

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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Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:00 a.m.
 Wednesday 7:00 p.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	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....	610-262-8428	Ministry to the Sick	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Parish Family Picnic	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
CYO	Tim Gribb	610-762-9072	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
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	484-226-0188	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491
Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....		484-540-5090			

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

APRIL 1, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Apr. 02, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Alice Rowley	Fred and Ann Koons
Apr. 03, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†John M. Humenik	Jim and Monica Bauer
Apr. 04, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Edward S. Kovalchik	M/M William Braerman
Apr. 05, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Andrew and Margaret Nederostek	Son, Stephen, Christine & Family
Apr. 06, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Bankos	Helen Wolfer
Apr. 07, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Ryan Zawada	Parents, Joe & Diane, Brother, Joe, and Sister, Jenny
Apr. 08, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Frank and Anna Walakovitz	Daughter, Ruth Marakovits

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Apr. 07, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	L. Kosciolk	N. Bischof/M. Hartman	C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
Apr. 08, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll	J. Ciecko	K. Cuchran/M. Cuchran	B. Cwitkowitz/M. A. Weaver
10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger	R. Shearman	A. Miletics/G. Miletics	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week for the health and blessing of Rev. Michael J. Stone requested by Joanne and Juliet.

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

dear Padre:

I've just returned from a visit to the Holy Land. When we visited the tomb of Jesus, we saw a simple marble slab in a small chapel. Is our faith based on an empty tomb?

I am happy to answer your question on this highest truth of our faith—the resurrection of Jesus. Our faith in the resurrection is not based on an empty tomb or a little marble slab. There are many explanations for an empty tomb, most which would not contribute to the belief in Jesus' resurrection.

Our faith in the resurrection rests not only on the physical reality of the empty tomb but, more importantly, on the eyewitness accounts of those who saw Jesus, talked to him, and walked with him after his resurrection.

There are many reports in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles that chronicle the appearance of Jesus after the resurrection. Details vary, but one constant is found in all the accounts: Those who saw the risen Lord had such a powerful experience that they couldn't keep it to themselves. They had to run and tell somebody.

Think of this as a Christian "big bang theory." Jesus' followers had such a tremendous initial experience of the risen Lord that they could not hold it in. They told their friends, neighbors—anyone who would listen. Excitement spread to neighboring villages and hamlets, then to surrounding countries and cultures. Eventually, Christianity expanded, sometimes under great persecution, throughout the world. Could such endurance and dynamism result from only an empty tomb? No. Only an experience of the risen Jesus could bring this about.

—*Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

Calendar:

Monday – April 2

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22–33

Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday – April 3

Octave of Easter

Acts 2:36–41

Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday – April 4

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:1–10

Lk 24:13–35

Thursday – April 5

Octave of Easter

Acts 3:11–26

Lk 24:35–48

Friday – April 6

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:1–12

Jn 21:1–14

Saturday – April 7

Octave of Easter

Acts 4:13–21

Mk 16:9–15

Sunday – April 8

Second Sunday of Easter

Sunday of Divine Mercy

Acts 4:32–35

1 Jn 5:1–6

Jn 20:19–31

- PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
- CHOIR REHEARSAL** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
- BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., April 7, 2018
- DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, April 8, 2018
- FIRST EUCHARIST** : Saturday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.
- PRAYER SHAWL MEETING** : Tues., April 17, 10 a.m.
- BREAKFAST** : Sunday, April 22
- BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS** : Thursday, August 16, 2018
- PICNIC 2018** : Sunday, September 9, 2018

PLEASE NOTE: The rectory office will be closed Monday, April 2 and Tuesday, April 3, for Easter. The rectory office will reopen Wednesday, April 4.

THANK YOU to all who helped clean and decorate the church, for all who assisted at our Holy Week Services and Easter Masses, for the choir members and for everyone who through their personal sacrifices of time, talent, and treasure, made our celebration of the Holy Week and Easter so meaningful.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU: This year's Pascal Candle is in memory of Rev. Francis P. Straka. It was donated by three parishioners. It is being used for the first time during our Easter Celebrations.



NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME: Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Thursday, August 16** on the Party Porch, 1st base line, at Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Ironpigs Way, Allentown hosted by B.V.M. Choir. Food will be available from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Game starts at 7:05 p.m. Cost is \$37 per person and is due at time of reservation. **Deadline for reservations is Sunday, July 1.** For more information call Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138. You can place your payment in the church collection basket to hold your tickets (reservations). Please make checks payable to the church.

"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": On Sunday, April 8, our Hospitality Committee will be hosting "Donut/Giving Sunday". Join us after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses for coffee, donuts and fellowship in our social hall. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, jars of peanut butter, boxes of Jell-O or pudding. Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. This month's coffee and donuts are being donated by Joy and Sal Nicosia in memory of their son, James Nicosia.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **on Sunday, April 22.** Please support this fund raising effort of the parish and enjoy a hearty, homemade breakfast with your friends. Menu includes: French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs, omelet or cheese steak omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. Tickets on sale at the door.



PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: **MARK YOUR CALENDARS.** We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 3 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 4 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.

FIRST EUCHARIST: There will be practice for First Eucharist on Monday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. **All children and parent(s) must attend.**

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Aloysius Makovsky:** \$20 Jack and Iona Harhart; \$20 Andy and Gerry Filipovits; \$20.18 John Yurish; \$40 Kovalchik Family; \$20 Stephen Flytuta; \$20 Robert Schwartz; \$40 Dennis and Diane Laury; \$20 Richard and Linda Heberling; \$20 Joanne and Larry Hiestand; \$25 Linda and George Baltz; \$20 John and Linda Legath.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS POPPY

DRIVE: The Catholic War Veterans of Post 454, Northampton, will conduct their Annual Poppy Drive at all Masses next weekend, April 7/8. Your donations benefit hospitalized veterans at the VA Medical Centers in Wilkes Barre and other local CWV sponsored community functions. These include poster contests, a spelling bee, and tuition assistance for elementary school children attending Diocesan Catholic School. We thank you in advance for your generosity! Catholic Veterans (men and women) interested in joining CWV Post 454 may request a membership application from any of our members during the Poppy Drive, or call our Post Commander – Joan Glover at 610-349-7791 for more information.

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

Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 9, 2018

EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK

begins with a Mass at 11:00 a.m.,

continues with music, games and food until 7:00 p.m.

Featuring the music of "The Large Flowerheads"

4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, April 22, 2018

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
AT THE DOOR ONLY

ADULTS \$7.00

CHILDREN \$3.00

MENU

French Toast

Pancakes

Scrambled Eggs & Hash Brown

Choice of: Sausage, Bacon or Ham

Omelet your way & Hash Brown

Cheese Steak Omelet & Hash Brown

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea