

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



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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
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time – October 24/25, 2020

Daily Masses

Oct. 26, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Thomas Marakovits	Wife, Ruth
Oct. 27, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Strongowski	Jake and Toni Molchany
Oct. 28, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Serensits	M/M John Keller
Oct. 29, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Health/Blessing Men of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Malvern Retreat Group	
Oct. 30, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
Oct. 31, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Alfred Kosman	Bernie and Mary Sue Gabryluk
Nov. 01, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Louis and Frances Pengitore	Daughter, Barbara
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Sanctuary Lights are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Thomas Marakovits requested by wife, Ruth.

Please pray for God's blessings and the gift of good health for the sick people of our parish.

Good News!

October 25, 2020
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A)
Ex 22:20–26; 1 Thes 1:5c–10; Mt 22:34–40

The readings today are all about love. The first reading tells us *who* we should love; the Gospel tells us *how* we should love. We know that it is not difficult to love those who love us, who are kind and generous to us, who make us feel that we are important. The reading from Exodus moves us in a different direction. We are to love the alien, the widow, the orphan, and the poor neighbor. In a patriarchal society, such as was ancient Israel, aliens, widows, and orphans were the ultimate outsiders. They had no male relative through whom they would benefit from the kinship structure. While the neighbor might be of the same tribe or clan, it is the poor neighbor who was to be loved, the one who might be a drag on one's life and resources.

In other words, we are to love the ones who cannot promise to make our lives more comfortable or enjoyable. In fact, the point of loving them is to make their lives more comfortable and enjoyable.

How are we to love them? The Gospel reading offers two different answers that are really very much alike. We are to love God totally, with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind. We are to love others as we love ourselves, with all our heart, all our soul, all our mind. More practically, we must do for others what we would do for ourselves, for to love them is to love God.

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

Calendar:

Monday – October 26

Weekday
Eph 4:32–5:8
Lk 13:10–17

Tuesday – October 27

Weekday
Eph 5:21–33
Lk 13:18–21

Wednesday – October 28

Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles
Eph 2:19–22
Lk 6:12–16

Thursday – October 29

Weekday
Eph 6:10–20
Lk 13:31–35

Friday – October 30

Weekday
Phil 1:1–11
Lk 14:1–6

Saturday – October 31

Weekday
Phil 1:18b–26
Lk 14:1, 7–11

Sunday – November 1

All Saints
Rv 7:2–4, 9–14
1 Jn 3:1–3
Mt 5:1–12a

Adoration..... First Fridays after Mass
Donut/Giving Sunday..... Sunday, November 1
Church Picnic..... Sunday, **September 12, 2021**

Pastoral Visit of the Bishop

Last Christmas, Msgr. Koons had the opportunity to invite Bishop Alfred Schlert, our Diocesan Bishop, to make a Pastoral Visit to our parish, but because of scheduling conflicts and the COVID virus, the visit had to be delayed. Msgr. Koons is happy to announce that our parish will be honored to welcome Bishop Schlert to our parish next Sunday, November 1, 2020, the Feast of All Saints. Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Because of social distancing issues, the seating capacity of our church remains at 60 persons.

Msgr. Koons has been awaiting this pastoral visit so that the Bishop could also bless the Religious Education Library in memory of Robin Hall, who was an assistant to the Religious Education Coordinator until passing away on July 8, 2017. Now completed, the room is at the east end of the school hallway and has been re-furbished as a children’s library for our Religious Education Program from donations made to our Parish Memorial Fund. At the invitation of Msgr. Koons, the Bishop will bless the library in the presence of our students after the 8 o’clock Sunday Mass on All Saints Day.

Doughnuts and coffee (Donut Sunday) will be held next Sunday in the Church Social Hall because of the Bishop’s visit. We welcome Bishop Schlert to our wonderful parish!



Commemoration Of All Souls: Next Sunday, **November 1, at 12:30 p.m.** at our cemetery, we will have a special prayer service to remember the faithful departed, bless the cemetery, and to read the names of those buried/entombed there this past year.

Cemetery Vigil Lights are available in the church social hall now thru October 31. We ask a donation of \$2.50 per candle to cover expenses.



Memorial Flowers: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of James Nicosia. They were donated by his parents, Joy and Sal Nicosia.

Memorial Fund: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Richard Shaak:** \$25 Debra Kay and Joe Bennett; \$50 Dan and Cathy Loikits; \$50 Ann I. Fry; \$50 Karen and Bill Glose; \$25 Conrad Marth; \$90 Peter Novelli.

Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart News: Due to the uncertainties of what is happening with Covid 19 and the age of our members, the officers of Young at Heart have decided, in the best interest of our members, to cancel all meetings until the month of January 2021. Please tell any members you know of this decision.



The Northampton Area Food Bank is looking for donations of Turkeys to distribute to needy families for Thanksgiving. Anyone interested in donating a turkey is asked to call the church rectory between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Monday - Friday at 610-262-2559. Also, needed to complete the Thanksgiving dinners are: canned cranberry sauce, Stove Top Stuffing, canned green beans and canned or boxed potatoes.

Good Shepherd Catholic School News

Good Shepherd Catholic School is in school five full days a week and is still accepting registrations for the 2020-2021 school year for some grade levels, including Preschool 3, and Pre-K 4. Some grades are on a wait list. For more information, or to schedule a tour contact our Advancement Director Mrs. Lauri Tripaldi at 610-262-9171 or email her at mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com. Join us for Mass each Friday in Queenship of Mary Church at 9:15 am.

Good Shepherd Catholic School is looking for substitute teachers. If you are available, and have the proper credentials, please call the school office at 610-262-9171 for more information.



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Saturday, Nov. 7th
 by appointment ONLY



REGISTRATION FOR THE 2021/22 SCHOOL YEAR OPENS THAT DAY!

*Due to Covid-19, no walk-ins will be admitted. You must reserve a time slot for your tour. All attendees must wear a mask.

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