

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			

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

July 23, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael Cesanek, Jr.	Carolyn Yastrzab and Children
July 24, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Special Intentions	Joanne and Juliet Manning
July 25, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Bankos	M/M Marvin Scheicher
July 26, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Anne Ciecko	Ron and Priscilla Koch
July 27, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Richard Zuercher	Alfred Schultzer Family
July 28, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Katherine and Michael Yatsura	Daughter, Dorothy Geosits, and Family
July 29, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Swankoski	Mary Ann Liskanich
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	

Next Week's Schedule:

Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
July 28, Sat. 4:00 p.m. A. Molchany	F. Cerino	N. Bischof/J. Warren	C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
July 29, Sun. 8:00 a.m. T. Kovalchik	K. Bennett	N. Millan/W. Cuchran	B. Cwitkowitz/M. Weaver
10:30 a.m. D. Heckenberger	C. Walsh	G. Miletics/M. Hartman	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Edward Bankos requested by sister, Ann.

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

dear Padre:

My daughter will make her first confession soon. She seems too young to have sinned in any serious way. What is the point of making a child anxious about such things?

Confession, or the sacrament of penance, is not meant to make anyone anxious. In fact, its purpose is just the opposite.

This sacrament provides us the opportunity to reflect on our failures toward God and other people, to express sorrow for those failures, and to be assured of God's forgiveness for them. We shouldn't be too hasty in assuming that young children are unaware of wrongdoing and the need to say, "I'm sorry." Even very young children can be deliberately mean, cruel, or selfish.

Before children experience the sacrament of reconciliation for the first time, they should be able to distinguish between deliberate and accidental actions. (Breaking a plate may be an accident; breaking it over your brother's head is probably deliberate.) They should also be able to express their faults in their own words, and they should have some understanding that their sins affect their relationship with God, who loves them unconditionally but is hurt by their wrong decisions and actions.

In general, children are able to fulfill these conditions between the ages of seven and eight. If a child's moral awareness develops more slowly, parents can request that the reception of the sacrament be postponed.

Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar:

Monday - July 23

Weekday
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8
Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday - July 24

Weekday
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20
Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday - July 25

St. James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28

Thursday - July 26

Sts. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13
Mt 13:10-17

Friday - July 27

Weekday
Jer 3:14-17 / Mt 13:18-23

Saturday - July 28

Weekday
Jer 7:1-11 / Mt 13:24-30

Sunday - July 29

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 4:42-44
Eph 4:1-6
Jn 6:1-15

PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING : Fri., Aug. 3 & Sat., Aug. 4
BAPTISMAL PREP : Saturday, August 4, 10 a.m.
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, August 12
BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS : Thursday, August 16
PICNIC COMMITTEE MEETING : Tues, August 21, 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 Annette Yurish. They were donated by Jake, Ann Marie, Tim and Little Joe.

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.



PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 3 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 4 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.

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.

PARISH FESTIVAL: The Holy Family Parish Festival takes place this year on Friday, July 27 (5-11PM), Saturday, July 28 (5-11PM) and Sunday, July 29 (4-10PM). Thursday, July 26 (5-9PM) is our annual Ethnic Food & Ride Preview Night (no games or bingo on Thursday night only). Join us for great food, music and fun! Saturday is Ride Night. Visit our website for complete information: www.holyfamilynazarethpa.com.



MERCY SCHOOL FOR SPECIAL LEARNING wants a foursome from our parish for their Annual Golf Classic, scheduled for Monday, August 6th at Brookside Country Club in Macungie. Singles also welcome; we will find a foursome for you if necessary! If you can't golf, consider a sponsorship in support of our parish children who are students at Mercy! It's always a great fun, a short distance, and an easy "drive." In fact several priests play each year, and are in charge of the weather! Call Mercy School at 610-797-8242, and ask for Mary, or you can register at www.mercygolfclassic2018.com. Thank you for your support!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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