

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



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Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
Monday & Friday 8:00 a.m.
Tue., Wed. & Thu. 7:00 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
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – April 9/10, 2022

Daily Masses

Apr. 11, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Phyllis Kush	Jennifer Sommer and Family
Apr. 12, Tuesday	7:00 a.m.	†Mary Conarty	Bennett Family
Apr. 13, Wednesday	6:30 p.m.	†Mark Heckenberger	Parents, John and Deb, Brother, Luke

Easter Triduum

Apr. 14, Thursday	7:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
Apr. 15, Friday	3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Apr. 16, Saturday	8:00 p.m.	Intentions of Monsignor Koons

Easter Sunday

Apr. 17, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Living & deceased parishioners	Priscilla and Ronald Koch
	10:30 a.m.	†Rev. Michael J. Stone	

Next Week's Schedule:

Apr. 14, Thu.	7:00 p.m.	Charles Fisher
Apr. 15, Fri.	3:00 p.m.	Mary Ellen Schwartz
Apr. 16, Sat.	8:00 p.m.	Sue Parker
Apr. 17, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	Anthony Molchany
	10:30 a.m.	Karen Stayt

Lector:

Euch. Min.:

Leonard Kosciolk
Frank Cerino
Cindy Walsh
Frank Cerino
Drew Maron

Altar Servers:

Samuel Kroll/Aidan Kraus
Lena Hartman/Maren Hartman
Andrew Niderostek/Mikayla Warren/Hope Warren
Gavin Fritz/Aiden Fritz
Darcy Conrad/Elsie Conrad

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

From the Pastor

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion – April 10, 2022
Lk 19:28–40; Is 50:4–7; Phil 2:6–11; Lk 22:14–23:56

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Calendar

Monday – April 11

Monday of Holy Week
 Is 42:1–7 / Jn 12:1–11

Tuesday – April 12

Tuesday of Holy Week
 Is 49:1–6 / Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

Wednesday – April 13

Wednesday of Holy Week
 Is 50:4–9a / Mt 26:14–25

Thursday – April 14

Holy Thursday
 Ex 12:1–8, 11–14
 1 Cor 11:23–26 / Jn 13:1–15

Friday – April 15

Good Friday
 Is 52:13–53:12
 Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9
 Jn 18:1–19:42

Saturday – April 16

Holy Saturday
 Gn 1:1–2:2 / Gn 22:1–18
 Ex 14:15–15:1 / Is 54:5–14
 Is 55:1–11
 Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4
 Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28
 Rom 6:3–11 / Lk 24:1–12

Sunday – April 17

Easter
 Acts 10:34a, 37–43
 Col 3:1–4 / Jn 20:1–9

Rel. Ed. Classes	Sundays, 9:00 – 10:05 a.m.
7th Grade Rel. Ed.	Wed., 6:30-7:30 p.m.
First Friday Adoration....	after 8:00 a.m. Mass
Prayer Shawl Meeting....	3 rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
Adoration.....	Wednesdays after Mass
Stations of the Cross.....	Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal.....	Wednesdays 7:30 p.m.
Blessing of Food Baskets	Saturday, April 15, 12 noon
First Holy Communion...	Sat., April 30, 9:00 a.m.
May Crowning.....	Sunday, May 1

This week is the holiest week of the year for all of Christianity. In our celebration of the Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday—we celebrate the most solemn liturgies of the year. We celebrate our Lord's journey from the Last Supper to The Cross to The Grave to His Glorious Resurrection. Please make every effort to participate in the Liturgies of Holy Week! It is an opportunity to grow closer to our Lord in our journey of faith.

Blessing of Food: Baskets containing **Easter foods** may be brought to church to be blessed on Holy Saturday, April 16 at 12:00 noon. All are welcome.

Please Note: The rectory office will be closed Holy Thursday, April 14 thru Easter Monday, April 17, for Holy Week and Easter.

Lenten Regulations: You are reminded that **Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.** All Catholics 18-59 are bound to limit themselves to one full meatless meal and avoid food between meals.

Operation Rice Bowl: This week's menu: Sliced Apple with Chunky Peanut Butter, Vanilla Pudding OR Egg Salad on Rye Bread, Purple Grapes.

Holy Land Collection: On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines. There is an envelope in your packet for this special collection.

Hoagie Sale benefiting Andrew Nederostek's Eagle Scout project at Assumption B.V.M. Church. American Club hoagies are \$4 each, choice of: Meat with or without onions and/or hot peppers OR Tuna hoagie. Keiser roll sandwiches choice of Tuna OR Ham & Cheese for \$3 each. Please order by 9:00 p.m. **Sunday, April 17** at jedineds@mac.com. We can accept cash, apply pay or venmo. Delivery will be at Assumption BVM Church Social Hall on **Wednesday, April 20 between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.**

Slovak Kolach Sale: Your Easter Slovak Kolach order will be ready for pickup **after the Masses this weekend, April 9/10.**

Holy Week Confession Schedule

Tuesday, April 12	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 13	7:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Good Friday, April 15	1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.
Holy Saturday, April 16	12:20 p.m. – end of line



Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 16th at 11:00 a.m.
Assumption B.V.M. Rectory Lawn
Please R.S.V.P. by April 13th to 610-262-7343
Bring your baskets!!

