

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 3:00 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

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 2, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

July 03, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Grabarits	Joe Sentiwany
July 04, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intentions	
July 05, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael and Catherine Cesanek	Daughter, Helen Kerbacher, and Family
July 06, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†William Ifkovits	Barbara Grabarits and Valerie Ervin
July 07, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Kimak	Caroline Pluchinsky
July 08, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Fred Gollatz	M/M Richard Bandle
July 09, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Anna and Frank Walakovitz	Daughter, Ruth

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

July 08, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	S. Parker
July 09, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	M. Heist
	10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt

Euch. Min.:

B. Kosman
K. Bennett
R. Shearman

Altar Servers:

E. Ossiander/G. Heidecker
E. Confer/C. Confer/J. Confer
M. Cuchran/C. Cuchran

Greeters:

L. Bet/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 Betty Crouthamel requested by Crouthamel Family.

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

dear Padre:

If my fiancé and I abstain from sex, why can't we live together before we get married?

It seems to me there are two reasons living with your future spouse before marriage is not a good idea.

One is that you are setting each other up for some serious temptations, or an "occasion of sin." It would be similar to putting a bottle of gin on the desk of an alcoholic or a carton of cigarettes in front of someone who has succeeded in giving up smoking. I'm not saying you have some sort of addiction, but the natural pull of sex is going to be particularly strong, especially when you're young, in love, and ready to commit to marriage.

You will be free and even encouraged in marriage to pursue the greatest intimacy. But for the moment, it is asking too much to put you both in the same circumstances now that you will be in after you wed.

The second reason for not living together before marriage is that the living situation could give scandal to others. If you are active in your church and vocal about practicing your Catholic faith but then start living with your future spouse before marriage, it can raise questions (and eyebrows) about what you really believe and how you're living your faith.

There may be some good-sounding reasons for living together. You can cut down on costs, get to know your future spouse better, and so on. But these reasons aren't worth the risk.

My advice is that you help each other live a virtuous life now, by sacrificing the convenience of living together outside of marriage, as the best practice for your life together in the sacrament of matrimony.

Fr. Gary Lauenstein, CSsR

Calendar:

Monday – July 3

St. Thomas, Apostle
Eph 2:19–22
Jn 20:24–29

Tuesday – July 4

Weekday
Gn 19:15–29
Mt 8:23–27

Wednesday – July 5

Weekday
Gn 21:5, 8–20a
Mt 8:28–34

Thursday – July 6

Weekday
Gn 22:1b–19
Mt 9:1–8

Friday – July 7

Weekday
Gn 23:1–4, 19; 24:1–8, 62–67
Mt 9:9–13

Saturday – July 8

Weekday
Gn 27:1–5, 15–29
Mt 9:14–17


Sunday – July 9

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zec 9:9–10
Rom 8:9, 11–13
Mt 11:25–30

GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, July 9
PICNIC MEETING : Tuesday, July 11
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., August 5, 10:00 a.m.
IRON PIGS GAME : Tuesday, August 8
CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 10
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 17

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.**

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: As of today, our parishioners have raised \$34,910.00 from 157 parishioners. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal of \$43,054.47. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal and to reach the 100% participation goal. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office or visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

 **MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Michael and Catherine Cesanek. They were donated by daughter, Helen Kerbacher, and Family.

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday, July 7, is First Friday. Communion calls will be made as usual. If you have anyone at home who would like to be visited, please call the rectory.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Anyone interested in learning more about Catholicism is invited to consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.). Meetings will begin in September and meet weekly through May 2018. Please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number so Msgr. Koons can give you more information.

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.

PICNIC PLANNING MEETING: There will be a picnic planning meeting this **Tuesday, July 11 at 10:00 a.m.** at the church rectory. Anyone interested in helping to plan the Annual Church Picnic is invited to attend.

"GREETER" NEEDED to greet people as they come into church at the **10:30 a.m. Mass** and also hand out bulletins after mass. If you are interested in helping the parish through this act of service, please call the rectory at 610-262-2559.

HOLY TRINITY ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC will be held next weekend, Sunday, July 9 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, Belgian waffles, Turkey BBQ, Sausage, bleanies, baked goods and many other items. Entertainment provided by Josef Kroboth from 12:30-3:30pm and Steel Creek from 4:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Admission and parking are free. The public is invited to attend rain or shine.

"WILLY WONKA KIDS": Good Shepherd Catholic School Summer Drama Camp will present Disney's "Willy Wonka Kids" **on Friday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 22 at 2:00 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. For more information, please call the school office at 610-262-9171. We hope to see you there!

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 25, 26 and 27 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.

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 5/6, August 12/13, August 19/20 and August 26/27.** Pay **\$10.00** and receive **\$12.00** worth of tickets.

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.

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