



3RD SUNDAY
OF THE
CHURCH YEAR

JAN. 27, 2019

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Evening Vigil:

5:00 p.m.

Sunday Morning:

7:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:30 a.m.

Monday—Friday

8:15 a.m.

Holy Days:

Vigil: 6:30 p.m.

Holy Day:

9:00 a.m.

& 6:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday:

4:00-4:45 p.m.

and by appointment.

DIOCESAN VICTIM ASSISTANCE

COORDINATOR

Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC,

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COORDINATOR

Sr. Meg Cole, S.S.J.:

Telephone: 610-332-0442

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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church

Catholic Schools Week

January 27- Feb. 3



*Come and visit our parish school
St. Michael the Archangel*

Middle School Open House (Grades 5-8)

Sunday, January 27, 2019

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

4121 Old Bethlehem Pk., Bethlehem, PA 18015

Elementary School Open House (Grades Pre-K-4)

Monday, January 28, 2019 - 9:30 -11:00 a.m.

Sunday, February 3, 2019 - 12:00 -1:00 p.m.

5040 St. Joseph Rd., Coopersburg, PA 18036

Contact the Advancement Director

Mrs. Marianne Gano at 610-867-8422 for information!

See page 5 in today's bulletin for the complete schedule.

MONSIGNOR NEVIN KLINGER J.C.L., M.A., PASTOR

MONSIGNOR ROBERT COLL, PASTOR EMERITUS

FR. BENOY JOSEPH, in residence

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**YOUR STEWARDSHIP
IS THE SOURCE OF OUR GROWTH**

January 19-20, 2019: \$11,701.50

Thank you for your support and generosity. The statement printed above expresses the gratitude felt in response to the generosity of the people of Assumption parish. For it is your weekly contributions that make much of what is done here possible. Thanks are extended to those who use envelopes and those who contribute through our Online Giving.



**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
January 27-February 3**

PARISH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 28, 2019

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study—Finnegan Room
- 12:00 p.m. Sewing Sisters—Finnegan Room
- 7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Group—Fritz Room
- 7:00 p.m. Contemporary Ens. Rehearsal—Church
- 7:00 p.m. Finance Board Mtg.—Parish Office

Tuesday, January 29, 2019

Wednesday, January 30, 2019

- 10:00 a.m. Bible Study—Finnegan Room
- 6:00 p.m. PREP
- 7:00 p.m. RCIA—Finnegan Room
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal—Church

Thursday, January 31, 2019

- 7:30 p.m. CODA meeting—Fritz Room
- 8:00 p.m. Co-ed Adult Volleybl—Hanlon Center

Friday, February 1, 2019

- 6:00 a.m. Top Gun Men's Group—Finnegan Rm

Saturday, February 2, 2019

- 9:30 a.m. Retreat Team Mtg.—Finnegan Room
- 4:00 p.m. Confessions—Church

Sunday, February 3, 2019

- 8:30 a.m. PREP
- 8:30 a.m. Adult Ed. Series—Finnegan Room



This week, our parish will take up *The Catholic Relief Services* Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from the Collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and advocacy for the voiceless. How will you help? Please give generously to *The Catholic Relief Services* Collection and **Jesus in disguise**.

Msgr. Klinger has completed his review and sent a letter acknowledging your 2018 contributions to our parish. The overwhelming majority of our people continue to support our parish mission in thoughtful and generous ways. We encourage the rest to consider seriously your support of our parish. The responsibility resides with everyone. The result of good, consistent stewardship is shared by all. *Stewardship is a disciple's response.*



Online Giving

Donors using our Online Giving can pull their own year-end tax statements using the following steps:

1. Log in to your Online Giving donor account.
2. Click on "View My Giving History and Tax Information."
3. On the right side, click the "Print" button.
4. Set your date range from 1/1/2018 to 12/31/2018
5. Change the report type to "Full Detail Report (Tax Purposes)."
6. Leave the tax filter option checked.
7. Click "Print."
8. Your report will open in a new window.
9. You will need to export the report to a PDF to print the full report.

To print, click on the PDF link at the top of the screen. This will open the report as a PDF and will let you print the report. Make sure you have your pop-up blocker disabled.

Mission Statement

The Church of the Assumption B.V.M. is dedicated to becoming a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. As disciples we make Jesus Christ a living reality in the lives of the members of our parish family. By guiding and encouraging our people to discipleship through a heightened awareness of our Lord's presence in their lives, the parish community becomes a visible and active expression of the living Christ in our world today.

