

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor**  
**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. Susan Parker, Coordinator of Religious Education**  
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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		

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 29, 2018

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

July 30, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Joan Skrapits	M/M Al Janisch
July 31, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Health and Blessing Francesca Gegvata	M/M Lek Gegvata
Aug. 01, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Doug Gable	Tim Tepes
Aug. 02, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Aug. 03, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Family and friends of Katherine Benarcik	
Aug. 04, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Geraldine Seko	Daughter, Mary Jane, and Family
Aug. 05, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Thomas Marakovits	Wife, Ruth

### Next Week's Schedule:

Aug. 04, Sat. 4:00 p.m. J. Saylor  
Aug. 05, Sun. 8:00 a.m. J. Santee  
10:30 a.m. D. Hozza

### Lector:

### Euch. Min.:

L. Kosciolk  
N. Birosik  
D. Maron

### Altar Servers:

A. Niderostek/M. Warren  
K. Cuchran/L. Lesisko  
L. Fusco/S. Kroll

### Greeters:

L. Bet/P. Schuler  
N. Birosik/D. Cesanek  
H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Robert Haldeman requested by Family.

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

# dear Padre:

***What is the "gospel of prosperity?" I heard a televangelist say it's the Lord's will that all people have cars in the driveway and money in the bank.***

If there is a "gospel of prosperity," Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John didn't write it, and it isn't about Jesus. If anything, the Gospels would be called "Gospels of poverty." Jesus himself was born in poverty. Had he wished to extol riches and prosperity, he could have been born into the lap of luxury. But God chose the poverty of a stable and not well-to-do parents.

Although the subject of riches and poverty appears in all the Gospels, Luke deals with it the most. It is thought that Luke was concerned because he was of, and dealt with, people of means. Luke sees money and goods as dangerous to salvation. Although "nothing will be impossible with God" (1:37), Luke uses the image of a camel passing through the eye of a needle (18:25). It's easier for that to happen than for a rich person to enter the kingdom. Scary words.

Yet, poverty itself is not hailed as good, nor are riches condemned in themselves. It's what wealth does to people—why they accumulate it. When we focus on riches and possessions, we risk turning from God, growing deaf to the cries of the poor. Possessions and wealth are to be shared, not hoarded.

It sounds like the televangelist may have written the so-called "gospel of prosperity" himself, perhaps justifying his own gains. I hope not, because getting rich off the message of Christ is also contrary to the gospel.

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# Calendar:

## Monday - July 30

*Weekday*

Jer 13:1–11

Mt 13:31–35

## Tuesday - July 31

*St. Ignatius of Loyola, Priest*

Jer 14:7–22

Mt 13:36–43

## Wednesday - August 1

*St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Jer 15:10, 16–21

Mt 13:44–46

## Thursday - August 2

*Weekday*

Jer 18:1–6 / Mt 13:47–53

## Friday - August 3

*Weekday*

Jer 26:1–9 / Mt 13:54–58

## Saturday - August 4

*St. John Vianney, Priest*

Jer 26:11–16, 24

Mt 14:1–12

## Sunday - August 5

*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Ex 16:2–4, 12–15

Eph 4:17, 20–24

Jn 6:24–35

**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 in church this week are in memory of Edward and Mary Bankos. They were donated by their daughter, Ann Fry.

**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 **this 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.

**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.

**BAKED GOODS NEEDED:** Anyone interested in donating baked goods for the church picnic is asked to please bring your baked goods to Egypt Memorial Park on **Sunday, September 9 anytime after 9:00 a.m.**

**PICNIC COOKING:** We will be cooking for our annual church picnic on **Thursday, September 6 and Friday, September 7 starting at 7:00 a.m.** To make this another successful picnic we need help in preparation of the food. All help is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Thank you in advance for your help.

**2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** As of July 24 our parishioners have raised \$39,062.18 from 186 parishioners. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal of \$42,548.30. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal and to reach the 100% participation goal. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online.

**MONEY BASKET:** From August 4<sup>th</sup> thru September 2<sup>nd</sup> there will be a box in the church vestibule for donations towards our **"Assumption B.V.M. Parishioners' Money Basket"**, which will be raffled off at our annual picnic on Sunday, September 9. All donations are greatly appreciated.



**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:** We invite and encourage you to participate in the offertory procession at Mass. This is especially appropriate if you have requested the Mass, or if the Mass is being offered for a family member or friend. If you would like to present the gifts, please see one of the greeters at least fifteen minutes before Mass begins.

**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.

**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.

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