

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.
 Weekdays 8:00 a.m.
 Holy Days 7:00 p.m. [Vigil]
 8:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 3:00 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:

June 05, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†David Plata	Sisters
June 06, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Conarty	Bennett Family
June 07, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Bobinta	Ron and Priscilla Koch
June 08, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Jennie Kovalchik	Carl and Yvonne Rieker
June 09, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Sipics	Tim and Sue Dreisbach
June 10, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Catherine and John Marth	Connie and Conrad Marth
June 11, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Frank Geosits	Anna Hudock

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

June 10, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor
June 11, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	P. Madea
	10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger

Euch. Min.:

L. Assante
N. Birosik
D. Maron

Altar Servers:

J. Warren/M. Warren/N. Bischof
S. Kroll/M. Hudock
M. Thierer/A. Nemeth

Greeters:

L. Bet/P. Schuler
N. Birosik/D. Cesanek/G. Farkas
H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Robert Haldeman requested by Haldeman and Churetta families.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Mary Sipics, sister of Frank Serensits, who died recently.

dear Padre:

Why don't Catholics recognize confirmations from other Christian churches if we accept their baptisms?

Baptism signs us with an indelible mark, it defines our character. It can never be repeated. A baptism is always held to be valid if a person is baptized with water using the Trinitarian formula (CCC 1256). If a priest is unsure of the validity of a person's baptism, he would baptize the person conditionally, recognizing the earlier baptism if it happened and was valid. The minister of baptism is usually an ordained minister, but in necessity anyone can baptize, including a non-Christian if he intends what the Church intends.

Confirmation also leaves an indelible mark, as does holy orders, and they also cannot be repeated. What makes confirmation different from baptism is that the minister of confirmation is ordinarily the bishop because this expresses the Apostolic Unity of the Church (CCC 1312). If someone was confirmed in a Church that has apostolic succession, her confirmation would be considered valid. But if she was not confirmed in a church with apostolic succession, the Catholic Church wouldn't recognize the confirmation as valid, and she would have to be reconfirmed.

All Christian churches have a common understanding of what the sacrament of baptism is, but while other churches might have Communion, confirmation, and even ordination, their celebration of the sacraments may not include all the requirements necessary for the Catholic Church to consider them valid.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR

Calendar:

Monday – June 5

St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr
Tb 1:3; 2:1b–8
Mk 12:1–12

Tuesday – June 6

Weekday
Tb 2:9–14
Mk 12:13–17

Wednesday – June 7

Weekday
Tb 3:1–11a, 16–17a
Mk 12:18–27

Thursday – June 8

Weekday
Tb 6:10–11; 7:1bcde, 9–17; 8:4–9a
Mk 12:28–34

Friday – June 9

Weekday
Tb 11:5–17
Mk 12:35–37

Saturday – June 10


Weekday
Tb 12:1, 5–15, 20
Mk 12:38–44

Sunday – June 11

The Most Holy Trinity
Ex 34:4b–6, 8–9
2 Cor 13:11–13
Jn 3:16–18

GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, June 11
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., July 1, 10:00 a.m.
IRON PIGS GAME : Tuesday, August 8
CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 10
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 17
BLESSING OF ANIMALS : Sunday, October 8 at 12 noon
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 22

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.**

 **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** As of today, our parishioners have raised \$22,914.00 from 92 parishioners. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal of \$43,054.47. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal and to reach the 100% participation goal. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.



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 15.

Training will be held in July 8 at 10:00 a.m.

PICNIC PLANNING MEETING: There will be a picnic planning meeting this **Tuesday, June 14 at 10:00 a.m.** at the church rectory. Anyone interested in helping to plan the Annual Church Picnic is invited to attend.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Robert Haldeman. They were donated by the Haldeman and Churetta Families.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Rev. Francis P. Straka:** \$20 Betty Kunstek.

"GIVING SUNDAY": Sunday, June 11, 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.

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.



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.

QUEENSHIP OF MARY CHURCH, Northampton, will have its parish festival on Saturday, June 10 5:00-9:00 p.m.; Sunday, June 11, on the church grounds from 12 noon-7 p.m. There will be plenty of food, a bake sale, children's games, a cash raffle, basket raffle and bingo. "Peter Johann Band" will play on Saturday night and "The Josef Kroboth Orchestra" will play on Sunday. All are welcome to attend!

ANNUAL BLOCK PARTY: St. Mary's Church, 2nd & Union Streets, Catasauqua will be holding their Annual Block Party on Thursday, June 22, Friday, June 23 and Saturday, June 24 from 6:00 to 10:00 PM all nights. There will be fabulous homemade foods, Bingo (in our air conditioned hall), Bake Sale, Basket and Money Raffle, Games for adults and children. This year we are bringing back our Youth Lip Sync Contest, come Friday night and be entertained by our contestants. On Saturday we will be having hourly "Minute to Win it Games". Register to be a part of this at our DJ Stand on Saturday evening. DJ entertainment by D.H. Production. For more information please call the Parish Office at 610-264-0332 or email kim.stmarys122@gmail.com.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:

Good Shepherd Catholic School is currently seeking Parishioners interested in donating time, talent, and treasure to the school by becoming a member of the Board of Directors. Past business or professional experience in the fields of Sales, Marketing, Facilities Mgmt., and/or Legal a plus. Please call the school at 610-262-9171 or email Greg Chajnacki, Vice-Chair, at gchajnacki@rcn.com to obtain more information.

School Office Summer Hours begin the week of June 12. The office will be open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The entire School Building will be CLOSED the week of July 24th.

Shepherd Gift Card Sales Summer Hours begin the week of June 12: The will be on sale on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Thursday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. There will be no gift card sales the week of July 4.

YARD SALE: Boy Scout Troop 79 will hold their Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, June 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church in Stiles. Cost is \$15 per table. Contact Robin at 610-440-1619 to reserve your table

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.

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