 8:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
 or by appointment

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 Fr. Straka 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 living in the parish boundaries are asked to register at the rectory. Please notify the rectory if you change your address or phone number or move out of the parish.

Communion to the Sick

Communion is taken to the sick after the Sunday Masses and on First Fridays. The Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with individual homebound parishioners on First Fridays several times a year. 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.

Parish Activities/Contacts

Adult Education	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....	610-262-8428	Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....	484-540-5090	
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ministry to the Sick	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Bible Study	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Parish Family Picnic	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
CYO	Tim Gribb	610-762-9072	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
Ecumenical Rep.	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RCIA	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	610-262-9012	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 19, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

June 20, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Bankos	Daughter, Ann
June 21, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Roseann Baer	Gene and Carole Zarayko
June 22, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Bernard Hudak	M/M William Kuchera
June 23, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†John J. Hudicka, Jr.	Carolyn Brinker and Family
June 24, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Frances and Louis Pengitore	Daughter, Barbara
June 25, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Catherine Sentiwany	M/M Frank Kroboth
June 26, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Frank Walakovitz	Daughter, Ruth Marakovits

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
June 25, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor	B. Fritz	B. Paul/A. Paul/D. Bassert	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
June 26, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	C. Marth	N. Bischof/N. Clouse/M. Hudock	A. Fry/M. Kovalcik
10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza	L. Santucci	M. Thierer/C. Cuchran/M. Cuchran	E. Lessel/L. Shaak

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 blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish.

dear Padre:

What if we can't conceive?

How far is OK to go when dealing with infertility?

Catholic teaching holds that procreation, along with the love expressed between spouses in the sexual act, is one of the principal ends of marriage. The act itself is holy within that context, and the resulting children are a fruit of that love and a gift—not a right of every couple. Most of us know couples who are unable to conceive. Sometimes a technique or medication can help, but not always.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that, “techniques that entail the dissociation of husband and wife, by the intrusion of a person other than the couple (donation of sperm or ovum, surrogate uterus), are gravely immoral....Techniques involving only the married couple (homologous artificial insemination and fertilization) are perhaps less reprehensible, yet remain morally unacceptable.... Only respect for the link between the meanings of the conjugal act and respect for the unity of the human being make possible procreation in conformity with the dignity of the person” (CCC 2376–77, see also *Donum vitae*).

Infertility treatments such as *in vitro* fertilization (IVF) not only depersonalize the sexual act but also carry the greater problem of the disposal of the fertilized but unused embryos, which are real human beings. When judging an act, we must consider our intentions and the act's nature and ramifications. Most situations involve many issues, so I suggest you discuss yours further with a competent spiritual advisor.

FR. RICHARD BOEVER, CSsR
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

Calendar:

Monday – June 20

Weekday

2 Kgs 17:5–8, 13–15a, 18
Mt 7:1–5

Tuesday – June 21

*St. Aloysius Gonzaga,
Religious*

2 Kgs 19:9b–11, 14–21,
31–35a, 36
Mt 7:6, 12–14

Wednesday – June 22

Weekday

2 Kgs 22:8–13; 23:1–3
Mt 7:15–20

Thursday – June 23

Weekday

2 Kgs 24:8–17 / Mt 7:21–29

Friday – June 24

Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Is 49:1–6 / Acts 13:22–26
Lk 1:57–66, 80

Saturday – June 25

Weekday

Lam 2:2, 10–14, 18–19
Mt 8:5–17

Sunday – June 26

*Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time*

1 Kgs 19:16b, 19–21
Gal 5:1, 13–18
Lk 9:51–62

BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., July 2, 10:00 a.m.
GIVING SUNDAY : Sun., July 10
PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING : Fri., Aug. 5 & Sat., Aug. 6
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 11, 2016
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 18
BREAKFAST : October 30, 2016
CONFIRMATION : Wed., March 8, 2017



NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Any boy or girl in the parish who has made First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server is asked to contact Joanne at the rectory before June 19. **Training will be held when Fr. Straka returns.**

PLEASE NOTE: Daily Mass is being celebrated in the church rectory (2174 Lincoln Avenue) now until Thursday, October 6. Please enter through the rectory front door. First Fridays, Holydays, and Holiday Masses will be celebrated in church.

