

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 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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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 28, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 29, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Anne Rennie	Matt Serensits and Family
Aug. 30, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Daniel Mason	Anna Winglovitz
Aug. 31, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Bankos	Dennis Wolfel
Sept. 1, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Bendekovits	Marianne Ehrets
Sept. 2, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Peggy Wright	Edward Mirakovits and Darlene Gillespies
Sept. 3, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Lorenzo Mancino	Sue, Chris and Kyle Parker
Sept. 4, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Marhefka	Jean Marhefka
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Sept. 3, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor
Sept. 4, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee
10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza

Euch. Min.:

L. Kosciolk/C. Wuchter/F. Cerino
K. Bennett/R. Spengler/N. Birosik
R. Shearman/J. Nicosia/L. Santucci

Altar Servers:

D. Bassert/N. Bischof
J. Millan/N. Millan
A. Miletics/G. Miletics

Greeters:

M. Mraz/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 Louise Kotoris requested by Daughter, Nikki.

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

dear Padre:

May parishioners applaud at any point during Mass?

Is it appropriate for parishioners to applaud at Mass or after the closing hymn?

Applause may not seem to fit the solemnness of the liturgy, but there are times when it is fitting to applaud in church. I believe it is acceptable if our intention is to express approval, joy, and praise to God.

Music is a good place to begin. Liturgical music evokes prayer and adoration, helping us feel God's presence and love. Its power or grandeur may lead us to applaud. Some choirs may take this response as directed toward their individual performance. However, God does speak through other people, and a parish's music ministry can convey a message people need to hear.

Think of a wedding ceremony. I bet you celebrated the spouses' introduction or first kiss with a resounding clap or cheer. Your response lifts up the new couple and shows your gratitude to God for making their love holy.

Similarly, in an ordination the people present a candidate to the bishop. When the bishop agrees, they are required to give a sign of approval, such as applause. Like before, the applause shows our thanks to God for this new priest and our commitment to support and pray for him.

Christians express praise and thanks to God in many ways: song, praying in tongues, even applause. As part of our liturgy, it can be an acceptable way to express a joy beyond words.

FR. JOHN SCHMIDT, CSsR
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Monday – August 29

Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Cor 2:1–5
Mk 6:17–29

Tuesday - August 30

Weekday

1 Cor 2:10b–16
Lk 4:31–37

Wednesday - August 31

Weekday

1 Cor 3:1–9
Lk 4:38–44

Thursday – September 1

Weekday

1 Cor 3:18–23
Lk 5:1–11

Friday - September 2

Weekday

1 Cor 4:1–5 / Lk 5:33–39

Saturday - September 3

St. Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 4:6b–15
Lk 6:1–5

Sunday - September 4

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13–18b
Phlm 9–10, 12–17
Lk 14:25–33

Calendar:

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BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., September 3, 10:00 a.m.
PICNIC COOKING : Thursday, Sept. 8, 7:00 a.m.
 Friday, Sept. 9, 7:00 a.m.
ALTAR SERVER TRAINING: Sat., Sept. 10, 10:00 a.m.
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 11, 2016
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, September 11
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 Lauren Geosits. They were donated by Aunt Carol, Uncle Jerry and Aunt Sharon.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Dorothy Fota:** \$100 Rev. Francis P. Straka. **In memory of Helen Gavalla:** \$10 Bernice and Louie Tepes. **In memory of Annie Peters:** \$10 Steve Marsch.



ANNIVERSARY FLOWERS: The flowers by Mary and Joseph this week are in honor of the 50th Wedding Anniversary of Frances and Gene Grabarits.

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 at 610-262-2559. Training will be held on Saturday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m. in church. If you can't make the training, please let Joanne know.



BAKED GOODS NEEDED: Anyone interested in donating baked goods for the church picnic is asked to please bring your baked goods to Egypt

Memorial Park on **Sunday, September 11 anytime after 9:00 a.m.**



PICNIC COOKING: We will be cooking for our annual church picnic on **Thursday, September 8 and Friday, September 9 starting at 7:00 a.m.** To make this another successful picnic we

need help in preparation of the food. All help is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help.



MONEY BASKET: From now thru September 4 there will be a box in the church vestibule for donations towards our **"Assumption B.V.M. Parishioners' Money Basket"**, which will be raffled off at our annual picnic on Sunday,

September 11. All donations are greatly appreciated.

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!



YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on Tuesday, August 30 Northampton Borough Park.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH, 3024 South Ruch Street in Whitehall (Stiles) will have their annual picnic on **Sunday, September 4, from noon to 9:00 p.m.** on the parish grounds. Music provided by the Joe Weber Band and Common Bond. Delicious Foods, Children's Games, Raffles, Refreshments, Bake Sale and more. All are invited!

DIOCESAN YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE will be held on **Thursday, October 20, 2016** at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. Our parish, along with Holy Trinity and Queenship of Mary, are chartering a bus for the pilgrimage. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the pilgrimage. **Call Holy Trinity Rectory at 610-262-9315 to reserve your seat. Cost \$30/person.**

"CARE NOTES": Please check the "Care Notes" rack in the back of the church for helpful pamphlets in dealing with the loss of a loved one.

P.R.E.P. CLASSES BEGINNING Sunday, September 18.

Attention: Parents of parish children in Grades K – 7.

If you have not registered your child for P.R.E.P. classes, the registration form is available in the back of the church. Please, complete and return this form immediately with your tuition payment. Kindergarten is not mandatory, but all are welcome to attend. Grades 1-7 are mandatory by the Allentown Diocese. The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are in 3rd grade and Confirmation is in 8th grade. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Santucci at 610-262-7343.

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!

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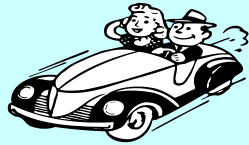
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ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

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



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, Macaroni and Cheese,
Pirohy (Pierogies), French Fries

