

# 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  
**Ms. Irene M. Quigley**, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School

**Mrs. Linda Santucci**, Coordinator of Religious Education  
**Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger**, Youth Activities  
**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 Grubb .....	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:**

May 23, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Marth, Jr.		Gloria Marth
May 24, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Herb Bitenc		Wife, Marie
May 25, Wednesday	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	†Mary Pesarcik		John and Pat Polzer
May 26, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Susan Hartman		M/M Walter Bahnick
May 27, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Andrew B. Nederostek		Daughter, Betty, and Family
May 28, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†John Mraz		Wife, Marion
May 29, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners		
	10:30 a.m.	†Thomas Marakovits		Wife, Ruth

<b>Next Week's Schedule:</b>	<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>
May 28, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	C. Marth	A. Weber/E. Ossiander/B. Bankos	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
May 29, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll	J. Ciecko	E. Confer/C. Confer/J. Confer	A. Fry/M. Kovalcik
10:30 a.m.	D. Hozza	C. Walsh	A. Nemeth/S. Heidecker/P. Hunsicker	E. Lessel/L. Shaak

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Joseph Yurish requested by Joanne and Juliet Manning.

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

# dear Padre:

## Why an annulment is needed

*I'm not Catholic and already divorced. Why do I need an annulment to remarry?*

**You need an annulment** because the Church presumes that your marriage is valid. If two baptized Methodists marry before a Methodist minister, the Church presumes that the marriage is valid and sacramental. The Catholic Church recognizes Protestant baptisms in the same way. For this reason we do not rebaptize Protestant converts or remarry a couple when one or both enter the Catholic Church. The annulment process is not a "Catholic divorce"; it is an investigation of a relationship to see if at the point of the wedding, a true (valid) marriage was effected. If a marriage is valid according to Christ, it cannot be annulled. If, however, something was lacking from the very beginning, the marriage was not valid and can be annulled, freeing the parties to remarry.

**For a marriage to be valid**, the spouses must:

1. be free to marry and freely exchange their consent;
2. in consenting to marry, intend to be together for life, to be faithful to each other, and to be open to children;
3. intend the good of each other; and give their consent in the presence of two witnesses and before a properly authorized minister.

Through the annulment process the Church tribunal determines whether a marriage was valid. This is the same for all marriages, whether between Catholics, Christians, or nonbaptized adults.

FR. PATRICK KEYES, CSsR  
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# Calendar:

**Monday – May 23**

*Weekday*  
1 Pt 1:3–9  
Mk 10:17–27

**Tuesday – May 24**

*Weekday*  
1 Pt 1:10–16  
Mk 10:28–31

**Wednesday – May 25**

*Weekday*  
1 Pt 1:18–25  
Mk 10:32–45

**Thursday – May 26**

*St. Philip Neri, Priest*  
1 Pt 2:2–5, 9–12  
Mk 10:46–52

**Friday – May 27**

*Weekday*  
1 Pt 4:7–13  
Mk 11:11–26

**Saturday – May 28**

*Weekday*  
Jude 17, 20b–25  
Mk 11:27–33

**Sunday – May 29**

*Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ*  
Gn 14:18–20  
1 Cor 11:23–26  
Lk 9:11b–17

**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., June 4, 10:00 a.m.  
**GIVING SUNDAY** : Sun., June 12  
**PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING:** Fri., Aug. 5 & Sat., Aug. 6  
**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC:** Sunday, September 11, 2016  
**BREAKFAST** : October 30, 2016



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of the deceased members of the Hutnick and Lessel Families. They were donated by Eleanor and Suzanne Lessel.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Connie**

