

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARYCHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

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Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
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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
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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 Gribb610-762-9072	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....610-428-9053
Ecumenical Rep.	Fr. Straka610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Fr. Straka610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....610-262-7343
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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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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 24, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

July 25, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Bankos	Joseph Ziser, Jr.
July 26, Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	Health and Blessing – Anne Ciecko	Ciecko Family
July 27, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Margaret Tepes	Carol Schantz
July 28, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Richard Zuercher	Al Schulner Family
July 29, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward S. Kovalchik	Fred and Rose Hurban
July 30, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Joan Skrapits	Berdell Haines
July 31, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Emma Molchany	Lawrence Duncan

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
July 30, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor	Brenda Fritz	A. Miletics/G. Miletics	C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
July 31, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	M. Sommer	B. Gallagher/M. Hudock	B. Cwitkowitz/M. Weaver
10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza	C. Walsh	A. Nemeth/M. Thierer	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Edward Bankos requested by Sister, Ann.

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

dear Padre:

What to do when distractions interrupt your prayers

For the past year or so I have been trying to pray on a regular basis, but I am constantly distracted. My mind wanders so easily. Do you have any suggestions?

Distractions in prayer are an inescapable part of the human condition and the result of our imagination. Even great saints experienced distractions in prayer. Some of their suggestions may help. When **St. Thérèse of Lisieux** struggled with prayer, she would recite an Our Father or Hail Mary or read from the Gospels. Praying an act of faith or returning to God's presence and love can turn our focus away from other concerns, but even then, distractions may still arise.

When we become aware of them, we should calmly renew our focus and continue our prayer. **Saint Teresa of Ávila** wrote in *The Interior Castle*, "We should not be distressed by reason of our thoughts, nor allow ourselves to be worried by them....[Thoughts are] inevitable. Do not let them disturb or grieve you." No matter how often distractions return or how long they last, they are not sinful; rather, they are opportunities to show God that we are sincere about praying.

Saint Alphonsus, another great teacher of prayer, reminds us that prayer is necessary, beneficial, and always possible. Hang in there, he says, because the devil would like nothing better than for you to stop praying.

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St. James, Apostle

2 Cor 4:7-15

Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday - July 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Jer 14:17-22 / Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday - July 27

Weekday

Jer 15:10, 16-21

Mt 13:44-46

Thursday - July 28

Weekday

Jer 18:1-6

Mt 13:47-53

Friday - July 29

St. Martha

Jer 26:1-9

Jn 11:19-27

Saturday - July 30

Weekday

Jer 26:11-16, 24

Mt 14:1-12

Sunday - July 31

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ecc 1:2; 2:21-23

Col 3:1-5, 9-11

Lk 12:13-21

Calendar:

Monday - July 25

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PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING : Fri., Aug. 5 & Sat., Aug. 6
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., August 6, 10:00 a.m.
GIVING SUNDAY : Sun., August 14
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 11, 2016
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 18
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 30, 2016
CONFIRMATION : Wed., March 8, 2017

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 by the altar this week are in memory of Shirley Woolever. They were donated by daughter, Debra Kay Bennett, and Family.



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.**



PETER PAN JR.: Good Shepherd Catholic School Summer Drama Camp will present Disney's "Peter Pan Jr." on **Friday, July 29 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 30 at 1:00 p.m.** Students from

incoming grades 1 through 8 will be represented in our show. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and can be purchased at the door. We hope to see you there!

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: There will be a Holy Hour and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Queenship of Mary Church **Sunday, August 14 at 3:00 p.m.** Msgr. Daniel Yenushovsky, Pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Egypt, will give the reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome.

NOW ENROLLING: Good Shepherd Catholic School is enrolling students for the 2016-2017 School Year. Full day Kindergarten through Grade 8 with limited openings in the Pre-K programs. Please call the school office at 610-262-9171 for a personalized tour with information about an exceptional academic and faith based education!

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.

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.

MERCY GOLF CLASSIC: Enjoy a great day of golf for a great cause at the 27th Annual Mercy School For Special Learning Golf Classic, which takes place **Monday, August 1, 2016 at Brookside Country Club in Macungie.** Cost is \$175 per golfer and includes your choice of morning or afternoon rounds of golf, lunch and dinner. Sponsorship opportunities are available. All proceeds benefit Mercy, the Lehigh Valley's only private school for children and adults with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities. You can register online at www.mercyclassic2016.com. For more information, please contact Tom Harper at 610-797-8242 or by email tharper@mercyspeciallearning.org.

GARAGE SALE: Queenship of Mary Catholic Church will have its annual "Garage Sale" on **Saturday, August 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in the Queenship of Mary Social Hall, 1324 Newport Avenue. The entrance to the hall is in the rear of the church, off Stewart Street. Food will be available for purchase. For more information please call 610-262-2227.

SAINT PETER CHURCH, 5th Street, Coplay will hold their 62ND Annual Parish Picnic and Homecoming on **Sunday, August 7.** The event begins at 12:00 Noon and concludes at 10:00 p.m. The "Schanta Band", from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and "Flirting With the Mob Band" from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. will provide the music. Homemade foods will be available for purchase. All are welcome! The Polka Mass is scheduled on Sunday, August 7 at 10:30 a.m. The Schanta Band will play.

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 6/7, August 13/14, August 20/21 and August 27/28.** Pay **\$10.00** and receive **\$12.00** worth of tickets.

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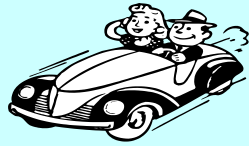
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ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

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



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