

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, Director of Religious Education
Ms. Joanne Manning, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger, Youth Activities
 Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School

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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 3:30 p.m.
 or by request

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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SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 24, 2019

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 25, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Jackie Gallo	Bernadette and Joseph Rogers
Feb. 26, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Higgins	Lou and Diane Yurasits
Feb. 27, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Virginia Plata	Sisters
Feb. 28, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Clare Bennett	Son, Joseph and Family
Mar. 01, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Minnie Preisler	Daughter, Mary Ann Holmes and Family
Mar. 02, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Poandl	Family
Mar. 03, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Haldeman	Jacob and Marie Sypherd
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Mar. 02, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	L. Assante	M. Hartman/N. Bischof	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Mar. 03, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	K. Bennett	S. Kroll	G. Farkas/L. Gehringer
10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt	D. Maron	J. Bobko/A. Miletics	A. Fry/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Louise Kotoris requested by daughter, Nikki.

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

Good News!

February 24, 2019

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

Arturo Mari, the photographer who followed St. John Paul II from the first to the last day of his pontificate, was once asked which of the millions of photos he took of the pope captured him best. He cited the ones of the pope holding his crozier, resting his head on it as he prayed during so many Masses around the world. This silver pastoral cross accompanied St. John Paul everywhere and was his constant companion in all of his sufferings.

It shows Jesus hanging from a cross that is literally bowing under the weight of his body. You can feel the pull of gravity drawing the victim down in desperation. The photos show St. John Paul resting his forehead on the back of the cross, lost in prayer.

The papal photographer said this image more than any other summed up the pontiff because, before becoming a public figure who changed world history, he was a man of prayer, deeply loving Jesus. He was a man immersed in prayer who spent hours on his knees in order to have the strength to stand with and for those who most needed him.

This is a lesson for us. In order to live the beatitudes, we need to lean on Jesus and find our strength in him. Resting ourselves on the empty side of the crucifix is the best place to learn to love like him and be strong like him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – February 25

Weekday

Sir 1:1-10

Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday – February 26

Weekday

Sir 2:1-11

Mt 9:30-37

Wednesday – February 27

Weekday

Sir 4:11-19

Mk 9:38-40

Thursday – February 28

Weekday

Sir 5:1-8

Mk 9:41-50

Friday – March 1

Weekday

Sir 6:5-17

Mk 10:1-12

Saturday – March 2

Weekday

Sir 17:1-15

Mk 10:13-16

Sunday – March 3

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 27:4-7

1 Cor 15:54-58

Lk 6:39-45

Rel. Ed. Classes : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.
Prayer Shawl Meeting : 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
7th & 8th Grade Rel. Ed. : Wednesdays, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Breakfast : Sunday, February 24
Healing Our Church : Tues., March 5, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Baptismal Preparation Class: Wed., March 6, 5:30 p.m.
Healing Our Church : Thu., March 7, 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Donut/Giving Sunday : Sunday, March 10
Confirmation : Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.
BVM Night – Iron Pigs : Thursday, August 22, 2019



YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be this Tuesday, February 26, in the church social hall. Bus Trip: Mohegan Sun Casino on Thursday, February 28. You do not have to be a member to come along. For tickets please call Louise at 610-262-6308 or Bella at 610-262-2673.



LENTEN FISH DINNER: St. John Fisher Church will be hosting a Fish Dinner on Friday, March 8 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The platter includes: breaded haddock, choice of parsley potatoes or halusky, cream cabbage, corn, applesauce, dessert and beverage. Cost is **Adults: \$10.00 (\$12.00 at the door), Children (ages 5 to 10): \$5.00.** For advance tickets please call Joanne at B.V.M. Rectory 610-262-2559 or Annette Englert at 610-264-4758. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of David Liskanich:** \$200 Liskanich and Graff Families.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of the deceased members of the Hutnick and Lessel Families. They were donated by Eleanor and Suzanne Lessel.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS: Are you looking for a challenging academic core curriculum which also maintains subjects like art, music, physical education, foreign language, and technology? Register now for the 2019-2020 school year at Good Shepherd Catholic School. We have teachers and staff who lead us in the rich traditions of hard work, responsibility, virtues, and faith in God. Our school's philosophy is "**Shepherding in Faith, Inspiring in Education, and Learning for Life.**" There are over 200 students in Preschool through 8th grade! The success rate of a quality Catholic school education is amazing in the Diocese of Allentown...97% of students in our Catholic high schools go on to attend college. Please call Victoria Frystack, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 to schedule your tour now!