Assumption Parish Staff

Parish Office: 610-867-7424 - ext. 10

Rev. Msgr. Nevin Klinger J.C.L., M.A., Pastor

Deacon Don Elliott - ext 18, Deacon Stu Herman - ext. 19

Saint Michael the Archangel School: 610-867-8422

Mrs. Colleen Weiss, Principal; Mrs. Erin Faust, Vice Principal

Assumption Preschool, Mrs. Andrea Powell, Director: powellandrea725@gmail.com

Christina Durback, DRE: Parish & St. Michael Middle School: 610-814-0712

Dr. Dennis Varley: Director of Music: dennis.varley@desales.edu

Mary Williams/Parish Office – x10, Email: abvmrect@ptd.net

Kate Varley –Room Scheduling/Bulletin – x11, Email: abvmkate@ptd.net

SAVE THE DATE



Our parish will hold a St. Patrick's Day Party on **Saturday, March 9**. There will be food, drinks and dancing. The band *PIPER'S REQUEST* will play traditional Irish music and group ceili dancing instruction will be taught. A full dinner, entertainment and complimentary beer and soda are included in the ticket price! Everyone is Irish on St. Patty's Day:) Join the fun and SAVE THE DATE!

- An organizational meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 7 at 1:00 p.m. in the parish office. **We're looking for team of helpers for this festive party.** Call Kate Varley at 610-867-7424 x 11 if you can help.

LAUNDRY DETERGENT NEEDED



Betty Lou's Pantry is in need of laundry detergent for pantry clients. Assumption Church will collect detergent through the end of February. Detergent should be dropped off in the parish office. (Please do not leave detergent in the church). **Live generously and help your neighbor.**

We The Living, our parish's grief support group, will begin a new session Tuesday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are held every Tuesday in the Finnegan Room. For more information, please contact Carol Barron at 610-428-0617 or email abvmprek@yahoo.com.

PARISH RETREAT: Have you told yourself, "Next year I will attend the parish retreat?" After 26 years, is this the year to finally take that step? Give yourself or someone you love the gift of time—Time to connect with your community and Jesus. This is the year! The **26th annual Parish Retreat, will be held March 1, 2 and 3, 2019.** The Retreat will be held at St. Francis Center for Renewal. Our theme is "Jesus, now and forever!" We encourage you to spend the weekend, however, if that is impossible, then please join us as a commuter. For more information, contact Carol Barron at 610-428-0617 or email: abvmprek@yahoo.com.

EMAIL SCAM: Another scamming/phishing attempt was used with a fake Gmail account.

- ♦ **Please be aware that Monsignor Klinger does not have a Gmail account. Monsignor would never approach any parishioner asking for money for a sick friend.**

These incidents have been reported both to the police and to Google.

During the heightened influenza/pneumonia season, Bishop Schlert directs that the exchange of the sign of peace and the reception of Holy Communion from the Chalice be suspended until further notice. Stay healthy!

- If you have a severe gluten allergy and are unable to receive a gluten-free host, please go to the Sacristy before Mass and alert the Servant Minister. You will be instructed to go to the sanctuary with the Eucharistic Ministers after the "Lamb of God" and receive the precious blood at that time. Thank you.



www.st-mikes.com

Mrs. Colleen Weiss, Principal
Mrs. Erin Faust,
Assistant Principal

A LOOK AHEAD: St. Michael School will embark on our 2018-19 development initiative with the St. Michael the Archangel Annual Fund Appeal. The mailing to Parishioners of both Parishes will go out this week, during Catholic Schools Week, which is January 27-February 3rd. Please consider a donation to St. Michael the Archangel School to aid us in continuing our mission of nurturing our students, challenging their minds, inspiring their faith and empowering them to be future leaders.

SAVE THE DATE!: We will be holding our annual Night of Knights event on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at The Homewood Suites by Hilton, Center Valley. This year's celebration will include a Casino Night, as well as live and silent auctions. If you are interested in attending, being a donor or sponsor, contact Marianne Gano at mgano@st-mikes.com or 610-867-8422.

SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

We are currently seeking a nurse to add to our pool of **part-time school nurses** at the elementary school campus to coordinate the school health program and enhance health and wellness services within the school community. This includes providing nursing services to students and maintaining accurate medical records. The hours are Monday-Friday from 11:30AM-1:30 PM, for one or more days per week.

A **part-time maintenance** person is needed at the middle school campus, for approximately 6 hours per week. Responsibilities include but are not limited to ensuring that regular general building maintenance duties are performed to maintain a clean and safe environment. Knowledge of HVACC, electrical, plumbing, lighting, etc. is desirable.

- ◆ Please send a letter of interest and resume to Mrs. Colleen Weiss, Principal: cweiss@st-mikes.com or mail to 4121 Old Bethlehem Pike, Bethlehem, PA 18015.

