

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons**, Administrator  
**Mrs. Karen Glose**, Director of Music  
**Mrs. Mary LaBianca**, Adult Choir Director  
**Mr. John-Paul Crescenzo, M.Ed.**, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School  
**Mrs. Linda Santucci**, Coordinator of Religious Education  
**Ms. Joanne Manning**, Parish Secretary  
**Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger**, Youth Activities

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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

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH**

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**JULY 30, 2017**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

July 31, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Clifford Connors	Scott Barthlomew
Aug. 01, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Doug Gable	Tim Tepes
Aug. 02, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Catherine Sentiwany	Danny & Eileen David & Family
Aug. 03, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†James Deiley	M/M Leo Gontkosky
Aug. 04, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Sophie and Stephen Bankos	Family
Aug. 05, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Geraldine Seko	Daughter, Mary Jane, & Paul Kovach
Aug. 06, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†William Birosik	Knights of Columbus #4050
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

**Next Week's Schedule:**

<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>
Aug. 05, Sat. 4:00 p.m. J. Saylor	B. Fritz	A. Miletics/G. Miletics/K. Lesisko	L. Bet/P. Schuler
Aug. 06, Sun. 8:00 a.m. C. Kroll	J. Ciecko	W. Cuchran/N. Millan	N. Birosik/D. Cesanek/G. Farkas
10:30 a.m. L. Nemeth	L. Santucci	M. Hartman/A. Nemeth	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Robin A. Hall requested by the Assumption B.V.M. Parish Religious Education Program.

**PLEASE PRAY** for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish.

dear Padre:

***Is it a sin to purchase goods and services from a business that financially supports morally objectionable behavior?***

This question requires us to back up a bit and ask two more fundamental questions: "What is sin?" and "To what degree am I allowed to participate in an objective evil?" A moral action has three necessary components: the object, the intention, and the circumstances. These are the what, the why, and the context. For something to be sinful, all three of these components must be taken into account. I must know what I am doing is sinful, I must fully intend it, and there must not be any mitigating circumstances that lessen my degree of culpability. Sin, in other words, requires knowledge that the action is sinful, the will to perform it, and circumstances that do not unduly inhibit my knowledge and freedom to act. To purchase goods and services from a business that supports morally objectionable behavior is sinful if we are conscious that the business supports such behavior, if we intend to purchase the product as a way of showing our support of this morally objectionable behavior, and if there are no mitigating circumstances inhibiting our knowledge and freedom of action.

As a general rule, we should avoid purchasing goods and services from such businesses. We should not, for example, buy products from companies that fund grave objective moral evils such as embryonic stem research, contraception, abortion, assisted suicide, capital punishment, or euthanasia. Specific cases must also take into account the distinction between grave and less serious matters.

*Fr. Dennis J. Billy, CSsR*

**Calendar:**

**Monday – July 31**

*St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*  
*Ex 32:15–24, 30–34*  
*Mt 13:31–35*

**Tuesday – August 1**

*St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
*Ex 33:7–11; 34:5b–9, 28*  
*Mt 13:36–43*

**Wednesday – August 2**

*Weekday*  
*Ex 34:29–35*  
*Mt 13:44–46*

**Thursday – August 3**

*Weekday*  
*Ex 40:16–21, 34–38*  
*Mt 13:47–53*

**Friday – August 4**

*St. John Vianney, Priest*  
*Lv 23:1, 4–11, 15–16, 27, 34b–37*  
*Mt 13:54–58*

**Saturday – August 5**

*Weekday*  
*Lv 25:1, 8–17*  
*Mt 14:1–12*

**Sunday – August 6**

*Transfiguration of the Lord*  
*Dn 7:9–10, 13–14*  
*2 Pt 1:16–19*  
*Mt 17:1–9*

**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., August 5, 10:00 a.m.  
**IRON PIGS GAME** : Tuesday, August 8  
**GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, August 13  
**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.**



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers in church this week are in memory of Rev. Francis Straka. They were donated by the Haldeman & Churetta Families.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Robin A. Hall:**

