

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons, Administrator
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Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
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Mrs. Linda Santucci, Coordinator of Religious Education
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 Msgr. Koons 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	Msgr. Koons.....	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	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Bible Study	Msgr. Koons.....	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	Msgr. Koons.....	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.	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....	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.....	484-226-0188	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Apr. 17, Monday		NO MASS	
Apr. 18, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Apr. 19, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Joseph Sentiwany, Sr.	John Sentiwany
Apr. 20, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna and Peter Rodick	Daughter, Rita Pavlick, and Family
Apr. 21, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Family and Friends of Katherine Benarcik	
Apr. 22, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†John Zampino	John and Iona Harhart
Apr. 23, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Mark Heckenberger	Parents, Deb and John, and Brother, Luke

<u>Next Week's Schedule:</u>	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Apr. 22, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	L. Assante	S. Haldeman/E. Meister/G. Heidecker	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Apr. 23, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	Deacon Gene	W. Cuchran/J. Millan/N. Millan	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	F. Kostecky	Deacon Gene	B. DelVecchio/M. Cuchran/C. Cuchran	J. DelVecchio/C. Marano

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of William 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:

Why do Catholics teach Christ rose on the third day? Given a Friday crucifixion and Sunday's resurrection, I barely count two days.

There are a couple of issues to consider here. To begin with, Jesus' resurrection from the dead was an event that happened both in and out of time. Theologians say it was a transcendental event with historical consequences. Because Jesus' resurrection is not like anything we have ever seen before and bears little or no resemblance to any other historical event, our concepts of time falter when trying to express exactly what happened.

To put it another way, the length of time that Jesus spent in the tomb is much less important than what he did there. What really matters is that he conquered death, vacated the tomb, and entered into his risen and glorified state.

We must also remember that the Jews of Jesus' day were not as precise in their measurement of time as we are today. We tend to measure time in terms of hours, minutes, and seconds. They thought in terms of sunrises and sunsets. When seen in this light, the typical explanation given to the three-day time frame of Jesus' death and resurrection is that it took place in the course of three separate days: Good Friday (when Jesus was condemned to death and crucified), Holy Saturday (when Jesus lay in the tomb), and Easter (Sunday, when Jesus rose from the dead).

Dennis J. Billy, CSsR
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Calendar:

- Monday – April 17**
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
Mt 28:8–15
- Tuesday – April 18**
Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36–41
Jn 20:11–18
- Wednesday – April 19**
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1–10
Lk 24:13–35
- Thursday – April 20**
Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11–26
Lk 24:35–48
- Friday – April 21**
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1–12
Jn 21:1–14
- Saturday – April 22**
Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13–21
Mk 16:9–15
- Sunday – April 23**
Second Sunday of Easter Sunday of Divine Mercy
Acts 2:42–47
1 Pt 1:3–9
Jn 20:19–31

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: Tue., April 18, 10:00 a.m.
BREAKFAST : Sunday, April 23
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, May 14
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., June 3, 10:00 a.m.
IRON PIGS GAME : Tuesday, August 8
CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 10

PLEASE NOTE: The rectory office will be closed Monday, April 17 and Tuesday, April 18 for Easter. The rectory office will reopen Wednesday, April 19.

THANK YOU to all who helped clean and decorate the church, for all who assisted at our Holy Week Services and Easter Masses, for the choir members and for everyone who through their personal sacrifices of time, talent, and treasure, made our celebration of the Holy Week and Easter so meaningful.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **next Sunday, April 23**. Please support this fund raising effort of the parish and enjoy a hearty, homemade breakfast with your friends. Menu includes: French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs, omelet or cheese steak omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **This month's special is Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast.** Tickets on sale at the door.



PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 4 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 5 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.

EASTER FLOWERS: A special "Thank You" to Jay H. Gilbert, of Gilbert Funeral Home, and his family for their donation of \$25 in loving memory of their family and friends.



NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME: Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Tuesday, August 8** on the Party Porch, 1st base line, at Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Ironpigs Way, Allentown hosted by B.V.M. Choir. Food will be available from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Game starts at 7:05 p.m. Cost is \$37 per person and is due at time of reservation. Deadline for reservations is Saturday, July 1. For more information call Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138. You can place your payment in the church collection basket to hold your tickets (reservations).

ANNUAL NORTHAMPTON FOOD BANK MEETING: The Northampton Area Food Bank will hold its yearly general meeting, Tuesday, April 25 in the fellowship hall of Queenship of Mary Church, 1324 Newport Avenue, Northampton. Dinner will be served 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. with the business meeting to follow. The menu includes hot dogs, barbeque and drinks. Covered side dishes and desserts welcome. If you want to know more about the food bank, are interested in volunteering or are currently volunteering there, please plan to attend. Area churches and businesses are encouraged to have members and employees attend.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU: This year's Pascal Candle is in memory of William, Louise and Stephen Kotoris. It was donated by Nikki and Tinker. It is being used for the first time during our Easter Celebrations.

FIRST EUCHARIST: There will be practice for First Eucharist on Monday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. **All children and parent(s) must attend.**

GSCS 6th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING: It's time to put your foursome together, round up your friends, family and co-workers. **Good Shepherd Catholic School will be holding their 6th Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, May 6, 2017** at Willow Brook Golf Course in Catasauqua. Please pick up a sign up sheet in the church vestibule or if you have any questions please contact Tim Egan at 610-261-4649 or Pat Wright at 484-221-5044.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS POPPY DRIVE: The Catholic War Veterans of Post 454, Northampton, will conduct their Annual Poppy Drive at all Masses next weekend, April 22/23. Your donations benefit hospitalized veterans at the VA Medical Centers in Wilkes Barre and other local CWV sponsored community functions. These include poster contests, a spelling bee, and tuition assistance for elementary school children attending Diocesan Catholic School. We thank you in advance for your generosity! Catholic Veterans (men and women) interested in joining CWV Post 454 may request a membership application from any of our members during the Poppy Drive, or call our Post Commander – Joan Glover at 610-349-7791 for more information.



SAVE ALUMINUM PULLTABS – Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 10, 2017
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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BREAKFAST



Sunday, April 23, 2017

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
AT THE DOOR ONLY

ADULTS \$7.00

CHILDREN \$3.00

MENU

French Toast

Pancakes

Scrambled Eggs & Hash Brown

Choice of: Sausage, Bacon or Ham

Omelet your way & Hash Brown

Cheese Steak Omelet & Hash Brown

Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea