

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons, Administrator
Mr. Eugene M. Flanley, Deacon
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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 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 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	Msgr. Koons.....	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	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Bible Study	Msgr. Koons.....	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	Msgr. Koons.....	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.	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....	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.....	484-226-0188	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

May 15, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Shirley Woolever	Daughter, Debra Kay Bennett, and Family
May 16, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Keip	Fred and Rose Hurban
May 17, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Mary Poandl	Cambridge Day School Staff
May 18, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Alfred Nederostek	Anna Bankos
May 19, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary A. Coleman	Millie Maikits and Son
May 20, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Margaret Tepes	Fred and Rose Hurban
May 21, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†James Krause	Family

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
May 20, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M. Schwartz	Dcn Gene/B. Fritz/F. Cerino	M. Warren/J. Warren/N. Bischof	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
May 21, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	Dcn Gene/J. Ciecko/N. Birosik	S. Kroll/M. Hudock	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza	Dcn Gene/L. Santucci/C. Walsh	B. DelVecchio/M. Hartman/M. Thierer	J. DelVecchio/C. Marano

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:

Are we required to disobey or break an evil law?

According to St. Thomas Aquinas, a just law has four characteristics. It must be (1) an ordinance of reason, (2) for the common good, (3) properly promulgated, (4) by a legitimate authority. If one of these elements is lacking, then the law is an unjust law and need not be followed.

According to St. Augustine, evil is a lack of something that should be there. When applied to law, if one of the four characteristics is missing, the law lacks something that should be there and is evil. An unjust law, in other words, is an evil law.

As Christians, we are generally encouraged to obey the laws of the state. As the Apostle Paul states, "Let every person be subordinate to the higher authorities, for there is no authority except from God" (Romans 13:1). At the same time, we also have the responsibility of forming our consciences according to God's revelation in Scripture and Tradition as interpreted by the divinely ordained teaching authority of the Church.

Although we are not bound to follow an unjust law, the degree to which we should actively disobey it depends on the level of evil the law promotes. Because of its serious nature, a law promoting abortion, for example, should be actively resisted through peaceful protests and appropriate legal and civil activism.

Laws that promote lesser evils need to be carefully evaluated by Church authorities and our own well-informed consciences.

Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR
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Calendar:

Monday – May 15
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 14:5–18
 Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday – May 16
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 14:19–28
 Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday – May 17
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 15:1–6
 Jn 15:1–8

Thursday – May 18
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 15:7–21
 Jn 15:9–11

Friday – May 19
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 15:22–31
 Jn 15:12–17

Saturday – May 20
 Easter Weekday
 Acts 16:1–10
 Jn 15:18–21

Sunday – May 21
 Sixth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 8:5–8, 14–17
 1 Pt 3:15–18
 Jn 14:15–21

CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, May 14
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: Tue., May 16, 10:00 a.m.
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., June 3, 10:00 a.m.
IRON PIGS GAME : Tuesday, August 8
CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 10

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: On this Mother's Day weekend, please remember those Mothers who give tirelessly of themselves but have fallen on hard times & have come to our Diocese & the Bishop's Annual Appeal for assistance. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our parish goal. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Any questions, please visit Bishop's Annual Appeal website: *FaithHopeCharityGives.org*

CONGRATULATIONS to our Assumption B.V.M. children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 6. Xavier Abruzzi, Kendra Bauman, Jacob Bobko, Karl Cuchran, Brynne Dolak, Gianna Licini, Gary Marucci, Christian Olesak, Jordan Saul, Brayden Simock and Nathan Thierer.



FLOWERS: The flowers in church this week are in honor of Anne and in memory of Catherine, Margaret, Colette, Connie, Marie, Louise and Helen, the "Mother" figures in my life. They were donated by Joanne Manning.

NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME: Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Tuesday, August 8** on the Party Porch, 1st base line, at Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Ironpigs Way, Allentown hosted by B.V.M. Choir. Food will be available from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Game starts at 7:05 p.m. Cost is \$37 per person and is due at time of reservation. Deadline for reservations is Saturday, July 1. For more information call Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138. You can place your payment in the church collection basket to hold your tickets (reservations).



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 5. Training will be held in June.

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 25, 26 and 27 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.

NIGHT OF THE ARTS & OPEN HOUSE: Good Shepherd Catholic School, 1300 Newport Avenue, Northampton Night of the Arts & Open House School Tours will begin at 6:00 p.m. **this Wednesday, May 17** in front of the Main Office. Artwork created by our students will be on display. **Musical Presentations by our school choir and instrumental band begin at 6:30 p.m. in the School Gym.** All are welcome!



PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 4 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 5 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.

THANK YOU to Stefan and Anna Cuchran from the Indian Trail Winery for their donation of \$100 for the Health and Blessing of the members of the Cuchran Family.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of John Humenik:** \$25 Mary Konchak; \$50 Richard and Carol Silvius; \$25 Karen Frankenfield; \$20 John and Mary Herman; \$25 Louis and Donna Jany; \$10 Anita Kotoris; \$20.17 John Yurish; \$25 Donald Bahnick; \$50 Northampton Area Educators Association. **In memory of Thomas Osmunson:** \$10 Steve Marsch. **In memory of Edward Schreiber:** \$10 Steve Marsch.

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.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: We invite and encourage you to participate in the offertory procession at Mass. This is especially appropriate if you have requested the Mass, or if the Mass is being offered for a family member or friend. If you would like to present the gifts, please see one of the greeters at least fifteen minutes before Mass begins.

2016 MARYKNOLL STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

Congratulations to **KATIE HESS**, a 12th grade student at Bethlehem Catholic High School and a parishioner. Katie came in Second Place for Division II of the 2016 "Caring for Our Common Home" Essay Contest.

Finding relief from anxiety through nature has led Katie to work to preserve the environment and encourage others to do so.

"I would never have imagined there being a useful purpose to my suffering," she writes, "yet here I am, striving to make a difference because of it."

The 2016 contest received 7,261 entries from students across the country who competed in two divisions.

CONGRATULATIONS, KATIE!

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