

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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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 9, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

July 10, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert C. Halal	Joseph Sodl
July 11, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Sons and Daughters of John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
July 12, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Herb Bitenc	Wife, Marie
July 13, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of Our Memorial Fund	
July 14, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Pesarcik	Ruth Schafer Family
July 15, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Shirley Woolever	Daughter, Debra Kay, and Family
July 16, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Tepes	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
July 15, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	C. Marth	A. Miletics/G. Miletics	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
July 16, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	P. Madea	F. Cerino	W. Cuchran/N. Millan	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	F. Kostecy	M. Sommer	B. DeVecchio/M. Hartman	J. DeVecchio/R. Marakovits

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Herb Bitenc requested by Wife, Marie.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers John Pavlick who died recently.

dear Padre:

What should Jesus look like?

When people close their eyes and imagine the person of Jesus, no two images are exactly the same. Our images of Jesus are usually the result of our cultural influences and experiences. When I imagine Jesus, I often call to mind a picture of Jesus that was on one of my first holy cards.

With recent archeological investigation, combined with the work of medical artists who are often called to testify as forensic witnesses in capital murder trials, and finally starting with the assumption that Jesus resembled a typical peasant from first-century Palestine, some clues may have emerged. According to experts like Richard Neave, Jesus was possibly a person with a broad peasant's face, dark olive skin, short curly hair, and a prominent nose. His height would have been on the order of 5 feet 1 inch and he would have weighed about 110 pounds.

Of course, all of this is unnecessary speculation. What is important in matters of faith is not this level of detail but what is expressed and celebrated by the Church—that Jesus became man, born of the Virgin Mary, and we are all offered a share in the divinity of Christ.

Fr. Tom Santa, CSSR

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Calendar:

Monday – July 10

Weekday
Gn 28:10–22a
Mt 9:18–26

Tuesday – July 11

St. Benedict, Abbot
Gn 32:23–33
Mt 9:32–38

Wednesday – July 12

Weekday
Gn 41:55–57; 42:5–7a, 17–24a
Mt 10:1–7

Thursday – July 13

Weekday
Gn 44:18–21, 23b–29; 45:1–5
Mt 10:7–15

Friday – July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Gn 46:1–7, 28–30
Mt 10:16–23

Saturday – July 15

St. Bonaventure, Bishop and
Doctor of the Church
Gn 49:29–32; 50:15–26a
Mt 10:24–33

Sunday – July 16

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time
Is 55:10–11
Rom 8:18–23
Mt 13:1–23

GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, July 9
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
BLESSING OF ANIMALS : Sunday, October 8 at 12 noon
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 22

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.**



Family.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of James Cleary. They were donated by daughter, Karen Stayt, and

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.



HOLY TRINITY ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC will be held **today, 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, bleepies, 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!

MERCY SCHOOL FOR SPECIAL LEARNING wants a foursome from our parish for their Annual Golf Outing on Monday, August 7th at Brookside Country Club in Macungie. If you can't golf, consider a sponsorship in support of our parish children who are students at Mercy. It's always a great day – several priests play each year and are in charge of the weather! It's a short "distance" and an easy "drive". Go to www.mercygolfclassic2017.com to register or call 610-797-8242 for a brochure. Thank you for your support; we look forward to seeing you on August 7th!

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Donna Roman:** \$20 Gloria Farkas; \$20 Dorothy Geosits; \$25 Northampton Area Senior Ladies.

BAPTISM: The parish community joyfully welcomes Livia Rose Lentz, daughter of Carrie Abruzzi and Michael Lentz, who was Baptized into our faith this past Sunday. We will pray that Livia Rose will continue to grow in the grace and love of God our Father.

SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC: The Annual Sacred Heart Church Picnic (Bath, PA) will be held July 14, 15 and 16. Entertainment will be provided by the following bands: Friday, a Classic Rock Band, *Still Kickin'*; Saturday, a do-wop band, *Desire*, and Sunday a Country Band, *Crazy Hearts*. Inflatable fun for the children each night along with a variety of games. Wide variety of foods including homemade pierogi, turkey and pork barbeque, rib eye steaks, funnel cakes, potato pancakes, and more. **Clams Every Night!** Come enjoy the great food and entertainment, Friday & Saturday from 5-11 pm & Sunday from 3-9 pm!

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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