

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

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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]  
6:45 a.m.; 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 are always welcome and are asked to register at the rectory. Please notify the rectory if you change your address, phone number, or move out of the parish.

## Communion to the Sick

Communion is taken to the sick after the Sunday Masses and during the month. The Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with individual homebound parishioners several times a year or at your request. 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.**

**Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish**  
**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time – July 11/12, 2020**

**Daily Masses**

July 13, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Serensits	M/M Edward Serensits
July 14, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Ronald Weiner	Irene Laubach
July 15, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Shirley Woolever	Daughter, Debra Kay, and Family
July 16, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Tepes	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
July 17, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Alfred Nederostek	M/M John Schneck
July 18, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Peter Rodick	Daughter, Rita Pavlick, and Family
July 19, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Vittorio Berlinger	Rossini Family

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Herb Bitenc by Wife, Marie. **Please pray** for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish.

# Good News!

July 12, 2020

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)*

Is 55:10–11; Rom 8:18–23; Mt 13:1–23 or 13:1–9

**H**ave you ever explained something so carefully and at length, and yet the other person misses your point? This seems to be the situation in today's Gospel. The scene Jesus first described was a familiar one. The people listening to him might have sown seed in this manner themselves. So, what was the point?

First it is important to recall that a parable is a story with a double meaning. One meaning is literal, the other is metaphoric. The literal meaning of this parable is obvious. So, what's the point? It is in the second part of the passage that Jesus explains the metaphoric meaning. He tells his disciples that the seeds represent those who hear the word of the kingdom. Then the reality of life intervenes and each seed (the one who hears the word) must decide how to deal with that reality. One might think: Very interesting story. I know just what the seed is going through.

We are now ready to ask: What's the real point of the story? The metaphoric meaning of the parable should pose several questions for each of us: What yield do I produce? Do I appreciate what it means to be a disciple; or is that privilege far from my consciousness? Am I grounded in my faith, or am I religiously rootless? Do I live according to the standards of Jesus, or do the allure and riches of the world entrap me? That's the point of the story.

—*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

## Calendar:

### Monday – July 13

*Weekday*

Is 1:10–17

Mt 10:34–11:1

### Tuesday – July 14

*St. Kateri*

*Tekakwitha, Virgin*

Is 7:1–9

Mt 11:20–24

### Wednesday – July 15

*St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

Is 10:5–7, 13b–16

Mt 11:25–27

### Thursday – July 16

*Weekday*

Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19

Mt 11:28–30

### Friday – July 17

*Weekday*

Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8

Mt 12:1–8

### Saturday – July 18

*Weekday*

Mi 2:1–5

Mt 12:14–21

### Sunday – July 19

*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Wis 12:13, 16–19

Rom 8:26–27

Mt 13:24–43

**Adoration.....** First Fridays after Mass  
**Giving Sunday.....** Sunday, July 12, 2020  
**Church Picnic.....** Sunday, September 12, 2021

**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.**

### **BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC APPEAL**

As of July 9, 95 members from our parish family have joined the **2020 BECAUSE WE ARE CATHOLIC APPEAL** and have contributed \$26,068.20 to support food programs, senior services, community outreach, Catholic schools, and more. Every dollar helps those in need. Our parish goal is 100% participation! Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please visit the Because We Are Catholic Appeal website at [www.BecauseWeareCatholic.org](http://www.BecauseWeareCatholic.org)



**Wedding Flowers:** The flowers by the altar this week are in honor of the Wedding of Joanne Kinney and Luke Niemkiewicz who were married today, Saturday, July 11.

**Memorial Fund:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Ronald Weiner:** \$30 Louis and Lori Schwartz; \$40 Donald Haring; \$50 Terry and Phyllis Bossard; \$25 Edward and Martha Hozza; \$50 Gunther and Linda Kurrasch; \$50 Shane Bossard; \$25 Phyllis and James Christoff; \$25 Kelly Ann Firmstone and M.J. Efftig. **In memory of Betty Panik:** \$25 Conrad Marth; \$20 Joy and Sal Nicosia.

### **Good Shepherd Catholic School News:**

Congratulations to Good Shepherd Catholic School Class of 2020. The students participated in a special liturgy followed by a graduation ceremony on June 12<sup>th</sup>. We wish all of our graduates God's blessings in the future. We would also like to wish Mrs. Joan Wilvert and Ms. Gabriella Urban congratulations on their retirement. We thank you for your many years of service to Catholic Schools and to our Diocese. May God Bless you both as you begin this new phase of your lives.

Good Shepherd Catholic School is now accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year for grades Kindergarten through 8, Preschool 3, and Pre-K 4. For more information, or to schedule a tour please contact our Advancement Director Mrs. Lauri Tripaldi at 610-262-9171 or email her at [mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com](mailto:mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com).

Good Shepherd Catholic School is hiring! We are looking for elementary and middle school teachers, as well as a music teacher. If you are interested in applying, please call Mrs. Susan Parker, principal, at 610-262-9171 or email her at [mrsparkergscs@gmail.com](mailto:mrsparkergscs@gmail.com) to set up an interview.



**Memorial Flowers:** The flowers by the tabernacle this week are in memory of Shirley Woolever. They were donated by daughter, Debra Kay Bennett, and Family.



**Good Shepherd Catholic School** is pleased to be welcoming Sister Bernadette McCauley as a 6th grade homeroom teacher as well as departmental religion teacher in our school this Fall! As a Licensed Professional Counselor, she will also be our in-house Guidance Counselor for our students. Sister Bernadette wrote the bio below to introduce herself to our families.

We are so happy to welcome Sister Bernadette to our wonderful school and look forward to her meeting all of our amazing students! "It is a great grace that God should permit us to assist in the spread of His kingdom." Blessed Pauline von Mallinckrodt

"These words of our Mother Foundress express my sentiments today. It is with joy and anticipation that I look toward meeting each of you this coming year. As a Sister of Christian Charity, I have been blessed to minister as an Elementary School teacher in primary grades for 7 years and upper grades for 8 years. Later, I branched out into the field of counseling as a Licensed Professional Counselor for children and youth. My most recent years in ministry have been in the area of Vocation and Formation work for our community. As a native of the Bronx, New York I am a die hard Yankee fan. Growing up in a family of eight ( 6 children) I learned the value of give and take, sharing, being satisfied with what we had and above all a love for God. I have heard so many wonderful things about our parishes and school. And so, until we meet face to face, may God bless you and keep you and those you love, healthy, safe and in His care."

Sister Bernadette McCauley SCC

**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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