

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor
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Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
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Mrs. Susan Parker, Coordinator of Religious Education
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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	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.	Susan Parker.....	610-262-7343
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.....	610-393-9126	Religious Education	Susan Parker.....	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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THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

JUNE 24, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

June 25, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Catherine Snyder	Joe Steier
June 26, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Cecilia Kish	Daughter, Mary Ellen and Joe Zastko
June 27, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Strongowski	Helen and Richard Cuth
June 28, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Ernest Bennett	Mike and Jane Krupa
June 29, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Catherine Holena	Lisa Vrabel
June 30, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†M/M Paul Gergel	Son, Paul, and Family
July 01, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Clare Bennett	Son, Joe, and Family
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
June 30, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	C. Marth	A. Miletics/G. Miletics	C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
July 01, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Saylor	N. Birosik	S. Kroll/G. Heidecker	B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
10:30 a.m.	F. Kostecky	L. Santucci	K. Lesisko/L. Lesisko	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Michael James Janis requested by Nan Chickilly and Lauren.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Dorothy Marx who died recently.

dear Padre:

We are told that we are baptized into Jesus' death and resurrection, and that baptism is necessary for our salvation. But why was Jesus baptized?

Jesus was not baptized in the Jordan River for the same reasons we are baptized today. Exactly why Jesus received baptism is known to him alone. Your question will be one that goes into the "everything you wanted to ask Jesus when you meet him in heaven" category. But scholars studying this question have reasonable assumptions about why Jesus requested baptism.

When Jesus requested baptism from John, he wanted to demonstrate that he identified with his people's search for God. Scholars speculate that after years of performing the duties of home and the carpenter's trade, Jesus had become increasingly conscious of his life's mission. It was time to seize the moment and begin his ministry. John balked, thinking he should be accepting baptism from Jesus—the long-awaited one. But Jesus prevailed, and a voice from heaven ratified his action. "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased" (Matthew 3:17).

After Jesus' baptism, John's mission was accomplished. Jesus took center stage. Identifying with his people's sinfulness, Jesus allowed himself to be baptized to demonstrate his solidarity with the people, signaling the beginning of the Messianic Age that John had promised.

We know the rest of the story. Later, Jesus would commission his apostles to baptize all nations. This would be a baptism of water and the Spirit, signifying that the baptized had found Jesus and were living in forgiveness and freedom.

Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar:

Monday - June 25

Weekday

2 Kgs 17:5–8, 13–15a, 18

Mt 7:1–5

Tuesday - June 26

Weekday

2 Kgs 19:9b–11, 14–21, 31–35a, 36

Mt 7:6, 12–14

Wednesday - June 27

Weekday

2 Kgs 22:8–13; 23:1–3

Mt 7:15–20

Thursday - June 28

Weekday

2 Kgs 24:8–17 / Mt 7:21–29

Friday - June 29

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

Acts 12:1–11

2 Tm 4:6–8, 17–18

Mt 16:13–19

Saturday - June 30

Weekday

Lam 2:2, 10–14, 18–19

Mt 8:5–17

Sunday - July 1

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Wis 1:13–15; 2:23–24

2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13–15

Mk 5:21–43

BAPTISMAL PREP : Saturday, July 7, 2018
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, July 8, 2018
PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING : Fri., Aug. 3 & Sat., Aug. 4
BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS : Thursday, August 16, 2018
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9, 2018
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 16
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 28, 2018

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.**



2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – CALLED TO SERVE:

As of today, our parishioners have raised \$36,052.18 from 167 parishioners. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal and to reach the 100% participation goal. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge

form to the parish office or make your gift online. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please or visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org or call the parish office.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Minnie and Joseph Preisler. They were donated by daughter, Mary Ann Holmes and family.

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 2019. Please call the rectory and leave your name and phone number so Msgr. Koons can give you more information.



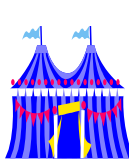
PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS.

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.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Any boy or girl in the parish who has made First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server please call the rectory and let us know which training session you would be able to attend. **Training will be**

held in church at 9:00 a.m. on the following Sundays: July 1, July 8 and July 15.



HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH,

Whitehall, will have their annual Parish Picnic on Sunday, **July 8** at the **Egypt Memorial Park**, 4548 Main St., Whitehall, from **12:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.** Festivities begin with an outdoor Mass at the Park at 11:30 a.m. Ethnic foods, adult and

children's games, bingo. Music and dancing with "Josef Krobath" 12:30-3:30 p.m. and "3 AM" from 4:30-7:30pm. Free parking. All are welcome.

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.

QUEENSHIP OF MARY CHURCH, Northampton, will have its parish festival **today, Sunday, June 24,** on the church grounds from 12 noon-8 p.m. There will be plenty of food, a bake sale, children's games, a cash raffle, basket raffle and bingo. All are welcome to attend!

2018 SACRED HEART PARISH PICNIC: The Annual Sacred Heart Church Picnic (Bath, PA) will be held on July 13, 14 and 15. Entertainment will be provided by the following bands: Friday, July 13, *Still Kickin'*, Classic Rock Band, Saturday, July 14, *Desire*, Do-wop band and Sunday, July 15, *Crazy Hearts*, Country Band. Inflatable fun for the children each night along with a variety of games. Wide variety of foods including homemade pierogi, turkey and pork barbeque, rib eye steaks, funnel cakes, potato pancakes, and more. *Clams Every Night!* Come enjoy the great food and entertainment, Friday & Saturday from 5-11 pm & Sunday from 3-9 pm.

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.

INK CARTRIDGE AND TONER RECYCLING: Recycle your empty ink and toner cartridges and Assumption B.V.M. Church will get \$2 back in Staples Rewards® for each one. So not only will we save on future purchases, but we can also feel good about reducing waste in our landfills. Please deposit them in the box located in the vestibule. **Did you know?** In 2011, Staples U.S. customers recycled more than 67 million ink and toner cartridges. Their goal is to recycle 100 million each year, globally, by 2020.

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