

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 3:30 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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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Sep. 10, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†John and Irene Miklos	Monica and Family
Sep. 11, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†James Arnst	Bennett Family
Sep. 12, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Fred Hurban	Family
Sep. 13, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†John Pavlick	Mike and Jean Konidas
Sep. 14, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†James Kovacs	Walter and Lorraine Hafer
Sep. 15, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Elizabeth Niderostek	Elizabeth Strongowski
Sep. 16, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Plata	Sisters
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Sep. 15, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	L. Assante	N. Bischof/A. Niderostek	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Sep. 16, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll	J. Ciecko	N. Millan/L. Fusco	G. Farkas/L. Gehringer
10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger	M. Sommer	J. Bobko/G. Heidecker	A. Fry/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Mary Kovach requested by Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Great Great Grandchild.

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

Good News!

September 9, 2018

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

The book of James is one of the hardest hitting in the New Testament. He is a tell-it-like-it-is apostle, warning the early Church not to show partiality to the rich and powerful. This is always a danger, especially in a Church that relies on donations. While gratitude to donors is understandable and proper, it's easy for gratitude to become preference, partiality, and a different moral standard. James warns the Church against this.

Jesus warns us, too. He talks about inviting the poor to a party rather than those who can repay us. He tells us that when we give, that the left hand not know what the right is doing. He warns the rich that the path to heaven is narrow.

Jesus' call to salvation was for all, but his pastoral focus was certainly with the poor. So he dedicated much of his time reaching out to those who could give nothing in return: the blind, deaf, lame, and lepers. And his attention didn't stop at the materially poor but extended to sinners and those thought to be impure.

This love for the weak was a sign of the Messiah as proclaimed by many prophets, including Isaiah. The Anointed of God would come to vindicate the poor, orphaned, widowed, sick, and oppressed.

Jesus did exactly that, and it was this solicitude and miraculous power that began convincing Galileans, and eventually those in Jerusalem, that he was the long-awaited One. Pope Francis said he longed for a Church of the poor, for the poor. It seems Jesus did, too.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday - September 10

Weekday

1 Cor 5:1-8 / Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday - September 11

Weekday

1 Cor 6:1-11

Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday - September 12

Weekday

1 Cor 7:25-31

Lk 6:20-26

Thursday - September 13

St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13

Lk 6:27-38

Friday - September 14

Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Nm 21:4b-9

Phil 2:6-11 / Jn 3:13-17

Saturday - September 15

Our Lady of Sorrows

1 Cor 10:14-22

Jn 19:25-27

Sunday - September 16

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50:5-9a

Jas 2:14-18 / Mk 8:27-35

PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, September 9
ADORATION : Sat., Sept. 15, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 16
ADORATION : Friday, Oct. 5, after Mass
BAPTISMAL PREP : Saturday, Oct. 6, 10 a.m.
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.**

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: We invite all to participate in a Day of Prayer and Reparation which will be held here at Assumption B.V.M., and across the Diocese of Allentown next **Saturday, September 15, the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows.** The church will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. for silent prayer and adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. It will be a day where people are encouraged to make quiet visits to pray for the victims and survivors of sexual abuse and their families. Please join in praying for victims everywhere, and in asking God's grace to help renew and restore our Church.

EMBER DAYS in the Catholic Church have traditionally been observed four times a year at the beginning of each season as days for asking God's blessings and praying in gratitude to God. Since 1966, Catholics have not been required to observe them, however, we may continue to follow them. Our Diocese suggests and asks the faithful to observe the Ember Days associated with the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross this year – September 19, 21 and 22 – as an occasion for prayerful and penitential offering in light of the recent scandal. The days may be observed as days of partial abstinence (i.e. meat at only one meal) and fasting (one principal meal and two smaller meals).

MISSIONARY CO-OP APPEAL 2018: Dear Parishioners, our Annual Mission Co-op Appeal is next weekend, September 15/16. Through the Mission Cooperative Plan we are reminded that our Christian commitment calls us to spread the Good News to the ends of the earth. Let us give our prayer and our financial support to Fr. Starwin from the St. Mary's Industrial Training Institute by generously contributing to the Mission Co-op appeal in next week's 2nd collection. (It's a WIN-WIN situation, because we know that God will surely keep his promise of the "hundred-fold" in return for our own generosity!) Please see the insert in this week's bulletin for more information about the Institute.

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.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS: Back to School Night will be **this Tuesday, September 11 at 6:30 p.m.** in the gym. This is a great opportunity for you to meet the dedicated faculty and staff that work hard to give your children an excellent Catholic education. Save the Date: Night at the Races will be November 3, 2018.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of the deceased members of the Hutnick and Lessel Families. They were donated by Eleanor and Suzanne Lessel.

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 FAMILY PICNIC
 SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2018
 EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
 12:00 noon to 7:00 p.m.**

11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass

D.J. 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

The Large Flowerheads - 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Children's Games,
 Basket Raffle and Games of Chance

Holubki, Haluski, Goulash,
 Homemade Pierogies, Kielbasi with Sauerkraut,
 Sausage Sandwiches, Steak Sandwiches,
 Cheese Steak Sandwiches, Turkey BBQ,
 Hamburgers, Cheeseburgers, Hot Dogs,
 Walking Tacos, French Fries

Ice Cream Sandwiches, Ice Cream Cones,
 Polish Water Ice, Popcorn

Home Baked Goods

Birch Beer on Tap, Beer, Wine,
 Soda, Bottled Water, Iced Tea, Coffee

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