

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA**, Pastor  
**Mrs. Karen Glose**, Director of Music  
**Mrs. Mary LaBianca**, Adult Choir Director  
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**Mrs. Linda Santucci**, Coordinator of Religious Education  
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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

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Aug. 08, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Swankoski	Ron and Priscilla Koch
Aug. 09, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Joan Skrapits	Rita Roman and Greeters
Aug. 10, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Geraldine Stracqualursi	Mrs. Richard Kradjel
Aug. 11 Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Poandl	Family
Aug. 12, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Josephine Dina	M/M John Marshall
Aug. 13, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Louis Tepes, Sr.	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Aug. 14, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Benjamin B. Kovalcik	M/M Anthony Halcin
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

<b>Next Week's Schedule:</b>	<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>
Aug. 13, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	B. Kosman	D. Bassert/N. Bischof	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Aug. 14, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	N. Birosik	J. Millan/N. Millan	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth	D. Maron	B. DelVecchio/N. Clouse	J. DelVecchio/C. Marano

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Geraldine Seko requested by Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

**PLEASE PRAY** for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers William Molchany, Sr., father of Anthony Molchany, who died recently.

dear Padre:

**The Church on evolution**

*Christians teach that Adam and Eve were the first man and woman and were created by God. How does the Catholic Church reconcile this belief with the theory of evolution?*

**Genesis Chapter 1** contains the seven-day account of creation that we usually refer to when we reflect on the beginning of our world. The very next chapter contains a second account. The editors of the Bible were not distraught over the two differing accounts; they left them side by side because they weren't interested in giving either a historical or scientific explanation for the world's origin. Rather, they were emphasizing deeper truths such as the goodness of the earth as created by a loving and caring God. Scripture tells us that the Creator held human beings as especially precious.

Cannot these same values be maintained if we believe creation (or evolution) took longer than seven days? Perhaps God spent seventy billion years bringing forth the world's beauty. Details and numbers don't change the message of Genesis: God is good; God created the cosmos, heaven and earth—"all things visible and invisible"; and all of creation is good (Nicene Creed). Furthermore, scientific discoveries surrounding space, matter, and all forms of life "invite us to even greater admiration for the greatness of the Creator, prompting us to give him thanks for all his works and for the understanding and wisdom he gives to scholars and researchers" (CCC 283).

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Ez 1:2-5, 24-28c  
Mt 17:22-27

**Tuesday - August 9**  
*Weekday*

Ez 2:8-3:4  
Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

**Wednesday - August 10**  
*St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr*  
2 Cor 9:6-10 / Jn 12:24-26

**Thursday - August 11**  
*St. Clare, Virgin*  
Ez 12:1-12  
Mt 18:21-19:1

**Friday - August 12**  
*Weekday*  
Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63  
Mt 19:3-12

**Saturday - August 13**  
*Weekday*  
Ez 18:1-10, 13b, 30-32  
Mt 19:13-15

**Sunday - August 14**  
*Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Jer 38:4-6, 8-10  
Heb 12:1-4  
Lk 12:49-53

**Calendar:**

*St. Dominic, Priest*

**GIVING SUNDAY** : Sun., August 14  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., September 3, 10:00 a.m.  
**PICNIC COOKING** : Thursday, Sept. 8, 7:00 a.m.  
 Friday, Sept. 9, 7:00 a.m.  
**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** : Sunday, September 11, 2016  
**PREP CLASSES RESUME** : Sunday, September 18  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, October 30, 2016  
**CONFIRMATION** : Wed., March 8, 2017

**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.**



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Edward and Mary Bankos. They were donated by their daughter, Ann Fry.

**"GIVING SUNDAY":** Sunday, August 14, is Giving Sunday. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding, or a jar of peanut butter. Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts.



**PICNIC COOKING:** We will be cooking for our annual church picnic on **Thursday, September 8 and Friday, September 9 starting at 7:00 a.m.** To make this another successful picnic we

need help in preparation of the food. All help is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** There will be a Holy Hour and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Queenship of Mary Church **next Sunday, August 14 at 3:00 p.m.** Msgr. Daniel Yenushovsky, Pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Egypt, will give the reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome.



**MONEY BASKET:** From now thru September 4 there will be a box in the church vestibule for donations towards our **"Assumption B.V.M. Parishioners' Money Basket"**, which will be raffled off at

our annual picnic on Sunday, September 11. All donations are greatly appreciated.

**NOW ENROLLING:** Good Shepherd Catholic School is enrolling students for the 2016-2017 School Year. Full day Kindergarten through Grade 8 with limited openings in the Pre-K programs. Please call the school office at 610-262-9171 for a personalized tour with information about an exceptional academic and faith based education!

**SAINT PETER CHURCH,** 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Coplay will hold their 62<sup>ND</sup> Annual Parish Picnic and Homecoming **today, Sunday, August 7.** The event begins at 12:00 Noon and concludes at 10:00 p.m. The "Schanta Band", from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and "Flirting With the Mob Band" from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. will provide the music. Homemade foods will be available for purchase. All are welcome! The Polka Mass is scheduled on Sunday, August 7 at 10:30 a.m. The Schanta Band will play.



**YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS:** The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on Tuesday, August 30 Northampton Borough Park. Bus trip: **Atlantic City**

**Air Show, Wednesday, August 17.** Bus leaves at 10:00 a.m. **Cost: \$30 with a \$25 rebate for Resorts Casino.** If interested, please call Anna Hudock at 610-262-3478.



**2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** As of August 1 our parishioners have raised \$35,859.00 from 187 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. 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.

**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.

## PARISH PICNIC NEWS

**"BIG BUCKS":** We are counting on you to either purchase or sell the four "Big Bucks" tickets which were mailed to you in June. Also, please consider selling additional tickets, which are available at the rectory.

**"WINE, LIQUOR":** In the past one of our most successful items at the Parish Picnic has been the WINE/LIQUOR stand. We have been fortunate in receiving all of these bottles as donations from parishioners. If you can donate bottles for this stand, it would be greatly appreciated! Kindly drop the bottles off at the rectory.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Letters were mailed in June asking for your help for our picnic. We need workers, donations of wine/liquor, baked goods, and/or monetary contributions. Please respond to our volunteer and donation form as soon as possible. Youth (Grades 8-12) are you looking for community/church service hours? Come and help out at our parish picnic!

**ADVANCE PICNIC TICKET SALES** before and after all Masses the weekends of: **August 13/14, August 20/21 and August 27/28.** Pay **\$10.00** and receive **\$12.00** worth of tickets.

**HAVE YOU NOTICED** the **CareNotes** display in the back of the church? CareNotes offer helpful ideas and inspiration on dealing with some of life's most difficult moments. Please help yourself.

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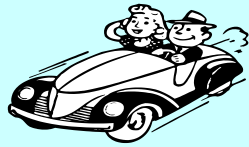
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**ASSUMPTION B.V.M. CHURCH  
ANNUAL PICNIC  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016  
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK  
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

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, Hamburger BBQ, Walking Tacos,  
Steak Sandwiches, Turkey BBQ, Kielbasi with Sauerkraut  
Sweet Italian Sausage Sandwiches, Ice Cream Treats,  
Holubki, Haluski, Macaroni and Cheese,  
Pirohy (Pierogies), French Fries

