

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons, Administrator
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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.
 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:00 a.m.
 Wednesday 7:00 p.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.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
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.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	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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PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

MARCH 25, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Mar. 26, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Stephen Serensits	Frank and Elaine Serensits and Family
Mar. 27, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Vincent Rodick	Sister, Rita Pavlick, and Family
Mar. 28, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Michael James Janis	Janis Family
Mar. 29, Thursday	7:00 p.m.	HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER	
Mar. 30, Friday	3:00 p.m.	GOOD FRIDAY - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION	
Mar. 31, Saturday	8:00 p.m.	HOLY SATURDAY - SOLEMN VIGIL OF EASTER - †Rev. Francis Straka Josh & Nick Millan	
Apr. 01, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	EASTER SUNDAY MASS – Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	EASTER SUNDAY MASS - †Frank Geosits Hilda Pany	

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Mar. 29, Thu. 7:00 p.m.	C. Kroll	L. Santucci/D. Maron/C. Wuchter	S. Kroll/M. Thierer/A. Miletics/G. Miletics	M. Bitenc/L. Stefaniak
Mar. 30, Fri. 3:00 p.m.	M. Heist	B. Fritz	J. Warren/M. Warren	J. Haldeman/N. Birosik
	Voice: C. Marth			
Mar. 31, Sat. 8:00 p.m.	M. Schwartz	C. Walsh/C. Marth	D. Bassert/N. Millan/M. Warren/G. Heidecker	L. Stefaniak/V. Hall
	Readers: E. Hozza/P. Madea		Candles:	M. Bitenc/B. Skweir
Apr. 01, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	A. Molchany	K. Bennett/N. Birosik/F. Cerino	J. Confer/C. Confer/E. Confer	G. Farkas/J. Haldeman
	10:30 a.m. J. Santee	D. Maron/T. Melosky/M. Sommer	K. Lesisko/L. Lesisko	A. Fry/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in honor of and for the safety of the young men and women of our military.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Al Makovsky, Cecilia Kish, mother of Mary Ellen Zastko, and John Cowitch, father of George Cowitch, who died recently.

dear Padre:

Was the Mother of Jesus at the foot of the cross?

In John's Gospel the Mother of Jesus, his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene stood "by the cross" (19:25). Moreover, Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing by and spoke to them (19:26-27).

In Mark's Gospel, among "the many other women" watching the crucifixion from a distance were "Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James the younger and of Joses, and Salome" (15:40).

Luke simply records that "all his acquaintances stood at a distance, including the women who had followed him from Galilee and saw these events" (23:49). But he mentions three women by name who visited the tomb: Mary Magdalene, Joanna, and Mary the mother of James (24:10).

Matthew also has "many women" looking on from a distance. Among them are "Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of Zebedee's sons" (27:56).

Only John records the presence of Jesus' mother and "Mary the wife of Clopas," who is believed to differ from Mary, the mother of James the younger and Joses, and Mary, the mother of James and Joseph. Mary Magdalene is cited in all four Gospels.

"By the cross" or "at a distance" may indicate the location allowed for spectators at a crucifixion. However, it is possible that at some point they were permitted to approach the foot of the cross, as depicted sometimes in artworks.

Fr. Byron Miller, CSSR

Calendar:

Monday – March 26

Holy Weekday

Is 42:1-7

Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday – March 27

Holy Weekday

Is 49:1-6

Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday – March 28

Holy Weekday

Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25

Thursday – March 29

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14

1 Cor 11:23-26

Jn 13:1-15

Friday - March 30

Good Friday

Is 52:13-53:12

Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday – March 31

Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1-2:2 / Gn 22:1-18

Ex 14:15-15:1 / Is 54:5-14

Is 55:1-11 / Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4

Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28

Rom 6:3-11 / Mk 16:1-7

Sunday – April 1

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4

Jn 20:1-9

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS : Wednesday, after 7 p.m. Mass
BLESSING OF FOOD : Sat., March 31, 12:00 noon
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., April 7, 2018
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, April 8, 2018
FIRST EUCHARIST : Saturday, April 14, 10:00 a.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING : Tues., April 17, 10 a.m.
BREAKFAST : Sunday, April 22
BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS : Thursday, August 16, 2018
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9, 2018

This week is the holiest week of the year for all of Christianity. In our celebration of the Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday—we celebrate the most solemn liturgies of the year. We celebrate our Lord’s journey from the Last Supper to The Cross to The Grave to His Glorious Resurrection. Please make every effort to participate in the Liturgies of Holy Week! It is an opportunity to grow closer to our Lord in our journey of faith.