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Name _____
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Check One:

- New Registration Change of Address
 Moving out of Parish Request Envelopes
 Request envelopes (returned home from college)

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory

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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Holy Week 2022

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish Northampton, PA

Palm Sunday

Saturday, April 9 –	Confessions	2:30 pm – 3:30 pm
	Mass/Blessing of Palms	4:00 pm
	Confessions	4:45 pm – end of line
Sunday, April 10 –	Mass/Blessing of Palms	8:00 am & 10:30 am

Monday - Wednesday of Holy Week

Monday, April 11 –	Mass	8:00 am
Tuesday, April 12 –	Mass	7:00 am
	Confessions	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Wednesday, April 13 –	Mass	6:30 pm
	Stations of the Cross	7:00 pm
	Confessions	7:30 pm – 8:00 pm (end of line)

Holy Thursday April 14, 2022

Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 pm
Adoration	8:00 pm – 11:00 pm
Night Prayer	10:45 pm

Good Friday April 15, 2022

Confessions	1:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Service of the Passion with Veneration of the Cross and Holy Communion	3:00 pm

Holy Saturday April 16, 2022

Blessing of Food	12:00 Noon
Confessions	12:20 p.m. – end of line
Solemn Vigil of Easter	8:00 pm (no 4:00 pm Mass)

Solemnity of the Resurrection - Easter Sunday April 17, 2022

Masses	8:00 am & 10:30 am
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This following is an excerpt from his book “The Liturgical Year:”

“...The Church says; To-day, if you hear the voice of the Lord, harden not your hearts! The voice of your suffering Jesus now speaks to you, poor sinners! Be not your own enemies by indifference and hardness of heart. The Son of God is about to give you the last and greatest proof of the love that brought Him down from heaven; His death is close at hand: men are preparing the wood for the immolation of the new Isaac: enter into yourselves, and let not your hearts, after being touched with grace, return to their former stubbornness; for nothing could be more dangerous. The great anniversaries we are to celebrate have a restoring power for those souls that faithfully correspond with the grace which is offered them; but they increase hardness in those who let them pass without working their conversion. To-day, therefore, if you hear the voice of the Lord, harden not your hearts!”

“During the preceding four weeks, we have noticed how the malice of Jesus' enemies has been gradually increasing. His very presence irritates them; and it is evident that any little circumstance will suffice to bring the deep and long-nurtured hatred to a head. The kind and gentle manners of Jesus are drawing to Him all hearts that are simple and upright; at the same time, the humble life He leads, and the stern purity of His doctrines, are perpetual sources of annoyance and anger, both to the proud Jew who looks forward to the Messiah being a mighty conqueror, and to the Pharisee, who corrupts the Law of God... Still, Jesus goes on working miracles; His addresses are more than ever energetic; His prophecies foretell the fall of Jerusalem, and such a destruction of its famous temple, that not a stone is to be left on a stone. The Doctors of the Law should, at least, reflect

upon what they hear; they should examine these wonderful works, which render such strong testimony in favor of the Son of David; and they should consult these divine prophecies which, up to the present time, have been so literally fulfilled in His person. Alas! They themselves are about to carry them out to the very last iota. There is not a single outrage or suffering foretold by David and Isaiah, as having to be put upon the Messiah, which these blind men are not scheming to verify.”

“In them, therefore, was fulfilled that terrible saying: ‘He that shall speak against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this world, nor in the world to come.’ [Matthew 12:32] ,.... Such lamentable conduct is but too often witnessed nowadays in those sinners, who, by habitual resistance to the light, end by finding their happiness in sin. Neither should it surprise us, that we find in people of our own generation a resemblance to the murderers of our Jesus: the history of His Passion will reveal to us many sad secrets of the human heart and its perverse inclinations; for what happened in Jerusalem, happens also in every sinner’s heart. His heart, according to the saying of St. Paul, is a Calvary, where Jesus is crucified. There is the same ingratitude, the same blindness, the same wild madness, with this difference: that the sinner who is enlightened by faith, knows Him whom he crucifies; whereas the Jews, as the same apostle tells us, knew not the Lord of glory [1 Cor 2:8]. Whereas, therefore, we listen to the Gospel, which relates the history of the Passion, let us turn the indignation which we feel for His persecutors against ourselves and our own sins; let us weep over the sufferings of our Victim, for our sins caused Him to suffer and die.”

“Everything around us urges us to mourn. **The images of the saints, the very crucifix on our altar, are veiled from our sight.** The Church is oppressed with grief. During the first four weeks of Lent, she sympathized with her Jesus fasting in the desert; His coming sufferings and crucifixion and death are what now fill her with anguish. We read in today’s Gospel, that the Jews threatened to stone the Son of God as a blasphemer: **but His hour is not yet come.** (Passion Sunday Gospel.) ***He is obliged to flee and hide Himself. It is to express this deep humiliation, that the Church veils the cross. A God hiding Himself, that He may evade the anger of men - what a mystery! Is it weakness? Is it, that He fears death? No; we shall soon see Him going out to meet His enemies: but at present He hides Himself from them, because all that had been prophesied regarding Him has not been fulfilled. Besides, His death is not to be by stoning: He is to die upon a cross,*** the tree of malediction, which, from that time forward, is to be the tree of life. Let us humble ourselves, as we see the Creator of heaven and earth thus obliged to hide Himself from men, who are bent on His destruction! Let us go back, in thought, to the sad day of the first sin, when Adam and Eve hid themselves because a guilty conscience told them they were naked. Jesus has come to assure us of our being pardoned, and lo! He hides Himself, not because He is naked - He that is to the saints the garb of holiness and immortality - but because He made Himself weak, that He might make us strong. Our first parents sought to hide themselves from the sight of God; Jesus hides Himself from the eye of men. But it will not be thus forever. The day will come when sinners, from whose anger He now flees, will pray to the mountains to fall on them and shield them from His gaze; but their prayer will not be granted, and they shall see the Son of Man coming in the clouds of heaven, with much power and majesty [Matthew 24: 30].”

Msgr. Koons



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Sunday, April 10th after the Masses

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