

# 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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**Diocesan Website:** www.allentowndiocese.org

### 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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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JUNE 26, 2016

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

June 27, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Colette Semler	Bruce and Carol Confer
June 28, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Rose Zastko	M/M Ben Arduini
June 29, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Maria and Mariano Rossini	Rossini Family
June 30, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†William Birocik	Theresa Hutnick
July 01, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Family and Friends of Katherine Benarcik	
July 02, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Erwin Kager	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
July 03, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Rose S. Bohar	Nieces, Denise, Doreen and Dawn

### Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
July 02, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	L. Kosciolk/B. Kosman/C. Wuchter	J. Warren/M. Warren	C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
July 03, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll	J. Ciecko/R. Spengler/K. Bennett	J. Millan/N. Millan	B. Cwitkowitz/M. Weaver
10:30 a.m.	D. Hozza	M. Sommer/C. Walsh/J. Nicosia	A. Miletics/G. Miletics	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Anna Walakovitz requested by daughter, Ruth Marakovits.

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

# dear Padre:

## Why Catholic VBS is best

*I want to send my daughter to Vacation Bible School at a nearby Protestant church. My husband insists we send her to a Catholic VBS across town. It's five half-days of fun and games—does it matter whether it's Catholic?*

**While it's true** that much of VBS is games, crafts, and snacks, it's best for Catholic children to go to Catholic VBS because Protestant VBS doesn't include Catholic content like sacraments, saints, and practices.

A solid Catholic VBS program integrates well with the standard religion curriculum. The Bible lessons should have an *imprimatur*, and verses should come from a Catholic version of the Bible. Look for **Catechism** citations to see the teachings the program supports. The theme—a camp, a treasure hunt, the beach—is important but not as important as the content.

If no nearby parishes are hosting VBS, encourage your parish to do it next year. Many Catholic publishers (including **Liguori**) sell inexpensive starter kits with step-by-step instructions for planning and running a VBS as well as teacher materials, music, decorating ideas, and sample accessories. If parishioners donate art supplies, decorating materials, snacks, and prizes, the parish's overall cost is minimal.

A common challenge is finding enough volunteers. Sometimes several parishes pool their talent to offer one large VBS; others use teen or senior volunteers. If you do VBS right, you can engage your entire parish in teaching children about Jesus—and there's nothing more Catholic than that.

FR. RICK POTTS, CSsR  
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

## Calendar:

### Monday - June 27

Weekday

Am 2:6–10, 13–16

Mt 8:18–22

### Tuesday - June 28

St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

Am 3:1–8; 4:11–12

Mt 8:23–27

### Wednesday - June 29

Sts. Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1–11

2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18

Mt 16:13–19

### Thursday - June 30

Weekday

Am 7:10–17 / Mt 9:1–8

### Friday - July 1

Weekday

Am 8:4–6, 9–12

Mt 9:9–13

### Saturday - July 2

Weekday

Am 9:11–15 / Mt 9:14–17

### Sunday - July 3

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

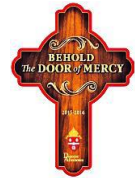
Is 66:10–14c / Gal 6:14–18

Lk 10:1–12, 17–20

**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., July 2, 10:00 a.m.  
**GIVING SUNDAY** : Sun., July 10  
**PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING** : Fri., Aug. 5 & Sat., Aug. 6  
**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** : Sunday, September 11, 2016  
**PREP CLASSES RESUME** : Sunday, September 18  
**BREAKFAST** : October 30, 2016  
**CONFIRMATION** : Wed., March 8, 2017

**PLEASE NOTE:** Daily Mass is being celebrated in the church rectory (2174 Lincoln Avenue) now until Thursday, October 6. Please enter through the rectory front door. First Fridays, Holydays, and Holiday Masses will be celebrated in church.

**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.**



**2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** As of today, our parishioners have raised \$33,699.00 from 171 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. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal. 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 or please call the parish office at 610-262-2559.



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of William Farkas. They were donated by wife, Gloria, and Family.

**BAPTISM:** We are happy to welcome Crosbi Mae Polony, child of Jami and Philip Polony, who began to share in the life of Jesus last Saturday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Crosbi Mae as she continues to grow in our faith.

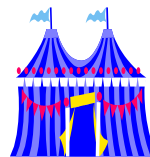
**PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY:** Please note that we will not be meeting during the summer. Our next meeting will be September 20<sup>th</sup>. Thank you to all the ladies who so generously shared their time and talents to make the start of this ministry such a success. We have distributed over 20 shawls to some of our shut-ins, the newly baptized and those experiencing some difficulties and might be in need of our prayers. If you know of someone who could benefit from the feel of the Lord's embrace through a shawl, please contact Mary LaBianca at 610-502-0160. There is no charge.

**2016 PARISH PICNIC:** The Annual Sacred Heart Church Picnic (Bath, PA) will be held July 8, 9, and 10. Entertainment will be provided by the following bands: Friday, a Classic Rock Band, *Still Kickin'*, Saturday, a do-wop band, *Desire*, and Sunday a country band, *Crazy Hearts*. Inflatable fun for the children each night along with a variety of games. Wide variety of foods including homemade pierogi, turkey and pork barbeque, rib eye steaks, walking tacos, funnel cakes, potato pancakes, and more. *Clams Every Night!* Come enjoy the great food and entertainment, **Friday and Saturday from 5:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m. and Sunday from 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.**



**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.**

**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.



**HOLY TRINITY ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC** will be held on **Sunday, July 10** at **Egypt Memorial Park**, located just off Main Street on Rt. 329 west. Outdoor Mass starts at 11:30 a.m. and festivities will follow Mass until 8:00 p.m. and will include children's games, Bingo, adult games, homemade foods including, walking tacos, Belgian waffles, funnel cakes, bleanies, baked goods and many other items. **Entertainment provided by Josef Kroboth from 12:30-3:30pm and UUU from 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.** Admission and parking are free. The public is invited to attend rain or shine.

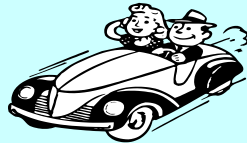
**HAVE YOU NOTICED** the **CareNotes** display in the back of the church? CareNotes offer helpful ideas and inspiration on dealing with some of life's most difficult moments. Please help yourself.

**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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**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, Manhattan Clam Chowder,  
Pirohy (Pierogies), French Fries

