

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA**, Pastor  
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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
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

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH**

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2016**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Sept. 12, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†James Arnst	Bennett Family
Sept. 13, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Gavalla	Fred and Rose Hurban
Sept. 14, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Eileen Walter	Jon and Reggie DeLong
Sept. 15, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Jennie Kovalchik	Josephine and Joe Trinkle
Sept. 16, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Siekonic	Fred and Jane Loquasto
Sept. 17, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Kovach	Son, Paul, and Family
Sept. 18, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Paolo Geremia	Linda and Vinnie Santucci and Family

<b>Next Week's Schedule:</b>	<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>
Sept. 17, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	L. Assante	E. Meister/E. Ossiander	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Sept. 18, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	T. Melosky	C. Confer/E. Confer/J. Confer	A. Fry/M. Kovalcik
10:30 a.m.	D. Hozza	M. Sommer	A. Nemeth/M. Thierer	E. Lessel/L. Shaak

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Mary Kovach requested by Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

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

dear Padre:

**Is it possible to replace a godfather? Since my daughter's baptism, my brother-in-law has divorced his wife and abandoned his children. I no longer want to associate with him.**

I can understand your feelings toward your brother-in-law, given his behavior toward his own family. However, at the time of your daughter's baptism, he was accepted as her godfather and his name was placed in the official baptismal register. I don't see how that official document could be changed.

Although this loss may seem significant, it's important to remember that your daughter—and you—are not alone. She seems to have two parents, a godmother, a pastor and parish, and other adults and mentors who will walk with her and assist you as she grows in faith: "For the grace of Baptism to unfold, the parents' help is important. So too is the role of the *godfather* and *godmother*....The whole ecclesial community bears some responsibility for the development and safeguarding of the grace given at Baptism" (CCC 1255).

What I have recommended in similar situations is that you now choose and ask a person whom you know and trust to be your daughter's "acting" godfather." As your daughter gets older you could explain to her that this person really cares about her and will be like a godfather to her. I think this might be a good family solution.

*Fr. Daniel L. Lowery, CSsR*  
*sundaybulletin@liguori.org*

*Weekday*  
1 Cor 11:17–26, 33  
Lk 7:1–10

**Tuesday - September 13**  
*St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a;  
Lk 7:11–17

**Wednesday - September 14**  
*Exaltation of the Holy Cross*  
Nm 21:4b–9 / Phil 2:6–11  
Jn 3:13–17

**Thursday - September 15**  
*Our Lady of Sorrows*  
1 Cor 15:1–11 / Jn 19:25–27  
Lk 2:33–35

**Friday - September 16**  
*Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs*  
1 Cor 15:12–20 / Lk 8:1–3

**Saturday - September 17**  
*Weekday*  
1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49  
Lk 8:4–15

**Sunday - September 18**  
*Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Am 8:4–7 / 1 Tm 2:1–8  
Lk 16:1–13

**Calendar:**

**Monday - September 12**

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**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** : Sunday, September 11, 2016  
**PREP CLASSES RESUME** : Sunday, September 18  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., October 1, 10:00 a.m.  
**BLESSING OF ANIMALS** : Sun., October 2, 12:00 noon  
**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.**



**BLESSING OF ANIMALS:** In observance of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Assumption BVM Parish will have a Blessing of Animals on the rectory lawn (corner of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Lincoln Avenue) on Sunday, October 2 at 12:00 p.m. After a brief prayer service the animals will be blessed. Bring your dogs, cats, birds and other pets to this celebration. Please make sure that animals are leashed or caged for their safety.



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Connie Marth. They were donated by Joanne and Juliet Manning.

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:** We invite and encourage you to participate in the offertory procession at Mass. This is especially appropriate if you have requested the Mass, or if the Mass is being offered for a family member or friend. If you would like to present the gifts, please see one of the greeters at least fifteen minutes before Mass begins.



**CHOIR REHEARSAL** for Christmas and weekly Mass will be held Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m. (we are usually finished before 9:00 p.m.). Watch the bulletin for start date. We need singers in all voice parts!! No special skills are needed - just a desire to sing. If you are unable to make a commitment for weekend Masses, please consider joining us just for Christmas, when we sing at the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. High School students are also welcome to join us. If you have any questions please call Karen at 610-691-0525.

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:** The School Office Hours are Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Shepherd Gift Card Sales are Tuesdays & Thursdays 9-noon. Save the Date: Early Childhood Education Preview will be held on Saturday, October 1 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for parents of children entering Preschool, Pre-K, and Kindergarten.

**OUR PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM IS BEGINNING: This year our first class is next Sunday, September 18,** and the Catechetical Sunday Theme is, "The Faith Prayed"! We ask all of you to say a special prayer for all the children of our parish, our catechists, our teen and adult aides, all our volunteers and of course, our two loyal leaders, Linda Santucci and Robin Hall! They make the program run smoothly and keep us motivated. I would also like to ask you to make a special effort to notice and appreciate all the Stained Glass Windows in our lovely church. They each tell a story about a special saint or an event that took place in our Faith. Don't forget the choir loft windows and the front doors! Our Religious Education children have been asking about them and a special effort has been made to give them this information! Blessings to all of you! Brenda Fritz

**BAPTISM:** We are happy to welcome Chase Corleone Ramos, child of Nicole Olesak and David Ramos, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Chase Corleone as he continues to grow in our faith.

**MISSIONARY CO-OP APPEAL 2016:** Dear Parishioners, our Annual Mission Co-op Appeal is next weekend, September 17/18. Through the Mission Cooperative Plan we are reminded that our Christian commitment calls us to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth. Let us give our prayer and our financial support to Fr. Anthony of the Society of African Missions, Inc. by generously contributing to the Mission Co-op appeal in next week's 2<sup>nd</sup> collection. (It's a WIN-WIN situation, because we know that God will surely keep his promise of the "hundred-fold" in return for our own generosity!)

**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.**

**REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM:** Please keep saving your Redner's Save-A-Tape Receipts by using your Save-A-Tape Card. If you don't have one, just ask the cashier during your next shopping trip. Our church receives 1% for items you purchase, just by turning in your receipts. So far this year we have received \$2,362.62. Just think, that's over \$2,300.00 received from pieces of paper you would normally throw in the garbage. Please place your full receipts in the containers located in the church vestibule. We need the WHOLE receipt, not just the bottom portion of the receipt. See the letter from Redner's Markets, Inc. posted on the bulletin boards for more information. Thank You!

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:**

- New Registration                       Change of Address  
 Moving out of Parish                       Request Envelopes  
 **Request envelopes (returned home from college)**

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory

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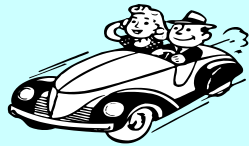
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ANNUAL PICNIC  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016  
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK  
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass

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

