

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons**, Pastor  
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**Mrs. Mary LaBianca**, Adult Choir Director  
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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**  
**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 23/24, 2021**

**Daily Masses**

Jan. 25, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†David Liskanich	Family
Jan. 26, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Brandt	Prayer Shawl Ministry
Jan. 27, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Patricia Lokay	Frank and Anna Marakovits
Jan. 28, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Stephen Augustine	Poandl Children and Families
Jan. 29, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Filipovits	Steve Marsch
Jan. 30, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Colleen Kovacs	Nancy Jane Birosik
Jan. 31, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Helen Sommer	Liskanich and Graff Families

**Sanctuary Lights** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of David Liskanich requested by Family.

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

# Good News!

January 24, 2021  
*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*  
Jon 3:1–5, 10; 1 Cor 7:29–31; Mk 1:14–20

**W**e have all heard stories about the extraordinary fish that got away. We might even have such a story of our own. Two of today's readings are fish stories, but with a slight twist. They are also "call narratives." Last week we reflected on the call to listen and to follow; this week it is a call to go out to bring God's mercy to others. This is a call to "catch" others, as one might catch fish—a metaphor that would have delighted fisher people.

In the beginning of the Jonah story, the prophet did not catch fish; one caught him. Later, the word he preached was very successful, his own spitefulness notwithstanding. The Ninevites were the sworn enemies of the Israelites, and Jonah did not want them to repent, but to be punished by God. Nevertheless, God's mercy was stronger than Jonah's spite. In the Gospel, Jesus calls his followers to set down their fishing nets and to launch into a life of catching people with the word of God. There is an eagerness here that is absent in the Jonah story. Furthermore, the disciples left their primary commitment—their patriarchal family—to accept Jesus' invitation.

As Pope Francis declared, we are all missionary disciples. Are we eager to respond, as were Jesus' disciples? Or do we think we should attend only to those whom we judge to be deserving? If so, have we forgotten that no one deserves God's mercy? It is a free gift to all.

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

## Calendar:

**Monday – January 25**  
*Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle*  
Acts 22:3–16 or  
Acts 9:1–22  
Mk 16:15–18

**Tuesday – January 26**  
*Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops*  
2 Tm 1:1–8 / Mk 3:31–35

**Wednesday – January 27**  
*Weekday*  
Heb 10:11–18  
Mk 4:1–20

**Thursday – January 28**  
*St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church*  
Heb 10:19–25  
Mk 4:21–25

**Friday – January 29**  
*Weekday*  
Heb 10:32–39  
Mk 4:26–34

**Saturday – January 30**  
*Weekday*  
Heb 11:1–2, 8–19  
Mk 4:35–41

**Sunday – January 31**  
*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
Dt 18:15–20  
1 Cor 7:32–35  
Mk 1:21–28

**Rel. Ed. Classes.....** Sundays, 9:00 – 10:05 a.m.  
**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rel. Ed...** Wednesdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
**Adoration.....** Wednesday, Jan. 20  
**First Friday Adoration....** **after Mass**  
**Confirmation.....** Thursday, February 4  
**Church Picnic.....** Sun., **September 12, 2021**



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Thank you for an amazing response so far!

**Don't forget to Vote!!**



**Memorial Flowers:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Ryan Zawada. They were donated by his Parents, Diane and Joe, Brother, Joe & Sister, Jenny.

**Adoration:** On **Wednesday, January 20** the morning Mass will continue with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and conclude with Benediction at 9:15 a.m. This will enable those who stay to make a "holy hour" before the exposed Blessed Sacrament; we will have a period of prayer and a period of silence during that hour. Please consider joining in prayer at Mass and adoration afterwards. The Mass and Exposition/Benediction will be livestreamed to our Facebook page.



**Souper Sunday of Caring:** On Super Bowl weekend, February 6/7, we will be collecting funds for the Northampton Area Food Bank. Throughout the country Billions of dollars will be spent to celebrate the Super Bowl.

Can you afford \$5 or \$10 to help feed the needy? Drop your donation in one of the soup pots which will be located in the church vestibule after all Masses on Super Bowl weekend.

**Memorial Fund:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Ann Weber:** \$15 Steve Marsch; \$25 Shelly Schmauder; \$25 Mark and Beth Nederostek.

**Good Shepherd Catholic School** will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week beginning **next Sunday, January 31.** To kick off our week, we are offering live tours for any families interested in enrolling students for next school year. All tours must be scheduled ahead of time as we will not have our typical Open House due to the pandemic. Tours will begin at 10:30 a.m. and end at 12:30 p.m. (last time slot being noon.) If you would like to sign up, please contact Mrs. Tripaldi at 610-262-9171 or by email: [mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com](mailto:mrstripaldigscs@gmail.com). Tours are being offered for students entering Pre-K 3, Pre-K 4, and Kindergarten through grade 8. Spaces are limited for next school year so register early! If you would like to tour but cannot make it that Sunday, please reach out and we can make necessary accommodations.

**Young at Heart Update:** The officers and board members of Assumption BVM Young at Heart trust you had a bountiful Thanksgiving and a Holy and Peaceful Christmas. Due to the governmental regulations concerning Covid-19, we are extending our return to meetings until May of 2021. The outlook for our beginning looks positive with the vaccines and the restrictions being lifted. Until then stay safe, wear those masks, wash those hands and love each other from 6 feet away. We will keep you posted.

**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.

**Assumption B.V.M. 2020 Offering Statements**

were mailed this past week to those who contributed \$1000 or more during 2020. If you desire a statement of your 2020 contributions and your contributions are under \$1000 please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket any Sunday during the month of January.

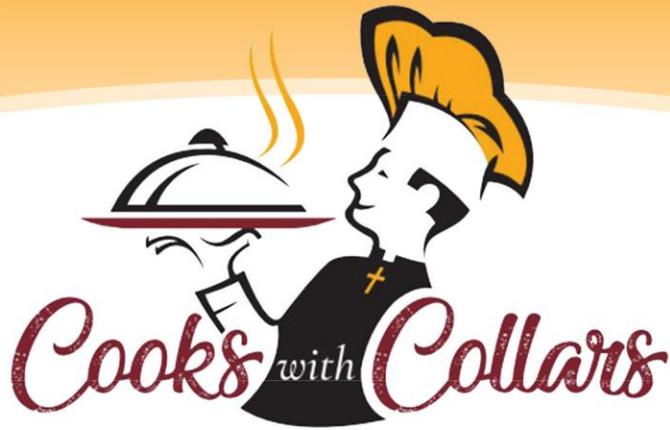
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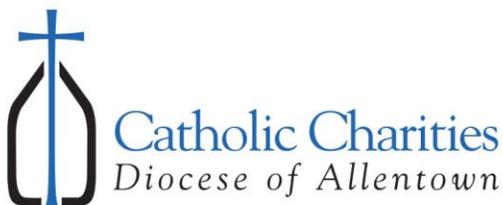
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