

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor
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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-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SEPTEMBER 16, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Sep. 17, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Fred Hurban		Hudock Family
Sep. 18, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Ernest R. Woolever		Daughter, Debra Kay Bennett and Family
Sep. 19, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Grace Capuano		Joe and Debra Kay Bennett
Sep. 20, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Zoj Gegvata		M/M Lek Gegvata
Sep. 21, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†sons and daughters of John and Mary Wanisko		John and Elizabeth Kuchera
Sep. 22, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Ryan Zawada	Parents, Joe and Diane, Brother, Joe, and Sister, Jennifer	
Sep. 23, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Haldeman		Irene Sheckler
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish		

Next Week’s Schedule:

Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Sep. 22, Sat. 4:00 p.m. J. Saylor	B. Kosman	M. Warren/M. Hartman	C. Kovacs/M. Bitenc
Sep. 23, Sun. 8:00 a.m. M. Heist	K. Bennett	J. Confer/C. Confer	B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
10:30 a.m. F. Kosticky	J. Nicosia	S. Kroll/L. Lesisko	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Nancy Kerbacher requested by Joanne and Juliet Manning.

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

Good News!

September 16, 2018
Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 50:5–9a; Jas 2:14–18; Mk 8:27–35

Jesus presents a different way of seeing, hearing, and judging. It takes some getting used to! Peter, as a good friend, wants to protect Jesus from the cross he is announcing. Yet Jesus doesn't want protection from the will of the Father—rather he wants support. He invites Peter to change his mentality.

Jesus knew what was coming; he must suffer and be rejected. Suffering and rejection are not absolute evils. Our goal in life can't be to avoid suffering and to be accepted by everyone. If we pursue good and follow Jesus, we will also experience rejection. When Jesus tells us that following him means taking up our cross, it shouldn't surprise us when a cross is planted in our path with a sign saying, "Pick me up."

In the first reading, the prophet says he opened his ear and didn't rebel. When the consequences of this faith were abuse and rejection, he didn't shield his body and face. He could do so because, like Jesus, he was rooted in love and not fear. He didn't fear their arguments, ideas, and insults. He didn't fear what they could do to his body, for they couldn't touch his soul, his heart, his freedom.

When we know we are loved, and are following what is right, we have a confidence and a strength that the world knows not. It is a different way of seeing, hearing, and judging. It is of a higher order, a deeper source, and brings total peace. And it takes some getting used to!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday - September 17

Weekday
1 Cor 11:17–26, 33
Lk 7:1–10

Tuesday - September 18

Weekday
1 Cor 12:12–14, 27–31a
Lk 7:11–17

Wednesday - September 19

Weekday
1 Cor 12:31–13:13
Lk 7:31–35

Thursday - September 20

Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng Ha-sang, and Companions, Martyrs
1 Cor 15:1–11 / Lk 7:36–50

Friday - September 21

St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13
Mt 9:9–13

Saturday - September 22

Weekday
1 Cor 15:35–37, 42–49
Lk 8:4–15

Sunday - September 23

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wis 2:12, 17–20
Jas 3:16–4:3
Mk 9:30–37

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
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.
BLESSING OF ANIMALS : Sunday, October 7, 11:30 a.m.
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, October 14
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.**

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).



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Ryan Zawada. They were donated by his parents, Diane and Joe, brother, Joseph and sister, Jennifer.

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.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS: In observance of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Assumption BVM Parish will have a Blessing of Animals on the rectory lawn (corner of 22nd Street and Lincoln Avenue) on Sunday, October 7 at 11.30 a.m. After

a brief prayer service the animals will be blessed. Bring your dogs, cats, birds and other pets to this celebration. Please make sure that animals are leashed or caged for their safety.

DO YOU CROCHET OR KNIT? Would you be interested in sharing your talents with parishioners who could use our prayers and a comforting shawl? Whether you're an accomplished crafter or just a beginner, there are patterns available for your skill level. If you would like to be part of a prayer shawl ministry, please contact Mary LaBianca at 610-502-0160. The meetings are held on the 3rd Tuesdays of the month starting this Tuesday, September 18 at 10:00 a.m. in one of the religious education classrooms above the church.



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.

"CARE NOTES": Please check the "Care Notes" rack in the back of the church for helpful pamphlets in dealing with the loss of a loved one.

Thank you!

WHAT WEATHER! Wet Weather! Despite the clouds and the rain and the wind, our Parish Picnic was a success once again, due to the many people of the parish who spent so much of their time, talents, and treasures to make and bake, to set up and tear down, to plan and execute, to buy and sell. One parishioner was "ecstatic" at the food sales, considering the weather seemed to be against us. Yet God does answer prayers in mysterious ways, and even though it wasn't prayers for good weather which were answered, surely the steady stream of people throughout the day was heartening to our volunteers who spent so much of themselves to make a success of our annual Parish Picnic. And THOSE prayers indeed were answered! As pastor, I wish to offer my sincere thanks and appreciation to all our volunteers and our 'picnic committee' who contributed to the success of the day! Thank you, thank you, thank you!

A special thank you to all our sponsors especially: **MacArthur Family Medicine – Dr. Joseph Ciecko, Bernice and Louis Tepes - Tepes Construction Company and Tim Tepes - Assist 2 Sell** for sponsoring our music - "The Large Flowerheads".

Anthony J. Czonstka – Plumbing and Heating, Northampton Self Serve Car Wash - Jack and Iona Harhart, Tim and Angie Livengood, Reichel Funeral Home, Northampton – Kevin Reichel; Kathy and Robert Wiswesser for sponsoring the picnic food.

Edward and Denise Hozza for the picnic advertisement insert in the Northampton Press, Whitehall-Coplay Press and Catasauqua Press.

Triple Crown Lawn Care Services - Mike Costello for sponsoring the Picnic Grounds Rental.

Schisler Funeral Home, Inc. for sponsoring our Food and Big Bucks tickets.

Debra Kay and Joe Bennett for sponsoring our Ice Cream Treats.

Tommy Burke Provisions, Inc. for the use of their refrigerated truck and storing the picnic food during the week prior to the picnic.

Ann Fry, Thomas and Regina Krause, John Yurish, for sponsoring the Children's Games.

Msgr. Koons

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