

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons**, Administrator  
**Mrs. Karen Glose**, Director of Music  
**Mrs. Mary LaBianca**, Adult Choir Director  
**Mr. John-Paul Crescenzo, M.Ed.**, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School  
**Mrs. Linda Santucci**, Coordinator of Religious Education  
**Ms. Joanne Manning**, Parish Secretary  
**Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger**, Youth Activities

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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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**TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**AUGUST 20, 2017**

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 21, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Myirski, Jr.	Greg Schmidt
Aug. 22, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Andrew Madea	Theresa Schwartz
Aug. 23, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Geosits	Mary Jany
Aug. 24, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Family and Friends of Katherine Benarcik	
Aug. 25, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Jessica Yoo	M/M John Marshall and Family
Aug. 26, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Lauren Geosits	Grandmother, Dorothy, and Family
Aug. 27, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Bankos	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

### Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Aug. 26, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor
Aug. 27, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	J. Santee
	10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger

### Euch. Min.:

L. Assante
N. Birocik
D. Maron

### Altar Servers:

A. Miletics/G. Miletics
W. Cuchran/N. Millan
C. Cuchran/M. Hartman

### 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 Annette Yurish requested by Family and Friends.

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

# dear Padre:

## *What are the gnostic gospels and apocryphal books? Is it OK to read them?*

In the two earliest manuscripts of the Bible, both of which are in the Vatican Library, one contains the seven apocryphal books of the Old Testament and the other does not. The Catholic Church includes these apocryphal books and considers them to be the inspired word of God, as is everything included in Catholic translations of the Bible. Selections from these books are included in our *Lectionary* and proclaimed during Mass.

When Martin Luther left the Catholic Church, he used the Bible manuscript that did not contain the seven apocryphal books, but then he placed these books in a section between the Old and New Testaments, calling them Deutero-canonicals. He did not discard these books entirely but considered them of lesser importance than the other books. Some Protestant translations of the Bible exclude these books altogether.

The gnostic gospels, however, are entirely separate from these apocryphal books. Gnosticism is a heresy condemned by the Catholic Church. As part of their false proclamation, gnostics produced stories of Jesus' life that supported their belief, and these "gospels" contain teachings that are contrary to our Catholic faith. While the gnostic gospels could be read out of interest in their historical or philosophical context, they are not the inspired word of God and should not be read in that light.

*Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR*  
*Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

## Calendar:

### Monday - August 21

*St. Pius X, Pope*

Jgs 2:11-19

Mt 19:16-22

### Tuesday - August 22

*Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Jgs 6:11-24a

Mt 19:23-30

### Wednesday - August 23

*Weekday*

Jgs 9:6-15

Mt 20:1-16

### Thursday - August 24

*St. Bartholomew, Apostle*

Rv 21:9b-14

Jn 1:45-51

### Friday - August 25

*Weekday*

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22

Mt 22:34-40

### Saturday - August 26

*Weekday*

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17

Mt 23:1-12

### Sunday - August 27

*Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 22:19-23

Rom 11:33-36

Mt 16:13-20

**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., Sept. 2, 10:00 a.m.  
**PICNIC COOKING** : Thursday, Sept. 7, 7:00 a.m.  
 Friday, Sept. 8, 7:00 a.m.  
**CHURCH PICNIC** : Sunday, September 10  
**PREP CLASSES RESUME** : Sunday, September 17  
**DONUT SUNDAY** : Sunday, October 8  
**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 by the altar this week are in memory of M/M Joseph Seko and M/M Paul Kovach, Sr. They were donated by the Paul and Mary Jane Kovach.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Albert Buchanan:** \$25 Joanne & Juliet Manning; \$10 Barbara Pengitore; \$10 Joy & Sal Nicosia; \$10 Steve Marsch; \$10 Bernice & Louis Tepes. **In memory of Robin Hall:** \$50 Robert & Amelia Johnson.

**BAKED GOODS NEEDED:** Anyone interested in donating baked goods for the church picnic is asked to please bring your baked goods to Egypt Memorial Park on **Sunday, September 10 anytime after 9:00 a.m.**



**PICNIC COOKING:** We will be cooking for our annual church picnic on **Thursday, September 7 and Friday, September 8 starting at 7:00 a.m.** To make this another successful picnic we need help in preparation of the food. All help is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help.



**MONEY BASKET:** From now thru September 3 there will be a box in the church vestibule for donations towards our **"Assumption B.V.M. Parishioners' Money Basket"**, which will be raffled off at our annual picnic on Sunday, September 10. All donations are greatly appreciated.

**"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.

**P.R.E.P. CLASSES BEGINNING Sunday, September 17.** **Attention: Parents of parish children in Grades 1 – 7.** If you have not registered your child for P.R.E.P. classes, the registration form is available in the back of the church. Please, complete and return this form immediately with your tuition payment. Grades 1-7 are mandatory by the Allentown Diocese. The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and Confirmation is in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Santucci at 610-262-7343.

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:** Kindergarten Orientation will be held this Monday, August 21. The First Day of School will be Monday, August 28. Good Shepherd Gift Card Sales beginning the week of August 28: Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. and Wednesday evenings 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Please call the school for more information at 610-262-9171.

### LEHIGH DEANERY MASS WITH BISHOP SCHLERT

As we celebrate the Ordination and Installation of Bishop Alfred A. Schlert as the Fifth Bishop of Allentown, you are invited to attend a special Lehigh Deanery Mass being celebrated by Bishop Schlert on Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at Saint Francis of Assisi Church, 1046 West Cedar Street, Allentown, PA 18103. The Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m. After the Mass a social with light refreshments will take place in Saint Francis of Assisi Social Center in which you will have the opportunity to meet our new Bishop. Please join us as we welcome our New Shepherd.

**IF YOU KNIT OR CROCHET:** The NICU at Lehigh Valley Hospital Network is asking for your help making bereavement blankets for the families of stillborn babies. The blankets can be any pattern, approximately 31" x 36", in any pastel colors (not cream or white). The families will keep these blankets as a memorial to their child. Blankets can be dropped off in the choir loft and we will deliver them to LVHN for you. For additional information, please contact Mary at 610-502-0160 (Prayer Shawl Ministry).

### 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!

**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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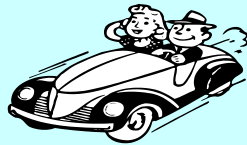
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**ASSUMPTION B.V.M. CHURCH  
ANNUAL PICNIC  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017  
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK  
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass  
Bingo - 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
The Pennsylvania Villagers - 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.  
Children's Games,  
Basket Raffle and Games of Chance



Holubki, Haluski, Goulash, Homemade Pierogies,  
Kielbasi with Sauerkraut, Sausage Sandwiches,  
Steak Sandwiches, Cheese Steak Sandwiches, Turkey BBQ,  
Hamburger BBQ, Hot Dogs, Walking Tacos, French Fries

Waffles and Ice Cream, Ice Cream Cones,  
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