

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA, Pastor
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Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
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Ms. Joanne Manning, Parish Secretary
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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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TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 14, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 15, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
Aug. 16, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†William Molchany, Sr.	Son, Tony, and Family
Aug. 17, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Geosits	Frank and Phyllis Suranofsky
Aug. 18 Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Aug. 19, Friday	8:00 a.m.	Health and Blessing – Dr. and Mrs. Francis Plucinsky on the occasion of their 50 th Wedding Anniversary	Ciecko Family
Aug. 20, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Sue Olesak	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
Aug. 21, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Sipics	Marie Keeney
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Aug. 20, Sat. 4:00 p.m. S. Parker

Aug. 21, Sun. 8:00 a.m. M. Heist

10:30 a.m. D. Heckenberger

Euch. Min.:

L. Assante

T. Melosky

M. Sommer

Altar Servers:

J. Warren/M. Warren

B. Gallagher/M. Hudock

A. Nemeth/M. Thierer

Greeters:

S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak

A. Fry/M. Kovalcik

E. Lessel/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of William Kotoris requested by Daughter, Nikki.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Helen Gavalla and Joseph Myirski, Jr., who died recently.

dear Padre:

The Gospel rises above crass political posturing

Who says the Church isn't political? Don't they endorse bills and candidates all the time?

I'm not sure that anyone has ever claimed that the Church is not political. As long as there are moral implications to political decisions, the Church will always give guidance to voters and politicians. I believe that the quality the Church is looking for is to be non-partisan. We cannot wed ourselves to party platforms or individual candidates. The Gospel rises above crass political posturing. Whenever the Gospel supports or corrects the politics of the day, we must be faithful to the teachings of Jesus and call all in power to account.

In fact it is supremely sad that some moral issues are even politically controversial. When the Church speaks up for the unborn or the poor, when we try to protect the environment or the freedom of religion, it is tragic that there is any political opposition at all.

The Church is a prophetic voice to our society and has been historically in many societies. The goal of influencing elections and supporting candidates is far too small for the disciples of Christ. Our hopes are to evangelize voters, leaders, and all people in Gospel values. As a priest I am not allowed to endorse candidates from the pulpit, but I am required by the Church to faithfully preach our values, even if they are political or unpopular.

FR. MATTHEW BONK, CSsR
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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27

Lk 1:39–56

Tuesday – August 16

Weekday

Ez 28:1–10 / Mt 19:23–30

Wednesday – August 17

Weekday

Ez 34:1–11 / Mt 20:1–16

Thursday – August 18

Weekday

Ez 36:23–28 / Mt 22:1–14

Friday – August 19

Weekday

Ez 37:1–14 / Mt 22:34–40

Saturday – August 20

St. Bernard

Ez 43:1–7a

Mt 23:1–12

Sunday – August 21

Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18–21

Heb 12:5–7, 11–13

Lk 13:22–30

Calendar:

Monday – August 15

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.**

PLEASE NOTE: Mass tomorrow, Monday, August 15, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **will be held in church.** Since Assumption falls on a Monday this year it is not a Holyday of Obligation this year.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Fred Gollatz. They were donated by wife, Irene, daughter, Denise, and family.



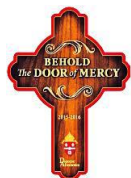
PICNIC COOKING: We will be cooking for our annual church picnic on **Thursday, September 8 and Friday, September 9 starting at 7:00 a.m.** To make this another successful picnic we need help in preparation of the food. All help is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: There will be a Holy Hour and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Queenship of Mary Church **today, 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!



2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: As of August 8 our parishioners have raised \$36,959.00 from 189 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.

"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.



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.

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.

OUR MONTHLY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION

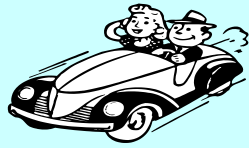
will be held on Saturday, September 1, at 10:00 a.m. in a classroom above the Church. All parents who are expecting to celebrate baptism with their child are asked to attend one of these sessions, even before the child is born. Please call the rectory in advance to register.

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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