RECTORY SUMMER HOURS are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or call for an appointment. **Rectory office is closed on Wednesdays.**



2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: As of today, our parishioners have raised \$31,150.00 from 163 parishioners. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal of \$41,737.00. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal and to reach the 100% participation goal. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org or please call the parish office at 610-262-2559.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Joseph and Minnie Preisler. They were donated by daughter, Mary Ann Holmes, and Family.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Josephine Miller:** \$100 Alfred and Elizabeth Kosman; \$50 Bonnie Kosman; \$25 Dale and Marianne Laury; \$35 Gwen Herzog; \$20 Maria Reimer; \$30 Irene Sheckler and Vanessa Groller; \$25 Ann Fry.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: Please note that we will not be meeting during the summer. Our next meeting will be September 20th. Thank you to all the ladies who so generously shared their time and talents to make the start of this ministry such a success. We have distributed over 20 shawls to some of our shut-ins, the newly baptized and those experiencing some difficulties and might be in need of our prayers. If you know of someone who could benefit from the feel of the Lord's embrace through a shawl, please contact Mary LaBianca at 610-502-0160. There is no charge.



PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 5 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 6 starting at 7:00 a.m.** Friday we will be peeling and cooking potatoes. Saturday we will be making, cooking and packing the pierogies. Please come and help. The more help we have, the faster we get done. We need both Men and Women. Please come and join us. We do have fun.

PETER'S PENCE COLLECTION: This weekend of June 18/19, our diocese will take up the Peter's Pence Collection, which provides Pope Francis with the funds he needs to carry out his most important charitable works around the world. The proceeds benefit our brothers and sisters on the margins of society, including victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Join our Holy Father as a witness of charity to those who are suffering.

MEN'S RETREAT AT MALVERN: In today's world of 24/7 sound bites, non-stop commercials, loud music and the like, it can be difficult to hear the really important voices in our life. Sometimes we just need a quiet, safe place where we can listen to our God who knows us, loves us and wants to tell us what is best for us. The Malvern Retreat House is such a place. Join the men of the parish the weekend of August 26, 27 and 28 for their Malvern retreat. To learn more, call Jack Harhart 610-262-8123 (or email jharhart@yahoo.com) or Richard Cuth 610-262-8045. For information on retreats for women, married couples and families visit Malvern's website at malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.



HOLY TRINITY ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC will be held on **Sunday, July 10** at **Egypt Memorial Park**, located just off Main Street on Rt. 329 west. Outdoor Mass starts at 11:30 a.m. and festivities will follow Mass until 8:00 p.m. and will include children's games, Bingo, adult games, homemade foods including, walking tacos, Belgian waffles, funnel cakes, bleenies, baked goods and many other items. Entertainment provided by Josef Kroboth from 12:30-3:30pm and UUU from 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. **Admission and parking are free.** The public is invited to attend rain or shine.

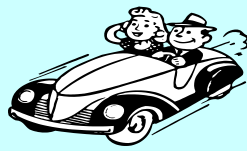
"CARE NOTES": Please check the "Care Notes" rack in the back of the church for helpful pamphlets in dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 11, 2016
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
begins with a Mass at 11:00 a.m.,
continues with music, games and food until 7:00 p.m.
Featuring the music of "The Pennsylvania Villagers"
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass
Bingo - 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
The Pennsylvania Villagers - 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Children's Games,
Basket Raffle and Games of Chance



Baked Goods, Exotic Non-Alcoholic Drinks
Soda, Bottled Water, Iced Tea, Beer, Coffee
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Steak Sandwiches
Turkey BBQ, Pork BBQ, Kielbasi with Sauerkraut
Sweet Italian Sausage Sandwiches, Ice Cream Treats,
Holubki, Haluski, Goulash, Pirohy (Pierogies), French Fries