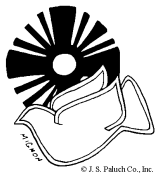
**Parish Religious Education Program
PREP**

Following all Masses next weekend our Confirmation Candidates, Inquirers, and other parish teens will be at the entrances of the church following each Mass for our annual **Souper Bowl of Caring**. Your donations will benefit Betty Lou's Food Bank, New Bethany Ministries, and the Ecumenical Soup Kitchen. Any teens who wish to assist with this service, please contact Mrs. Durback with your name and preferred Mass after which you will collect.



Our parish is blessed to have the **Children's Liturgy of the Word** every Sunday (except holidays) at the 10 a.m. Mass. Parents, encourage your children (preschool through grade 3) to participate when the celebrant calls the children to come forward. If a child is reluctant to come by him/herself, a parent or older sibling may accompany him/her.

Parents/guardians of ABVM parishioners in St. Michael School grade 7 or PREP Discipleship 2, mark your calendars: Confirmation preparation Year II Orientations are 6:30 –



8 p.m., Tuesday, February 5 and Monday, February 11 in the Coll Room. More information will follow. Please contact Mrs. Durback at 610-814-0712 or durback@ptd.net to let us know which meeting you will attend.

Reminder to PREP families: Now that the winter weather is upon us, we will inform you of **cancellation of PREP sessions** as follows:

Sunday sessions: If inclement weather causes cancellation of a session, you will receive an e-mail to inform you of this.

Wednesday sessions: *If St. Michael the Archangel School is cancelled or dismisses early*, PREP is cancelled that evening. Watch WFMZ on TV or go to the WFMZ StormCenter website for this information. You can also call the Religious Education Office after 2 p.m. for information.

Other PREP activities (e.g., Stations of the Cross, etc.): We will place a message on the Religious Education Office telephone at least 1 hour before the event. Please call 610-814-0712 for information.

Please do not call the parish office or catechists for this information.



Monday, January 28: St. Thomas Aquinas
8:15 a.m. Robert Fulford

Tuesday, January 29: Weekday
8:15 a.m. Jan Lesko

Wednesday, January 30: Weekday
8:15 a.m. Lawrence Kneiss

Thursday, January 31: St. John Bosco
8:15 a.m. William Grap

Friday, February 1: First Friday
8:15 a.m. Robert Fulford

Saturday, February 2: Presentation of the Lord
No Morning Mass
Vigil 5:00pm Living & Deceased Parishioners

Sun., Feb. 3: 4th Sunday of the Church Year
7:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Parishioners
10:00 a.m. Joseph Topper, Sr.
11:30 a.m. Benko & Barback Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Heb 9:15, 24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2, 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: Heb 10:19-25; Ps 24:1-6; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6, 23-24, 39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Mal 3:1-4; Ps 24:7-10; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 [22-32]

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; 1 Cor 12:31 — 13:13 [13:4-13]; Lk 4:21-30

Grocery Gift Cards

Weekly Sales: Jan. 14-20: \$1,850.00

Credit Cards can be used to buy grocery gift cards. Gift cards are on sale after the 10:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Masses in the parish office. Gift cards are also on sale in the parish office Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Grocery Gift Cards include:
Giant, Fresh Market and Valley Farm

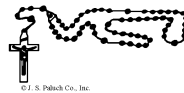
Restaurant Gift Cards include:
Red Robin, Copperhead Grille and Bell Hall Restaurant in Allentown

Department Store Gift Cards include:
J.C. Penney and Macy's

MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Respect Life meetings will be held every 2nd Thursday of the month from 9:00-10:00 a.m. in the Finnegan Room. The February meeting will be held on Thursday, February 14. All are welcome!! We will be discussing current and upcoming parish pro-life activities AND prominent "life" issues confronting our culture today.

- For more information, contact Lisa Temple at lisa_temple3@yahoo.com.



Please come and say the Rosary on Thursday, February 14.

The rosary will be recited at 3:00 p.m. in the church on the second Thursday of each month in the church. Come and place your 2019 intentions before the Blessed Mother.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Saturday's feast of the Presentation is a day for the blessing of candles. Why does liturgy require candles? In the first years of the church, worship was often at night, and candles and torches were carried from place to place within the worship space as needed. Candles were also a mark of festivity and hospitality when people gathered for prayer in homes, and later on in large buildings with thick walls and dark corners. But even after gaslight and electricity, candles were kept.

Part of the reason has to do with the warm, clean light of a candle's flame. Candles are a good sign of the partnership of God and creation: wax made by bees, gathered and fashioned by human hands into something beautiful and useful. In order for the light to shine, the candle surrenders itself, almost as if it is pouring itself out so that the light can flood into the world. The candle of baptism, placed into our hands, and carried again and again, speaks silently of that same wisdom. If you would save your life, you must lose it. You must pour your life out like Christ so that you may be filled with the light of his love.