\$100 Linda & Vinnie Santucci; \$50 Rentschler Chevrolet Slatington, PA; \$50 Rita Richards & Family; \$50 Rick & Deb Contento; \$25 Marilyn DiJohn; \$50 Florence Desimone; \$20 Edward & Martha Hozza; \$100 Glenn & Debra Hall; \$100 Arnold & Joanne Kuntz; \$50 Mary & Dominick Contento; \$20 Robert & Sandra Nikisher; \$450 Co-workers of Robin's Daughter, Andrea; \$20 Richard, Martha & Chatham Mayberry; \$25 Daniel & Elizabeth Nemeth; \$100 Heidi & Harold Knox; \$25 Larry & Patricia Turoscy; \$25 Elva Mante.

**In memory of Frank Serensits:** \$15 Sandy & Mel Lebo; \$25 Jane Follweiler; \$20 M/M Charles Bodnar; \$10 Joseph Csencsits; \$30 Caroline, Phyllis and John Jr. Yastrzab; \$50 Joseph Sipics; \$50 George & Patricia Geiger; \$20 M/M Elwood Serensits; \$20 Pauline Gogel & Family; \$100 Anna Keller, John & Claire & Families; \$25 Timothy Tepes; \$25 M/M Maurice Dimmick; \$20 Louis & Bernice Tepes; \$20 Bernard Marhefka; \$20 Al & Ann Fixl; \$20 Joseph & Diane Szerencsits; \$20 Frank & Emma Legath; \$25 William & Mary Jean Possanza & Family; \$25 John Polzer; \$20 Rachael Suranofsky; \$25 Arnold & Irene Urban; \$15 Margaret Barilovits; \$20 Rita & Stanley Sweetana; \$50 Naomi Serensits & Family; \$20 Jim & Robin Serensits & Family; \$25 Charles & Judy Dreisbach; \$25 Robert & Jean Strohl; \$50 Jim & Bonnie Sipics & Family; \$20 Stephen Sipics & Family; \$20 Steve & Heidi Skrapits; \$50 Julie Serensits & Family; \$20 John Karoline Mikitch; \$100 Gary & Barbara Mooney; \$100 Robert Gower Family.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH?**

Anyone interested in learning more about Catholicism is invited to consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). Meetings will begin in September and meet weekly through May 2018. Please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number so Msgr. Koons can give you more information.



**PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC:**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS.** We will be making pierogies for the church picnic **this 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.**

**MERCY SCHOOL FOR SPECIAL LEARNING** wants a foursome from our parish for their Annual Golf Outing on Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup> at Brookside Country Club in Macungie. If you can't golf, consider a sponsorship in support of our parish children who are students at Mercy. It's always a great day – several priests play each year and are in charge of the weather! It's a short "distance" and an easy "drive". Go to [www.mercygolfclassic2017.com](http://www.mercygolfclassic2017.com) to register or call 610-797-8242 for a brochure. Thank you for your support!



**SAVE ALUMINUM PULLTABS** – Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

**CYO FALL SPORTS:** Visit our new website to complete your online registration/payment for CYO Fall Sports at <http://tshq.bluesombreo.com/default.aspx?portalid=21527>. Cross Country: K-8<sup>th</sup> grade Co-Ed: \$50; Girls Volleyball: 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade: \$60.00 Please contact Dave Sweetana at [sweetana98@gmail.com](mailto:sweetana98@gmail.com) with any questions

**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 5/6, August 12/13, August 19/20 and August 26/27.** Pay **\$10.00** and receive **\$12.00** worth of tickets.

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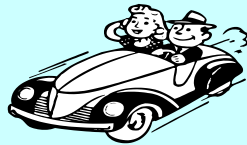
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ANNUAL PICNIC  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017  
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK  
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

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



Holubki, Haluski, Goulash, Homemade Pierogies,  
Kielbasi with Sauerkraut, Sausage Sandwiches,  
Steak Sandwiches, Cheese Steak Sandwiches, Turkey BBQ,  
Hamburger BBQ, Hot Dogs, Walking Tacos, French Fries

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