

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons, Administrator
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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

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH**SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****JULY 23, 2017****MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

July 24, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Rita Roman	William Kmetz
July 25, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Bankos	Linda and Tom Messner
July 26, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Anne Cieccko	Cieccko Family
July 27, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Peggy Wright	Sara Schaffer
July 28, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Richard Zuercher	Al Schulter Family
July 29, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Stephen and Pauline Marsch	Son, Steve Marsch
July 30, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Parker Lessel	M/M John Scheer and Sons

Next Week's Schedule:

July 29, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany
July 30, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik
	10:30 a.m.	D. Hozza

Lector:**Euch. Min.:**

L. Kosciolk
C. Walsh
B. Chambers

Altar Servers:

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

Greeters:

C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
B. Skweir/M. Skweir

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Edward Bankos requested by sister, Ann.

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

dear Padre:

If I'm late for Mass, can I receive the Eucharist?

There is no hard-and-fast rule on how "late" one can be for Mass and still receive Communion. Holy Communion is offered outside of Mass at times, so theoretically you could come during the Communion rite and still receive Communion.

But there is more to be considered with this question. If you are going to go Mass, you should be there from the beginning to the end. You should be there before the entrance procession begins and you should stay until the last verse of the final song is sung. Things happen, like an unexpected train on the way to Mass or a sick child who needs attention and care. However, if you find yourself always coming late to Mass, you may need to make a change in your routine.

I remember cleaning out a closet of a church I was stationed at, and I found a sign with ropes attached to it. It stated, "Mass has begun, the next Mass begins at..." and there was a place where you could list the time of the next Mass. I was told the ropes were tied across the entrance so you couldn't come into Mass late.

Those days are gone, though. It's up to you to follow your conscience. It is important to participate in the entire celebration, but if on the rare occasion you come late to Mass, ask yourself, "*Can I prepare myself to worthily receive Communion at this moment?*" If you can answer "yes" to that question, then I would say it would be OK to receive Communion.

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR

Calendar:

Monday – July 24

Weekday
Ex 14:5–18
Mt 12:38–42

Tuesday – July 25

St. James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7–15
Mt 20:20–28

Wednesday – July 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ex 16:1–5, 9–15
Mt 13:1–9

Thursday – July 27

Weekday
Ex 19:1–2, 9–11, 16–20b Mt 13:10–17

Friday – July 28

Weekday
Ex 20:1–17
Mt 13:18–23

Saturday – July 29

St. Martha
Ex 24:3–8
Mt 13:24–30

Sunday – July 30

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7–12
Rom 8:28–30
Mt 13:44–52

BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., August 5, 10:00 a.m.
IRON PIGS GAME : Tuesday, August 8
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, August 13
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.**



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers in church this week are in memory of Annette Yurish and Mary Yurish. They were donated by Jake, Ann Marie, Tim and Little Joe.

THANK YOU: My family and I would like to express our gratitude to the parishioners of Assumption B.V.M. Your many acts of kindness, prayers, memorial donations, flowers, sympathy cards or Mass cards on the sad occasion of the death of my wife, Robin, are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Gary Hall

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of John Pavlick:** \$25 Martha Jandrisevits; \$25 Ann Fry; \$25 Betty & Walter Yaros; \$20 Jim & Connie Kovacs; \$25 Anita Kotoris & Hope Stempo. **In memory of Robin A. Hall:** \$50 Priscilla & Ronald Koch; \$15 Joanne & Larry Hiestand; \$25 Chris & Mary Persichetti; \$45 Gloria Farkas; \$15 Steve Marsch; \$20 Eugene & Frances Grabarits; \$300 Green Wave International Inc.; \$20 Louis & Bernice Tepes; \$20 Barbara Pengitore; \$50 Richard & Linda Shearman; \$30 Edward & Jill Wandler; \$25 Dennis & Darlene Hock; \$25 Jerry & Carol Miletics; \$50 Victoria Hall; \$100 Hope Lutheran Church Nursery School; \$10 Sharon Geosits; \$20 Conrad Marth; \$100 Timothy Tepes; \$25 Joseph & Diane Zawada; \$50 Shirley Wynen; \$50 Dennis & Lisa Michael; \$50 Anita Kotoris & Hope Stempo; \$10 Pat Grabarits; \$10 Lynn & John LaBarre; \$20 Sharon & Brian Schell; \$20 Kellyann Firmstone; \$20 Anna Hudock; \$20 Angelo & Jean Jordan & Family; \$20 Jack & Denise Sekonic; \$20 Barbara Cwitkowitz; \$50 Dolly & Carter Wolfe; \$30 Charles & Cindy Walsh; \$100 Cindy & Greg Janscak & Family; \$20 Regina Marhefka; \$30 Maureen Phillips; \$20 Mary Ellen & Joseph Schwartz; \$100 Sallyann Madden; \$20 John & Mary Herman; \$25 Glenn & Deborah Koch; \$20 Bonnie Kosman; \$20 Joy & Sal Nicosia; \$10 Jessica Englert; \$50 Denise & Edward Hozza, Jr.; \$25 Debra Kay & Joseph Bennett; \$313 INTEL Co-workers of Robin's husband, Gary; \$10 Mary Lou Demyan; \$25 Judith Vogelbacher; \$75 Carl & Sharon Veno; \$100 Dennis & Nancy Biechy; \$20 Connie & Jim Kovacs; \$100 David & Eileen Koehler. **In memory of Frank Serensits:** \$100 Wife, Elaine Serensits & Family; \$25 Joanne & Juliet Manning; \$50 Anonymous; \$10 Steve Marsch; \$25 James & Donna Csencsitz; \$20 Connie & Jim Kovacs; \$10 Mary Legath. **In memory of Donna Roman:** \$20 Sharon Geosits.

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.**

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

CYO FALL SPORTS: Visit our new website to complete your online registration/payment for CYO Fall Sports at <http://tshq.bluesombreo.com/default.aspx?portalid=21527>. Cross Country: K-8th grade Co-Ed: \$50; Girls Volleyball: 5th – 8th grade: \$60.00 Please contact Dave Sweetana at sweetana98@gmail.com with any questions.

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.

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