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP: To prepare our cemetery (and mausoleum) for spring and the Easter holiday you are asked to please remove your Christmas plants and decorations **by Sunday, March 10.** Any Christmas decorations left on the graves or at the mausoleum after this date will be discarded. If you know of any non-parishioners having graves or crypts on our cemetery, please pass along this information.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **today, Sunday, February 24.** Please support this fund raising effort of the parish and enjoy a hearty, homemade breakfast with your friends. Menu includes: French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs, omelet or cheese steak omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.**



NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME: Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Thursday, August 22** 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. **Deadline for reservations is Monday, 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.

ANNUAL SPRING SALE: The Ladies Auxiliary for Holy Family Manor are happy to announce their Annual Spring Sale!! Join us on April 14 between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Manor lobby to purchase your Easter flowers, beautiful jewelry and Father Tony's delicious handmade chocolate treats. Father Tony's chocolate Easter Bunnies sell out every year so be sure to stop by early! All proceeds will benefit our resident's needs at Holy Family Manor. Thank you and God Bless.

ST. PETER PARISH MISSION: Saint Peter Parish, in Coplay, is hosting a Parish Mission Sunday through Tuesday, the 10, 11 and 12 of March at 6:30 p.m. Father Vincent Fortunato, a Franciscan Capuchin Friar, an inspiring and engaging preacher, will conduct the Mission. We extend an invitation to our surrounding parishes to attend. All are Welcome.

"CARE NOTES": Please check the "Care Notes" rack in the back of the church for helpful pamphlets in dealing with the loss of a loved one.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS: Sacred Heart of Jesus and Knights of Columbus 14464 will be having a Lenten Fish Dinner on three Fridays during lent: March 8, March 22 and April 5. We have soup, salad, Battered white fish, Stuffed Flounder, Macaroni & Cheese, Tater Tots and desserts. It will be in our Church auditorium at 117 Washington Street, Bath, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Adults \$11.00, Stuffed Flounder \$14.00, Children 6-12 \$6.00, under Age 6 is Free.

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PLEASE NOTE: The Annual Assumption B.V.M. Church Picnic will be held next year on **Sunday, September 8th, at Egypt Memorial Park.** Please mark your calendars.



SIGN – UP FOR SMALL DISCUSSION GROUPS

Tuesdays: 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm starting March 5th

Tuesdays: March 5th, March 12th, March 19th, March 26th, April 2nd, April 9th

Thursdays: 8:30 am – 10:00 am starting March 7th

Thursdays: March 7th, March 14th, March 21st, March 28th, April 4th, April 11th

Books need to be ordered, so please sign-up as soon as possible.

To sign-up, please use one of the following methods:

- A. Go to www.allentowndiocese.org, click on “Catholic Life” then “Healing Our Church” then “Click here to register icon”, select ASSUMPTION BVM NORTHAMPTON TUESDAYS or ASSUMPTION BVM NORTHAMPTON THURSDAYS in the “parish” drop-down menu at the bottom of the web-page.
- B. Call the parish rectory: 610-262-2559. If no answer, leave your name, phone number, and the DAY you want to attend, either Tuesdays or Thursdays.
- C. Send an email with your name, phone number and the DAY you want to attend, either Tuesdays or Thursdays, to bvm1922@rcn.com
- D. Fill out the bottom portion of this bulletin flyer and send by WEDNESDAY, FEB 27, 2019 to:

**Assumption BVM Rectory
Attn: Debra Kay Bennett
2174 Lincoln Ave
Northampton, PA 18067**

USE THIS FORM IF YOU HAVE NOT USED METHOD A, B, or C above

NAME: _____

PHONE: _____ **email:** _____

Sessions (check only one):

TUESDAYS _____

THURSDAYS _____

Please mail this registration form by Wednesday, February 27, 2019



BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 24, 2019

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