CONFESSIONS: Monday, March 26, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, March 28, 6:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Wednesday, March 28 after the 7:00 p.m. Mass.

BLESSING OF FOOD: Baskets containing Easter foods may be brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday, March 31 at 12:00 noon. All are welcome.

PLEASE NOTE: The rectory office will be closed Holy Thursday, March 29, thru Easter Tuesday, April 3, for Holy Week and Easter. The rectory office will reopen Wednesday, April 4.

LENTEN REGULATIONS: You are reminded that **Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.** All Catholics 18-59 are bound to limit themselves to one full meatless meal and avoid food between meals.

OPERATION RICE BOWL: This week’s menu: Sliced Apple with Chunky Peanut Butter, Vanilla Pudding OR Egg Salad on Rye Bread, Purple Grapes.

HOLY LAND COLLECTION: On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines. There is an envelope in your packet for this special collection.

NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME: Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Thursday, August 16** on the Party Porch, 1st 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 Sunday, 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). Please make checks payable to the church.



DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER: We will begin decorating the church for Easter Sunday on Good Friday, March 30, after the 3:00 p.m. services. Anyone wishing to help, your assistance would be appreciated.

SLOVAK KOLACH SALE: Your Easter Season Slovak Kolach orders will be ready for pickup **this weekend, Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25** in the church social hall.

FIRST EUCHARIST: There will be practice for First Eucharist on Monday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. **All children and parent(s) must attend.**

BAPTISM: We are happy to welcome Elliana Grace Farr, child of Zachary and Christi Farr, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Elliana Grace as she continues to grow in our faith.

“DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY”: On Sunday, April 8, our Hospitality Committee will be hosting “Donut/Giving Sunday”. Join us after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses for coffee, donuts and fellowship in our social hall. **Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, jars of peanut butter, boxes of Jell-O or pudding.** Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. This month’s coffee and donuts are being donated by Joy and Sal Nicosia in memory of their son, James Nicosia.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS POPPY

DRIVE: The Catholic War Veterans of Post 454, Northampton, will conduct their Annual Poppy Drive at all Masses next weekend, April 7/8. Your donations benefit hospitalized veterans at the VA Medical Centers in Wilkes Barre and other local CWV sponsored community functions. These include poster contests, a spelling bee, and tuition assistance for elementary school children attending Diocesan Catholic School. We thank you in advance for your generosity! Catholic Veterans (men and women) interested in joining CWV Post 454 may request a membership application from any of our members during the Poppy Drive, or call our Post Commander – Joan Glover at 610-349-7791 for more information.

SAVE ALUMINUM PULLTABS – Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

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.

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Holy Week 2018
Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish
Northampton, PA

Palm Sunday

Masses with the Blessing of Palm: Saturday, March 24, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 25, 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.

Mass - Monday, March 26	8:00 a.m.
Confessions – Monday, March 26	6:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Mass - Tuesday, March 27	8:00 a.m.
Confessions – Wednesday, March 28	6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.
Mass - Wednesday, March 28	7:00 p.m.
Stations of the Cross - Wednesday, March 28	following the 7:00 p.m. Mass

Holy Thursday
March 29, 2018

Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 p.m.
Adoration	8:00 – 10:45 p.m.
Night Prayer	10:45 p.m.

Good Friday
March 30, 2018

Service of the Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion **3:00 p.m.**

Holy Saturday
March 31, 2018

Blessing of Food	12:00 Noon
Solemn Vigil of Easter	8:00 p.m. (<u>no 4:00 p.m. Mass</u>)

Solemnity of the Resurrection Easter Sunday
April 1, 2018

Masses **8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.**





BREAKFAST



Sunday, April 22, 2018

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
AT THE DOOR ONLY

ADULTS \$7.00

CHILDREN \$3.00

MENU

French Toast

Pancakes

Scrambled Eggs & Hash Brown

Choice of: Sausage, Bacon or Ham

Omelet your way & Hash Brown

Cheese Steak Omelet & Hash Brown

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea