

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
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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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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 27, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 28, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Siekonic	Tom and Dolly Feichtel
Aug. 29, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Ruth Stumpf	Betty Toolan
Aug. 30, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†John Pavlick	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Aug. 31, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Theresa Acerra	Annette Gagge
Sep. 01, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Robin Hall	Linda and Vinnie Santucci & Family
Sep. 02, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Elizabeth Strongowski	Son, Walter, and Becky Strongowski
Sep. 03, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Marhefka	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule:

Sep. 02, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany
Sep. 03, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik
	10:30 a.m.	D. Hozza

Lector:

Euch. Min.:

F. Cerino
J. Ciecko
B. Chambers

Altar Servers:

J. Warren/M. Warren
S. Kroll/E. Confer
A. Nemeth/M. Thierer

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 Louise Kotoris requested by Daughter, Nikki.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Olga Harbove, sister of Virginia Haldeman, who died recently.

dear Padre:

I am a huge fan of Pope Francis. However, I know some people feel his messages to be against Church teachings. How can the people criticize the pope when we believe our Lord has put Pope Francis in the chair of St. Peter?

Spoiler alert: I'm a big fan of Pope Francis, too! I believe he's doing much to bring people back to the Church. If you look closely at the pope's message, I think you'll find the difference is not one of content but of emphasis. Pope Francis has not changed any Church teaching, but he is shining the spotlight on some areas in particular.

Pope Francis has put a great deal of emphasis on mercy, simplicity, the poor, and immigrants. These things have always been part of the Catholic Church. Our pope has decided that today these things need to be brought to the forefront.

As Catholics, we are free to say things like, "I wish the pope would put more emphasis on doctrine," or, "I wish he would talk more about what we need to do to be saved." There's even nothing wrong in saying, "I liked Pope Benedict better." But, because Francis is in Peter's chair, we must always first ask ourselves, "What is Jesus saying to me through the messages of Pope Francis?"

Fr. Patrick Keyes, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar:

Monday – August 28

St. Augustine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Thes 1:1–5, 8b–10

Mt 23:13–22

Tuesday – August 29

Passion of St. John the Baptist

1 Thes 2:1–8

Mk 6:17–29

Wednesday – August 30

Weekday

1 Thes 2:9–13

Mt 23:27–32

Thursday – August 31

Weekday

1 Thes 3:7–13

Mt 24:42–51

Friday – September 1

Weekday

1 Thes 4:1–8

Mt 25:1–13

Saturday – September 2

Weekday

1 Thes 4:9–11

Mt 25:14–30

Sunday – September 3

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:7–9 / Rom 12:1–2

Mt 16:21–27

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

BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., Oct. 7, 10:00 a.m.

DONUT SUNDAY : Sunday, October 8

BLESSING OF ANIMALS : Sunday, October 8 at 12 noon

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 Lauren Geosits. They were donated by Aunt Carol, Uncle Jerry and Aunt Sharon.

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 next Sunday, 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.

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).

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, Whitehall, and Msgr. Dan Yenushosky invite you on our **90th anniversary pilgrimage to Fatima, Lourdes, Garabandal and more.** Departing **October 2, 2018** for 12 days. The cost is \$3,898.00/person from Newark, NJ. (All inclusive except lunches). Information night - **Thursday, September 7, 2017 at 7:00pm** at Holy Trinity, 4456 Main St., Whitehall in the parish hall. More info or questions contact Donna/Bruce Wermann, 610-905-7817 or spundt1@ptd.net.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS: The First Day of School will be tomorrow, Monday, August 28. Good Shepherd Gift Card Sales beginning this week: 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.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH, 3024 South Ruch Street in Whitehall (Stiles) will have their annual picnic on **Sunday, September 3, from noon to 9:00 p.m.** on the parish grounds. Music provided by The Pennsylvanian Villagers, from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Common Bond from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Delicious Foods, Children's Games, Raffles, Refreshments, Bake Sale and more. All are invited.

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.

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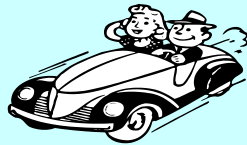
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ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2017
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

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,
Home Baked Goods

Non-Alcoholic Frozen Drinks, Birch Beer on Tap,
Beer, Wine, Soda, Bottled Water, Iced Tea, Coffee

