

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons**, Administrator  
**Mr. Eugene M. Flanley**, Deacon  
**Mrs. Karen Glose**, Director of Music  
**Mrs. Mary LaBianca**, Adult Choir Director  
**Mr. John-Paul Crescenzo, M.Ed.**, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School  
**Mrs. Linda Santucci**, Coordinator of Religious Education  
**Ms. Joanne Manning**, Parish Secretary  
**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 2:45 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	Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....	610-262-8428	Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....		484-540-5090
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ministry to the Sick	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Bible Study	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Parish Family Picnic	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
CYO	Tim Gribb .....	610-762-9072	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
Ecumenical Rep.	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	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.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	484-226-0188	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 21, 2017

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

May 22, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†David Plata	John and Marie Bolcar
May 23, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†William Birosik	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
May 24, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Richard Brinker	John Hudicka
May 25, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
May 26, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Andrew B. Nederostek	Daughter, Betty, and Family
May 27, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†John Mraz	Wife, Marion
May 28, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Lawra, Fransisco and Pasqualino Iamaheo	Rossini Family

## Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
May 24, Wed. 7:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	J. Nicosia	M. Warren/J. Warren	J. Haldeman/C. Marano
May 25, Thu. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	Deacon Gene		B. Cwitkowitz/M. A. Weaver
May 27, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	C. Wuchter	D. Bassert/E. Ossiander	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
May 28, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	Deacon Gene	E. Confer/C. Confer/J. Confer	A. Fry/V. Hall
	10:30 a.m. K. Stayt	Deacon Gene	A. Nemeth/A. Miletics/G. Miletics	E. Lessel/L. Shaak

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of George and Mary Stefaniak requested by Daughter, Linda.

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

## dear Padre:

*We are often encouraged to invite non-Catholic friends to Mass, but is it also OK to visit their churches on Sunday?*

It is good to invite friends to our Church and share our faith with others. We don't even have to invite or share as a way to convert. We can simply teach others about our Catholic faith. It is especially appropriate at a special celebration, a first Communion, a wedding, or a funeral. You can visit your friends' churches on Sundays or for special occasions in the same vein. It's good to learn about other religions and support our friends in their faith life.

However, as Catholics we also have an obligation to attend Mass every Sunday. Going to another church for a Sunday service is not the same as participating in the Mass, so it would not fulfill that Sunday obligation. Additionally, you won't be able to receive Communion in most other churches, just as your friends can't receive Communion in the Catholic Church.

So if you go to another service on a Sunday, make sure you also attend Mass. Many churches may have the same readings or similar rituals, but as Catholics we need to be nourished weekly through the celebration of the Eucharist.

A few churches believe what we believe about the Eucharist, and they will be listed in most missalettes. If you were to attend one of these churches, it would fulfill your Sunday obligation. For more information from the Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, do an Internet search for *Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms of Ecumenism*, and see paragraph 123. It's on the website [Vatican.va](http://Vatican.va).

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## Calendar:

### Monday - May 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:11-15

Jn 15:26-16:4a

### Tuesday - May 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:22-34

Jn 16:5-11

### Wednesday - May 24

Easter Weekday

Acts 17:15, 22-18:1

Jn 16:12-15

### Thursday - May 25

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:1-8

Jn 16:16-20

### Friday - May 26

St. Philip Neri, Priest

Acts 18:9-18

Jn 16:20-23

### Saturday - May 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 18:23-28

Jn 16:23b-28

### Sunday - May 28

Seventh Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:12-14

1 Pt 4:13-16

Jn 17:1-11a

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., June 3, 10:00 a.m.  
**GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, June 11  
**IRON PIGS GAME** : Tuesday, August 8  
**CHURCH PICNIC** : Sunday, September 10  
**PREP CLASSES RESUME** : Sunday, September 17  
**BLESSING OF ANIMALS** : Sunday, October 1 at 12 noon  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, October 22



**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** We are grateful to all who pledged their support this weekend to the 2017 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL. Your gift will allow our diocese to meet the many and varied needs of the people of this diocese. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you did not take the opportunity to

make your gift, you may do so at any time over the next few weeks by placing your pledge form in the collection basket or visiting the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org. Thank you for your support!

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** Thursday, May 25, a Holy Day of Obligation, the Ascension of the Lord. **Masses will be celebrated** on Wednesday, May 24, at 7:00 p.m. and on Thursday, May 25, at 8:00 a.m. **Please note: The rectory office will be closed on Thursday.**



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Lauren Geosits. They were donated by her Aunt Sharon, Uncle Jerry and Aunt Carol.

**NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME:** Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Tuesday, August 8** on the Party Porch, 1<sup>st</sup> 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 Saturday, 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).



**PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS.** We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 4 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 5 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.

**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 25, 26 and 27 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.

**QUEENSHIP OF MARY CHURCH,** Northampton, will have its parish festival on Saturday, June 10 5:00-9:00 p.m.; Sunday, June 11, on the church grounds from 12 noon-7 p.m. There will be plenty of food, a bake sale, children's games, a cash raffle, basket raffle and bingo. "Peter Johann Band" will play on Saturday night and "The Josef Kroboth Orchestra" will play on Sunday. All are welcome to attend!



**BAND CONCERT SCHEDULE:** The Borough of Northampton wishes to announce the band concert schedule at various Borough locations for the 2017 summer season. Concert schedule is as follows: "Comfort Band" at 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Lincoln Avenue on June 7 at 6:30 p.m.; "Celtic Adventure" at 18<sup>th</sup> Street and Lincoln Avenue on June 14 at 6:30 p.m.; "Emil Schanta Polka Band" at Canal Street Gazebo on June 21 at 6:30 p.m.; "Steve Brosky & Jim Meyer Duo" at Canal Street Gazebo on July 5 at 6:30 p.m.; "Kilts in the Park" at Municipal Park, Laubach Avenue on August 12 at 2:30 p.m. The concerts are free to the public. Individuals interested in attending the concerts are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

**Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic  
 Sunday, September 10, 2017**

**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 Pennsylvania Villagers"  
 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.**

**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.

**YARD SALE:** Boy Scout Troop 79 will hold their Annual Yard Sale on Saturday, June 10 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church in Stiles. Cost is \$15 per table. Contact Robin at 610-440-1619 to reserve your table.

**MERCY SCHOOL FOR SPECIAL LEARNING** is currently accepting enrollment for our integrated pre-school program (ages 3 – 5) for the 2017-2018 school year. Mercy offers both full-time (8:30 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.) & part-time (8:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.) options in our pre-school. Our comprehensive program develops skills of readiness in early academics (ABCs & 123s), self-help and social interaction. All classroom activities are geared to your child's developmental standpoint. The children thrive in our nurturing environment while learning healthy attitudes of acceptance and developing friendships. Visit our website at [www.mercyschool.org](http://www.mercyschool.org), call 610-797-8242 or email [school@mercyspeciallearning.org](mailto:school@mercyspeciallearning.org) for more information or to schedule an appointment.

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