

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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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			

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****JULY 8, 2018****MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

July 09, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Jennie Kovalchik	Mary Arduini and Family
July 10, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Robin Hall	Debra Kay and Joseph Bennett and Family
July 11, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Schisler	Son, Arthur, and Family
July 12, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Serensits	Rita Pavlick
July 13, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Sons and daughters of John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
July 14, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Herb Bitenc	Wife, Marie
July 15, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Shirley Woolever	Daughter, Debra Kay, and Family
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
July 14, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	B. Fritz	J. Warren/M. Warren	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
July 15, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	J. Ciecko	W. Cuchran/N. Millan	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth	R. Shearman	S. Kroll/G. Heidecker	J. DelVecchio/R. Marakovits

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week for the health and blessing of Reverend Marty Kerul requested by Steve Marsch.

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

dear Padre:

I am troubled with doubts of faith and find these thoughts very frightening. Have I lost my faith? Please help me.

It's not a sin to have these worries and doubts. I've seen this kind of thing happen to very good, holy people. Some of the saints went through terrible periods of darkness when everything they believed in seemed to be gone. Saint Thérèse of Lisieux said several times that her faith seemed to have vanished, that her prayers seemed to be going nowhere. So you are not alone.

Saint Alphonsus recommends that a person hounded by such doubts should not try to argue with them in the heat of battle, but rather should "run away"—that is, make a brief act of faith and try moving on to something else, get involved in some distracting activity. Temptation or doubt will likely persist, but don't believe these dark feelings. The devil is the father of lies. He is trying to make you think you're lost when you're not. By making you upset and agitated, he keeps you from prayer and other good deeds.

To sum up, when a doubt arises, say a short prayer such as "My Lord, I believe in you, I hope in you, I love you." Once you've said a little prayer, you can ignore the temptation even if it keeps roaring in your head. Remember that the Lord can read your heart and knows that you don't want to offend him, but rather to love him with your whole heart.

Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar:

Monday - July 9

Weekday

Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 Mt 9:18-26

Tuesday - July 10

Weekday

Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Mt 9:32-38

Wednesday - July 11

St. Benedict, Abbot

Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Mt 10:1-7

Thursday - July 12

Weekday

Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9 Mt 10:7-15

Friday - July 13

Weekday

Hos 14:2-10 Mt 10:16-23

Saturday - July 14

Weekday

Is 6:1-8 Mt 10:24-33

Sunday - July 15

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 7:12-15

Eph 1:3-14

Mk 6:7-13

GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, July 8, 2018
PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING : Fri., Aug. 3 & Sat., Aug. 4
BAPTISMAL PREP : Saturday, August 4, 10 a.m.
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

Message from Bishop Schlert:

My dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you may have heard, the Pennsylvania Supreme Court has delayed the release of the Grand Jury Report on clergy sexual abuse in six Pennsylvania dioceses, including the Diocese of Allentown. It is unknown how long the Court's order will remain in place.

I want you to know that the Diocese of Allentown has always cooperated with the Office of the Attorney General and the Grand jury process. Neither I, nor the Diocese, nor any diocesan official has attempted to block or delay release of the Report.

I will be addressing the topic of clergy abuse in more detail after the Grand Jury Report is released. Please join me in praying for the victims and survivors, and for all those hurt by child abuse, wherever it occurs in society.

With an assurance of my prayers for you and your families, I am

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Bishop Alfred A. Schlert

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.**



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Mike and Anna Plata. They were donated by Daughters and Daughter-in-law.

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 8 and July 15.**

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.

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.

HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC CHURCH, Whitehall, will have their annual Parish Picnic today, Sunday, **July 8** at the **Egypt Memorial Park**, 4548 Main St., Whitehall, from **12:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.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.

MERCY SCHOOL FOR SPECIAL LEARNING has two positions available for the 2018-2019 school year.

Job Coach - This person will work to place students, ages 14 – 21 in a vocational setting. Position requires working with a variety of businesses and a partner coach to develop working relationships with employer worksites and throughout the school.

Teacher Assistant – This person will work with students having intellectual and developmental disabilities with the teacher in creating a well-defined educational experience in our classrooms. We are also seeking to create a list of available substitutes for this same position.

Both positions are part-time, 29 hours per week for the 10 month school year schedule requiring minimum of a high school diploma or equivalent certification plus current background checks & PA clearances. Those interested in the position should contact Beth Gryns, Principal, at 610-797-8242 or Principal@mercyspeciallearning.org.

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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