

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons, Administrator
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Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
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Ms. Joanne Manning, Parish Secretary
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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-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Sep. 11, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†James Arnst	Bennett Family
Sep. 12, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Health & Blessing - Agnes and Roger Shellock on the occasion of their 50th Wedding Anniversary	Ciecko Family
Sep. 13, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Daniel Mason	M/M Barry Ehret
Sep. 14, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Hensel	Gene Dotta
Sep. 15, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Plata	Sisters
Sep. 16, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Jennie Kovalchik	Lenny & Paula Kosciolek
Sep. 17, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Haldeman	Paulette Kochenash
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule:

Sep. 16, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	B. Kosman	E. Ossiander/M. Hartman	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Sep. 17, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	T. Melosky	W. Cuchran/N. Millan/K. Lesisko	A. Fry/V. Hall
10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt	L. Santucci	M. Cuchran/K. Cuchran	P. Madea/L. Shaak

Lector:

Euch. Min.:

Altar Servers:

Greeters:

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Mary Kovach requested by Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

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

dear Padre:

I want my children to be merciful and forgiving like Jesus, but I don't want them to be permissive of sin because someone else thinks it's OK. How can I teach this balance?

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches, "Education in the faith by parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel" (CCC 2226). The balance of advocating the magnitude of God's mercy without diminishing the severity of sin is best taught through witness.

You should hold your children accountable (and vice versa) and explain with loving candor how lax attitudes and actions have consequences. As we are taught in Proverbs 27:5, "Better is an open rebuke than a love that remains hidden."

An intimate relationship with God also helps. It's easier to instill greater compassion in ourselves and in others when we've experienced God's infinite mercy firsthand. Jesus asked the woman caught in adultery, "Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, [and] from now on do not sin any more" (John 8:10-11).

Christ loves the sinner and despises the sin—but he doesn't dwell on the sin. Instead, Jesus rejoices when sinners enter a newfound relationship with his merciful Father, knowing that the experience of God's mercy is the catalyst for ultimate change and lasting conversion, where neither the sinner is condemned nor the sin condoned.

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Calendar:

Monday - September 11

Weekday

Col 1:24-2:3 / Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday - September 12

Weekday

Col 2:6-15 / Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday - September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Col 3:1-11 / Lk 6:20-26

Thursday - September 14

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9 / Phil 2:6-11

Jn 3:13-17

Friday - September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14

Jn 19:25-27

Saturday - September 16

Sts. Cornelius, Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 1:15-17 / Lk 6:43-49

Sunday - September 17

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:30-28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

- 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
- BREAKFAST** : Sunday, October 22



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Ryan Zawada. They were donated by his parents, Diane and Joe, brother, Joseph and sister, Jennifer.

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 next weekend, September 16/17.**



BLESSING OF ANIMALS: In observance of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Assumption BVM Parish will have a Blessing of Animals on the rectory lawn (corner of 22nd Street and Lincoln Avenue) on Sunday, October 8 at 12:00 p.m. After a brief prayer service the animals will be blessed. Bring your dogs, cats, birds and other pets to this celebration. Please make sure that animals are leashed or caged for their safety.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Robin Hall:** \$115 Co-workers of Roberta Hicks at Rockford Road Animal Hospital in Plymouth, MN; \$20 Brenda Fritz; \$25 Lynda Janis; \$75 Sara & Jeffrey Hall. **In memory of Frank Serensits:** \$20 Carol Mac Crindle.

REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM: Please keep saving your Redner's Save-A-Tape Receipts by using your Save-A-Tape Card. If you don't have one, just ask the cashier during your next shopping trip. Our church receives 1% for items you purchase, just by turning in your receipts. **So far this year we have received \$2,759.55. Just think, that's over \$2,700.00** received from pieces of paper you would normally throw in the garbage. Please place your **full receipts** in the containers located in the church vestibule. **We need the WHOLE receipt**, not just the bottom portion of the receipt. **See the letter from Redner's Markets, Inc. posted on the bulletin boards for more information.** Thank You!

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Name _____
 Street _____
 City _____
 Phone No. _____

Check One:

- New Registration Change of Address
- Moving out of Parish Request Envelopes
- Request envelopes (returned home from college)**

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory

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.

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.

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