**Marth:** \$40 M/M John Legath; \$25 M/M Ronald Koch; \$25 David Fulmer; \$25 Bob and Brenda Fritz; \$50 M/M Dennis Yonosh; \$25 M/M Michael Spengler; \$25 M/M Dale Laury; \$25 Anita Kotoris and Hope Stempo; \$25 Nancy Jane Birosik; \$25 M/M Roland Grieshammer; \$100 M/M Thomas Pavlinsky; \$50 M/M Daniel Loikits; \$50 M/M Eugene Grabarits; \$20 Elizabeth Hanzarik; \$20 M/M Joseph Olesak; \$10 Rosemarie Humanick; \$25 Richard, Barbara and Joseph Ebner; \$25 M/M John Pammer; \$25 M/M Peter Keschl; \$30 M/M Donald Genovese; \$20 M/M Andrew Melosky; \$50 Dr. and Mrs. Michael Skweir; \$50 M/M John Egan; \$25 M/M Greg Assenmacher; \$25 John Egan; \$25 Mark Galm and Kelly Egan; \$25 M/M Theodore Foster; \$25 Ashley Fulmer; \$20 Morgan Fulmer; \$25 Melinda Fulmer; \$10 M/M Vincent Blaukovitch; \$100 M/M Jeffrey Kokinda; \$25 Janet Hagenbuch; \$20 Joan Marano; \$25 M/M Brian Sterner; \$75 M/M Frank Marth; \$50 M/M Rhyner Minnich; \$25 M/M Herbert Garrison; \$25 M/M Mark Flisak; \$10 M/M John Marhefka; \$25 M/M Martin Spanitz; \$50 Louis and Bernice Tepes; \$25 M/M John Keglovits; \$25 M/M Robert Strohl; \$25 M/M Alfred Kosman; \$25 M/M Gregory Kistler; \$25 Vicki Hall; \$25 Bonnie Kosman; \$20 Marjorie Fletcher; \$10 Sharon Geosits; \$25 M/M Frank Cerino; \$50 Denise and Edward Hozza; \$20 Christine Gartner; \$25 M/M Edward Deichmeister; \$15 M/M Carl Wunderler, Jr.; \$50 M/M Robert Bauer; \$40 Michelle and Art Steward; \$22 John Yurish; \$20 M/M John Kachmer; \$25 Dick and Linda Heberling; \$30 Stephen, Helen and Stephanie Kerbacher; \$25 M/M Larry Hiestand; \$30 Margaret Krempasky; \$10 M/M William Molchany; \$20 M/M David Liskanich; \$20 Donald Bahnick; \$25 Monica Plata; \$20 M/M John Herman; \$25 M/M Bernie Nederostek; \$25 M/M Frank Tauber; \$20 Judy Kubinsky; \$20 M/M Richard Cuth; \$50 Marie Bitenc; \$20 JoAnne Laky; \$30 Jack and Iona Harhart; \$20 Tim and Monica Semler; \$25 Bernard Marhefka; \$25 Stephen and Christine Nederostek; \$15 JoAnn and Paul Yurasits; \$20 Cindy and Charles Walsh; \$100 M/M Richard Brown; \$25 M/M Frank Klucsarits; \$20 Judith Sommers; \$20 Anonymous; \$25 M/M Dennis Sommer; \$30 Douglas Welter; \$100 Richard and Patricia Dillman.



**PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS.** We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 5 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 6 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.



**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 on Saturday, June 18 at 10:00 a.m. in church.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU!** The Breakfast Committee would like to thank the kitchen workers, cooks, servers and clean-up people, who give up their Sundays for the church's breakfast fundraisers. Also, thank you to all the guests who patronize our breakfasts. You are a big part of our success. The proceeds from these breakfasts are used to help with the cost of maintaining the church property.

**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. For information on retreats for women, married couples and families visit Malvern's website at malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

**QUEENSHIP OF MARY CHURCH,** Northampton, will have its parish festival on Sunday, June 12, on the church grounds from 12 noon until 7:00 p.m. There will be plenty of food, a bake sale, children's games, a cash raffle and a Chinese auction. The Josef Kroboth Orchestra will play from 3:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. For more information call Mimi: 610-262-2227.

**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.



**YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS:** The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 in the church social hall

**Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic  
 Sunday, September 11, 2016  
 EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK  
 begins with a Mass at 11:00 a.m.,  
 continues with music, games and food until 7:00 p.m.  
 Featuring the music of "The Pennsylvania Villagers"  
 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

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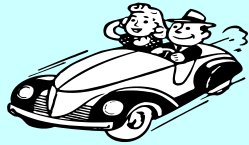
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**ASSUMPTION B.V.M. CHURCH  
ANNUAL PICNIC  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016  
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK  
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

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, Hamburgers, Steak Sandwiches  
Turkey BBQ, Pork BBQ, Kielbasi with Sauerkraut  
Sweet Italian Sausage Sandwiches, Ice Cream Treats,  
Holubki, Haluski, Goulash, Pirohy (Pierogies), French Fries