Join St. Michael the Archangel School in celebrating Catholic Schools Week

January 27 through February 3, 2019

We welcome you to visit the classrooms and attend some exciting activities.

Thank you for being a part of St. Michael the Archangel School!



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Monday 1/28/19

- Crazy Hat Day/Crazy Accessories/Crazy Hair Day
- **Open House 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. (Classroom visits for current and PROSPECTIVE parents & families)**
DJ and Dancing at 2 p.m.

Tuesday 1/29/19

“Reading Rocks Magic Show” @ 2 p.m.

Wednesday 1/30/19

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon. “Kira Willey-Music, Movement and Mindfulness” at 2pm

Thursday 1/31/19

ES Talent Show at 1:30 p.m. and STEM Family Night at the ES campus at 6:30 p.m.

Friday 2/1/19

ALL STUDENTS WILL BE AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Mass at 9am
Grades K-4 Bingo with Fr. Buckley
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. and Mission Project with in classrooms 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

EARLY DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS 12:00 pm

Sunday 2/3/19

Closing Mass at St. Joseph Church, 11:00 a.m. and ES OPEN HOUSE/REFRESHMENTS for EXISTING FAMILIES, PARISHIONERS and PROSECTIVE FAMILIES 12:00-1:00 p.m.

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Sunday 1/27/19 Opening Mass at Assumption BVM Church, 10:00 a.m. and MS OPEN HOUSE/REFRESHMENTS for EXISTING FAMILIES, PARISHIONERS and PROSECTIVE FAMILIES 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

Monday 1/28/19

- Crazy Hat Day/Crazy Accessories/Crazy Hair Day
Totally Awesome Games with Mr. Burns @ 2 p.m.

Tuesday 1/29/19

“Reading Rocks Magic Show” 11 a.m.

Wednesday 1/30/19

9:00 a.m. Canned Soup Sculptures to be donated to local food banks in the Hanlon Center.
Open House 10:00 – 11:30 a.m. (classroom visits **for current parents & families**).
Academic Bowl – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday 1/31/19

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
Basketball tournament at 1:00 p.m. with Mr. Burns
STEM Family Night at the ES campus at 6:30 p.m.

Friday 2/1/19

**ALL STUDENTS WILL BE AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FOR BINGO AND MISSION PROJECT
.EARLY DISMISSAL FOR ALL STUDENTS 12:00 p.m.**

Parish Registration: Are you a registered parishioner? We are often asked to provide affidavits for baptismal and confirmation sponsors. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and supporting member in our parish. Would you like to register? Give us a call so we can better serve you. Contact the parish office at 610-867-7424 x10.



Please help our school earn cash! Clip Box Tops™ from participating products and drop them in the box located in the back of the church. Each one collected earns our school 10¢ for anything the school needs!

Thank you from the children of St. Mike's.

Need prayer? Let the men and women in our Prayer Chain join you in offering prayers of petition for your requests.

- Email prayer@ealvinc.com or call Carol at 610-838-1048.



BECAHI OPEN HOUSE - This Thursday, January 31 from 6-8 p.m. Come see our campus, meet our teachers, visit the coaches corner and enjoy a student-led tour. Financial aid counseling and transportation information will also be available. For a personal tour, contact Cristin Eick, Director of Admissions at ceick@becahi.org or 610-866-0791 ext. 313.

Volunteer Drivers

The American Cancer Society is looking for volunteers to drive cancer patients in our community to and from their treatment appointments. To learn more about how you can get involved and help make a difference in someone's life, call the American Cancer Society at 800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome! Our parish family invites all of its members to participate fully in our spiritual and social life. Please contact the parish office to register.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are scheduled in the parish office after receipt of sponsor certificates. Baptisms take place **immediately following the 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass**. Contact the parish office at 610-867-7424 x10 at least six weeks in advance. Parents must attend a Baptismal Preparation Class.

WEDDINGS

Couples must contact the pastor at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

BULLETIN

All copy must be received in writing two Fridays prior to the intended Sunday publication. We reserve the right to edit all copy. All inserts must be received at least two weeks in advance.

PRAYER CHAIN

Call Carol Herman at 610-838-1048 or email her at prayer@ealvinc.com and give her your name and intention. She will contact other parishioners participating in our Prayer Chain on your behalf.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Council welcomes any comments or suggestions by parishioners. Please contact Jeanine Faust at faust2@epix.net this month.

PARISH MEMORIALS

Following the death of a relative or friend, offerings may be made to the Church in loving memory of the deceased. The offerings may specify a particular request or placed in the Parish Memorial Endowment, The Parish Education Endowment, or the Health Ministry Endowment.

Our website:

www.assumptionbethlehem.com