

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARYCHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA, 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 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 Fr. Straka 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	Fr. Straka.....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	Fr. Straka.....610-262-2559
Bible Study	Fr. Straka.....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	Fr. Straka.....610-262-2559
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....610-262-3193	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....610-502-1280
CYO	Tim Gribb610-762-9072	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....610-428-9053
Ecumenical Rep.	Fr. Straka610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Fr. Straka610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Fr. Straka.....610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....610-262-3193	RCIA	Fr. Straka.....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.....610-262-9012	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...610-760-9491

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 31, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Aug. 01, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Doug Gable	Tim Tepes
Aug. 02, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†William Ifkovits	Joseph Bukovits
Aug. 03, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Nicki and Gene Savelli	Rossini Family
Aug. 04 Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†William Birosik	Ron and Jean Porotosky
Aug. 05, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Nello Rossini	Rossini Family
Aug. 06, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Geraldine Seko	Daughter, Mary Jane and Paul Kovach
Aug. 07, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Anna and Peter Demchyk	Children

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Aug. 06, Sat.	4:00 p.m. C. Fisher	C. Marth/C. Wuchter/P. Kovach	E. Meister/E. Ossiander	M. Mraz/P. Schuler
Aug. 07, Sun.	8:00 a.m. C. Kroll	J. Ciecko/R. Spengler/K. Bennett	J., C. & E. Confer	N. Birosik/D. Cesanek/G. Farkas
	10:30 a.m. D. Hozza	R. Shearman/J. Nicosia/L. Santucci	M. Cuchran/C. Cuchran	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Helen Filipovits requested by Steve Marsch.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Helen Swankoski who died recently.

dear Padre:

Making restitution

My wife and I belonged to an evangelical fellowship and sent our children to their Christian day school. Our tuition discount required that we tithe, but we never did. When we returned to the Catholic Church and I confessed this sin, I was told to make restitution. I don't remember the tuition rates or our income at the time. I want to do this penance but not be legalistic about it.

The Seventh Commandment — You shall not steal — “requires respect for the universal destination of goods and respect for the right to private property” (Exodus 20:15; CCC 2401). The virtue of justice empowers us “to preserve our neighbor's rights and render him what is his due,” including “the restitution of stolen goods to their owner... in proportion to their responsibility and to their share of what was stolen” (CCC 2407, 2412).

I'm glad you are restoring any injustice you were responsible for. Catholic moral teaching requires that we be as exact as possible in making restitution but also recognizes that determining an exact amount is sometimes impossible. In these cases, we should simply make the best estimate we can, return that amount, and be at peace. Your willingness and desire to be generous are praiseworthy. Like Zacchaeus, the tax collector who made restitution upon encountering Jesus, I'm sure the Lord will be pleased with your effort (Luke 19:1-10).

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*St. Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church*
Jer 28:1-17 / Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday - August 2
Weekday
Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22
Mt 14:22-36

Wednesday - August 3
Weekday
Jer 31:1-7 / Mt 15:21-28

Thursday - August 4
St. John Vianney, Priest
Jer 31:31-34
Mt 16:13-23

Friday - August 5
Weekday
Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7
Mt 16:24-28

Saturday - August 6
Transfiguration of the Lord
Dn 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Pt 1:16-19 / Lk 9:28b-36

Sunday - August 7
*Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary
Time*
Wis 18:6-9
Heb 11:1-2, 8-19
Lk 12:32-48

Calendar:

Monday - August 1

PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING : Fri., Aug. 5 & Sat., Aug. 6
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., August 6, 10:00 a.m.
GIVING SUNDAY : Sun., August 14
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 11, 2016
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 18
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 30, 2016
CONFIRMATION : Wed., March 8, 2017

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 M/M Joseph Seko and M/M Paul Kovach, Sr. They were donated by the Paul and Mary Jane Kovach.



PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic **this Friday, August 5 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 6 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.**

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: There will be a Holy Hour and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Queenship of Mary Church on **Sunday, August 14 at 3:00 p.m.** Msgr. Daniel Yenushovsky, Pastor of Holy Trinity Church, Egypt, will give the reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. All are welcome.

NOW ENROLLING: Good Shepherd Catholic School is enrolling students for the 2016-2017 School Year. Full day Kindergarten through Grade 8 with limited openings in the Pre-K programs. Please call the school office at 610-262-9171 for a personalized tour with information about an exceptional academic and faith based education!

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 26, 27 and 28 for their Malvern retreat. To learn more, call Jack Harhart 610-262-8123 (or email jharhart@yahoo.com) or Richard Cuth 610-262-8045.



2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: As of July 25, our parishioners have raised \$35,839.00 from 181 parishioners. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal of \$41,737.00. 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. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.

GARAGE SALE: Queenship of Mary Catholic Church will have its annual "Garage Sale" **next Saturday, August 6 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in the Queenship of Mary Social Hall, 1324 Newport Avenue. The entrance to the hall is in the rear of the church, off Stewart Street. Food will be available for purchase. For more information please call 610-262-2227.

SAINT PETER CHURCH, 5th Street, Coplay will hold their 62ND Annual Parish Picnic and Homecoming **next Sunday, August 7.** The event begins at 12:00 Noon and concludes at 10:00 p.m. The "Schanta Band", from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and "Flirting With the Mob Band" from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. will provide the music. Homemade foods will be available for purchase. All are welcome! The Polka Mass is scheduled on Sunday, August 7 at 10:30 a.m. The Schanta Band will play.



YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on Tuesday, August 30 Northampton Borough Park. Bus trip: **Atlantic City Air Show, Wednesday, August 17.** Bus leaves at 10:00 a.m. **Cost: \$30 with a \$25 rebate for Resorts Casino.** If interested, please call Anna Hudock at 610-262-3478.

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.

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/church service hours? Come and help out at our parish picnic!

ADVANCE PICNIC TICKET SALES before and after all Masses the weekends of: **August 6/7, August 13/14, August 20/21 and August 27/28.** Pay **\$10.00** and receive **\$12.00** worth of tickets.

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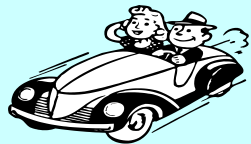
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ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass
Bingo - 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
The Pennsylvania Villagers - 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Children's Games,
Basket Raffle and Games of Chance



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