

# 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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**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SEPTEMBER 3, 2017**

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Sep. 04, Monday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of the Bahnick Family	
Sep. 05, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Sep. 06, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Anita Bennicas	Niece, Rachael
Sep. 07, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†John S. Nederostek	Sister, Betty Hanzarik, and Family
Sep. 08, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Nederostek	Richard and Jeanette Meckes
Sep. 09, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Kovach	Son, Paul, and Mary Jane
Sep. 10, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
<b>Egypt Memorial Park 11:00 a.m.</b>		†Rev. Francis P. Straka	Picnic Committee

### Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Sep. 09, Sat.	4:00 p.m. C. Fisher	L. Kosciolk	G. Heidecker/N. Bischof	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Sep. 10, Sun.	8:00 a.m. C. Kroll	B. Fritz	J. Confer/C. Confer	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
<b>Egypt Memorial Park 11:00 a.m.</b>	L. Nemeth	C. Marth/D. Maron/C. Walsh	B. DelVecchio/C. Cuchran	J. DelVecchio/R. Marakovits

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Anna & Carl Bennicas requested by Daughter, Rachael.

**PLEASE PRAY** for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Dean Lakatos, father of Lee Lakatos, who died recently.

## dear Padre:

*A family member engages in sinful behavior. I know I should say something, but I'm afraid it'll damage my relationship with him. How can I respond with love without accepting his lifestyle?*

Of the many ways to invite others to conversion, "admonishing the sinner" is often the most challenging. This spiritual work of mercy requires proper motives, humility, respect, and diplomacy.

**Motivation:** Read Jesus' story of the Pharisee and tax collector in the Temple (Luke 18:9-14). Your desire to "respond with love" is far better than that of a self-righteous accuser. Christ found condemnation less effective for conversion than invitation; he knew his Father's mercy was greater than sinful behavior. Therefore, condemn the behavior, not the person. Try to understand what motivated his behavior as well.

**Humility and Respect:** We often possess a limited view on matters, so your dialogue is an attempt to arrive at authenticity in a respectful partnership; both of your perceptions may be altered in the sacred process!

**Diplomacy:** Your established relationship with this family member is advantageous to your mission. Still, pick and choose your admonitions carefully. Avoid fraternal correction for trivial, isolated incidents. Gain strength from the Letter of James, which states that "if anyone among you should stray from the truth and someone bring him back, he should know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins" (James 5:19-20).

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

## Calendar:

### Monday - September 4

*Weekday*

1 Thes 4:13-18

Lk 4:16-30

### Tuesday - September 5

*Weekday*

1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11

Lk 4:31-37

### Wednesday - September 6

*Weekday*

Col 1:1-8 / Lk 4:38-44

### Thursday - September 7

*Weekday*

Col 1:9-14

Lk 5:1-11

### Friday - September 8

*Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Mi 5:1-4a

Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

### Saturday - September 9

*St. Peter Claver, Priest*

Col 1:21-23

Lk 6:1-5

### Sunday - September 10

*Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Ez 33:7-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20

**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



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Leonard Fry. They were donated by his wife, Ann.

**BAPTISM:** We are happy to welcome Kenzie Rose Ciecwisz, child of Jessica and Damien Ciecwisz, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Kenzie Rose as she continues to grow in our faith.

**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.

**HELP NEEDED** next Saturday night after the 4:00 p.m. to take the roasters and some supplies to Egypt Memorial Park. Any help would be greatly appreciated, especially with a truck or van.

**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](mailto:spundt1@ptd.net).

**SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH,** 3024 South Ruch Street in Whitehall (Stiles) will have their annual picnic today, 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!

**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, sympathy cards or Mass cards on the sad occasion of the death of my husband, John, are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Rita Pavlick

**HURRICANE HARVEY – TEXAS RELIEF:** Having witnessed the extreme devastation caused by Hurricane Harvey and the historic flooding in Texas, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has called for a time-sensitive collection to be taken up throughout the United States. **There will be a special second collection taken up at all Masses the weekend of September 16/17.**

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

11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass  
 D.J. 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The Pennsylvania Villagers - 3:00 – 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

Waffle Ice Cream Sundaes, Ice Cream Cones,  
 Home Baked Goods

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



**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.

**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.

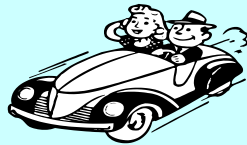
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