

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.
 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			

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Apr. 30, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Aloysius Makovsky	Joseph Sodl and Family
May 01, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Higgins	Lisa Cook
May 02, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Stasia Lukasik	Robin and Gary Hall
May 03, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Paul Kochenash	Cecilia Emerick
May 04, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna and Peter Rodick	Daughter, Rita Pavlick, and Family
May 05, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Joseph Grabarits	Joe and Kathy Maziarz
May 06, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Gerald G. Makovsky	M/M Gerald J. Makovsky
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule:

May 05, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor
May 06, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll
	10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt

Lector:

F. Cerino
T. Melosky
B. Chambers

Euch. Min.:

N. Bischof/M. Hartman
C. Cuchran/M. Cuchran
A. Miletics/G. Miletics

Altar Servers: Greeters:

C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
B. Cwitkowitz/M. Weaver
B. Skweir/M. Skweir

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Joseph Seko, Jr. 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:

Just last week, my parish ran a "join up" campaign at all the Masses. I felt guilty because I didn't sign up for anything. Do I have an obligation to join any of the parish organizations?

When you join any of your parish organizations, you will experience a network of people dedicated to building up the body of Christ through the various parish ministries.

According to the Code of Canon Law, the baptized are fundamentally united in the communion fidelium, "a dynamic reality requiring the active participation of all the faithful in the Church's life and mission" (Canon 209). It finds visible expression through public worship and through the exercise of obligations and rights. As a parish member, you are obligated to maintain communion with the Church; to fulfill your particular duties to the universal Church and your parish church; to live a holy life and promote the growth of the Church; to work to spread the gospel; and to follow what the pastor and bishops declare as teachers of the faith and leaders of the Church (Canons 209–212).

Laypeople are called to infuse their faith in Christ through all their undertakings in the secular world and within the Church. The various organized ministries of the parish offer ways that you, as a parishioner, can fulfill some of those obligations as you are able, in the Church's life and mission inside and outside your parish. Perhaps you will rethink your decision to not sign up for anything. It's never too late to become a parish volunteer!

—Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

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Calendar:

Monday - April 30

Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5–18
Jn 14:21–26

Tuesday - May 1

Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19–28
Jn 14:27–31a

Wednesday - May 2

St. Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Acts 15:1–6
Jn 15:1–8

Thursday - May 3

Sts. Philip and James, Apostles
1 Cor 15:1–8
Jn 14:6–14

Friday - May 4

Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22–31
Jn 15:12–17

Saturday - May 5

Easter Weekday
Acts 16:1–10
Jn 15:18–21

Sunday - May 6

Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 10:25–26, 34–35, 44–48
1 Jn 4:7–10
Jn 15:9–17

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., May 5, 2018
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, May 13, 2018
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: Tues., May 15, 10 a.m.
PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING : Fri., Aug. 3 & Sat., Aug. 4
BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS : Thursday, August 16, 2018
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9, 2018



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Alfred Kosman. They were donated by wife, Betty, and family.

2018 BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL – CALLED TO SERVE:

Many thanks to those who have made a pledge to the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$120 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$20 installments. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. Your generosity funds the annual budget for important Diocesan ministries in our area. If you have not taken the opportunity to make a gift, you may drop off your pledge form in the collection basket anytime this month or you can make your gift online at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

Banns of Ordination

Mr. Zachary Robert Wehr, baptized in this parish, has been called to the Order of the Diaconate by His Excellency, Alfred A. Schlert, D.D. Bishop of Allentown. Mr. Wehr will be ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, May 19, 2018.

JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ON-LINE! Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values. For over 100 years, Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families. Today, joining the Knights of Columbus is easier than ever before, using our new Online Membership Portal, KofC.org/JoinUs, the process takes just minutes. Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

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.



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.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Fred Hurban:** \$30 Rose Marie Meiley; \$50 Joanne Manning; \$25 Bernice and Louie Tepes; \$20 Nancy Pavlovic; \$50 Frances and Eugene Grabarits; \$20 Bill & Louise Procanyn; \$10 Steve Marsch; \$20 Donald Bahnick; \$25 Helen, Steve and Stephanie Kerbacher. **In memory of Al Makovsky:** \$25 Bob and Mary Kreisher. **In memory of Edward and Rita Budzelek:** \$25 Alice and John Klink. **In memory of Adam and Sophie Klink:** \$25 John and Alice Klink.

NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Any boy or girl in the parish who has made First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server is asked to contact Joanne at the rectory before June 1. Training will be held in June.

MEN’S RETREAT AT MALVERN: In today’s world of 24/7 sound bites, non-stop commercials, loud music and the like, it can be difficult to hear the really important voices in our life. Sometimes we just need a quiet, safe place where we can listen to our God who knows us, loves us and wants to tell us what is best for us. The Malvern Retreat House is such a place. Join the men of the parish the weekend of August 24, 25 and 26 for their Malvern retreat. To learn more, call Jack Harhart 610-262-8123 (or email jharhart@yahoo.com) or Richard Cuth 610-262-8045. For information on retreats for women, married couples and families visit Malvern’s website at malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.



YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The Young-at-Heart Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on Tuesday, May 15. You do not have to be a member to come along. Cost: \$23 per person. For tickets please call Louise at 610-262-6908 or Bella at 610-262-2673.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! It’s time to put your foursome together, round up your friends, family and co-workers. Good Shepherd Catholic School has changed the date and site for the **7th Annual Golf Outing** on Saturday, **May 19, 2018** at Whitetail Golf Club. Please pick up a sign-up sheet in the back of church, or if you have any questions please contact Tim Egan at 610-261-4649 or Pat Wright at 484-221-5044.

SAVE ALUMINUM PULLTABS – Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

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