

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			

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

AUGUST 12, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 13, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Louis Tepes, Sr.	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Aug. 14, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
	7:00 p.m.	†Sophie and Stephen Bankos	Family
Aug. 15, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
Aug. 16, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Teresa Durand	Husband, Geiner
Aug. 17, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Andrew Madea	Paul Gogel
Aug. 18, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Anna and Henry Jaindl	Conrad Marth and Family
Aug. 19, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Pasqualino Iamalteo	Rossini Family

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Aug. 14, Tue. 7:00 p.m.	E. Hozza	J. Nicosia	L. Lesisko/K. Lesisko	J. Haldeman/M. Bitenc
Aug. 15, Wed. 8:00 a.m.	N. Kotoris	T. Melosky		M.A. Weaver/A. Fry
Aug. 18, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	B. Kosman	M. Hartman/J. Warren	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Aug. 19, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	K. Bennett	K. Cuchran/W. Cuchran	G. Farkas/L. Gehringer
10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt	L. Santucci	L. Fusco/G. Miletics	A. Fry/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of William Kotoris requested by daughter, Nikki.

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

dear Padre:

What does doxology mean?

The verses of a popular gospel song, "How Can I Keep From Singing," speak of our struggle with sorrow and darkness, and the ultimate joy we have knowing "Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, / How can I keep from singing?" The songwriter joyfully sings out because of God's love; it's a doxology of praise.

Doxology, "a glorious utterance," is a prayer the Church uses to give God praise. We have countless examples in Scripture, such as the psalms, which by their nature give God rightful praise. The Sanctus acclamation is another example. Taken from Isaiah 6, it directs our focus to praising God for his power and might. On Christmas night we sing "Glory to God in the highest," a doxology from the angels. The eucharistic prayers end with a doxology to the Trinity showing how "the Holy Spirit who thus awakens the memory of the Church then inspires thanksgiving and praise (doxology)," Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1103.

We use doxologies to emphasize our worship of God, acknowledging his rightful praise. Doxologies are part of major liturgical prayers such as the eucharistic prayers, the communion rite where we add a doxology following the Our Father. We also add doxologies to our personal prayers. The rosary contains a well-known doxology called the Gloria Patri, a prayer praising the eternal nature and love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

—Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar:

Monday - August 13

Weekday

Ez 1:2–5, 24–28c / Mt 17:22–27

Tuesday - August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest and Martyr

Ez 2:8–3:4

Mt 18:1–5, 10, 12–14

Wednesday - August 15

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Rv 11:19a; 12:1–6a, 10ab

1 Cor 15:20–27

Lk 1:39–56

Thursday - August 16

Weekday

Ez 12:1–12 / Mt 18:21–19:1

Friday - August 17

Weekday

Ez 16:1–15, 60, 63 / Mt 19:3–12

Saturday - August 18

Weekday

Ez 18:1–10, 13b, 30–32

Mt 19:13–15

Sunday - August 19

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prv 9:1–6 / Eph 5:15–20

Jn 6:51–58

GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, August 12
BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS : Thursday, August 16
PICNIC COMMITTEE MEETING : Tues, August 21, 10 a.m.
BAPTISMAL PREP : Saturday, Sept. 1, 10 a.m.
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 16
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 28

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 John and Rosalie Cimino. They were donated by daughter, Joy Nicosia 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.

PICNIC PLANNING MEETING: There will be a picnic planning meeting on **Tuesday, August 21 at 10:00 a.m.** at the church rectory. Anyone interested in helping to plan the Annual Church Picnic is invited to attend.



PICNIC COOKING: We will be cooking for our annual church picnic on **Thursday, September 6 and Friday, September 7 starting at 7:00 a.m.** To make this another successful picnic we need help in preparation of the food. All help is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED: Anyone interested in donating baked goods for the church picnic is asked to please bring your baked goods to Egypt Memorial Park on **Sunday, September 9 anytime after 9:00 a.m.**



MONEY BASKET: From now thru September 2nd there will be a box in the church vestibule for donations towards our **"Assumption B.V.M. Parishioners' Money Basket"**, which will be raffled off at our annual picnic on Sunday, September 9. All donations are greatly appreciated.

"GIVING SUNDAY": Today, Sunday, August 12, is Giving Sunday. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding, or a jar of peanut butter. Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts.

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.

EVERYDAY HOLINESS: Learning to Hear God Speak.

We often hear about being called to holiness, but what does that look like in practice? How can we learn to hear God speak to us and to distinguish His voice from all the other noise and distractions in our lives? Fr. Daniel Arechabala from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia will discuss this as well as sharing anecdotes from his own faith journey at our next Theology on Tap. The event will take place tomorrow, Monday, August 13 from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Hops at the Paddock (1945 W. Columbia St., Allentown). Event is free of charge. Food and beverage can be purchased from the menu. Contact Alexa Smith, asmith@allentowndiocese.org for more information.

PARISH PICNIC NEWS

"BIG BUCKS": We are counting on you to either purchase or sell the four "Big Bucks" tickets which were mailed to you in June. Also, please consider selling additional tickets, which are available at the rectory.

"WINE, LIQUOR": In the past one of our most successful items at the Parish Picnic has been the WINE/LIQUOR stand. We have been fortunate in receiving all of these bottles as donations from parishioners. If you can donate bottles for this stand, it would be greatly appreciated! Kindly drop the bottles off at the rectory.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Letters were mailed in June asking for your help for our picnic. We need workers, donations of wine/liquor, baked goods, and/or monetary contributions. Please respond to our volunteer and donation form as soon as possible. Youth (Grades 8-12) are you looking for community service hours? Come and help out at our parish picnic!

ADVANCE PICNIC TICKET SALES before all Masses the weekends of: **August 11/12, August 18/19, August 25/26 and September 1/2.** Pay **\$10.00** and receive **\$12.00** worth of tickets.



CYO FALL SPORTS: Registration for CYO Fall Sports – Cross Country: K-8th grade Co-Ed \$50; Girls Volleyball: 5th – 8th grade \$60. Please visit our new website to complete your online registration/payment for CYO Fall Sports at <http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/default.aspx?portalid=21527> or contact Dave Sweetana at sweetana98@gmail.com with any questions.

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