

# ASSUMPTION

of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
& Our Lady of Fatima Mission



2020 GUIDE BOOK & DIRECTORY

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, the mother Catholic Church of Lebanon County, traces its roots to the 1700's, when Irish and German immigrants settled in the area. The first generation of missionaries in colonial America administered to them at a mission site north of Lebanon. The first Catholic Church in the city of Lebanon was built in 1812, and Father Charles Kerns became the first resident pastor in 1823. A second church built in the 1870's was consecrated by Bishop Jeremiah Shanahan in 1880. The statutory scene of Mary being assumed into heaven was purchased in 1876 at the American Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia. The stained glass windows were installed in the early 1900's.

As the Catholic population in Lebanon continued to grow, the other Lebanon parishes were formed from this mother parish: Saint Cyril and Methodius, now St. Benedict; Saint Gertrude, now St. Cecilia; Saint Gregory, now suppressed; Sacred Heart, Cornwall and Nuestra Senora de Guadalupe, now suppressed. Our Lady of Fatima Mission, Jonestown, was established as a mission in 1953 to accommodate the Catholics of Northern Lebanon County. A new chapel along busy U.S. Highway 22 continues to serve residents and travelers alike.

Today the third church built on this North 8th Street site stands as testimony to the faith heritage of the Catholic community that continues to provide for the spiritual and physical needs of the people.

## HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

### **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church**

Saturday (Vigil) .....	5:30 PM
Sunday .....	7:30 AM; 10:30 AM
Tuesday-Friday .....	8:00 AM
Friday (1st) Manor Care Nursing Home .....	1:30 PM
Friday (2nd) Spang Crest Manor .....	2:00 PM
Holy Day of Obligation .....	8:00 AM & 7:00 PM

### **Our Lady of Fatima Mission**

Sunday .....	9:00 AM
Holy Day of Obligation (on the Vigil) .....	7:00 PM

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

### **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Catholic Church**

Tuesday 7:15-7:45 AM  
Saturday 4:00-5:15 PM  
and by appointment

### **Our Lady of Fatima Mission**

By appointment

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

At **ASSUMPTION**, Baptism is celebrated after the 10:30 AM Mass on a Sunday. At **FATIMA**, Baptism is celebrated with appointment.

Attendance at a Baptism Seminar is required for all new parents prior to their child's Baptism. Call 717-272-5674.

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

A two-year sacramental preparation process that begins in the first grade.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

A two-year sacramental process that begins in the seventh grade.

## SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

A mandatory one-year sacramental preparation process that begins when the engaged couple meets with the priest or deacon and culminates in the couple's exchange of vows on their wedding day. Call the office, 717-272-5674, to register for the sacramental preparation.

## RCIA

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

RCIA is a process of preparation and study for all who are interested in becoming Catholic. Contact the parish office if you are interested. 717-272-5674.

## ANOINTING OF THE SICK

One of the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church administered to the baptized who are seriously ill or in danger of death. Please call the office at 717-272-5674 during the day and after hours call 717-708-6698.

## PASTORAL COUNCIL

The Pastoral Council consists of parishioners who advise the pastor regarding the temporal and spiritual needs of the parish in accordance with Canon Law, civil law and diocesan regulations.

## FINANCE COUNCIL

The Finance Council consists of parishioners who are appointed by the pastor and who advise the pastor on financial matters such as preparing the annual budget, the stewardship of parish funds and the parish's compliance with diocesan financial policies.

## LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

### MUSIC MINISTRIES

**ADULT CHOIR:** The parish adult choir is a mixed group of all ages supporting and providing music to express liturgical prayer at various Masses throughout the year. All individuals aged 18 and older are welcome. An individual does not need to be trained or have any previous experience to be a part of our choir, only the desire to sing in a group atmosphere. We rehearse every Wednesday at 6:00 PM in Saint Mary's church. Please do not hesitate to contact our Music Director, Mr. Rashko Nutiaitis. Phone Number 717-272-5674 ext. 3106, or email: [rnutaitis@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:rnutaitis@hbgdiocese.org).

**CANTORS:** Cantors are vital in leading the assembly in song, providing solo for passages including Responsorial Psalm, Gospel Acclamations, inviting the assembly to sing for hymns, litanies for special Masses. We require that an individual have a strong voice, encourage our parish to participate in Mass with singing, and leadership skills to set an example for our parish. An individual that desires to be a cantor must be available at least one day a week for rehearsal, and available for scheduled Masses throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to contact our Music Director, Mr. Rashko Nutiaitis. Phone Number (717)272-5674 ext.3106, or email: [rnutaitis@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:rnutaitis@hbgdiocese.org).

**INSTRUMENTALISTS:** Individual/group instrumentalists that desire to be participants in Mass are always encouraged and welcomed! We have opportunities for solo and group playing throughout the year for various Masses. Instrumentalists provide support for our choir's and assembly in providing accompaniment. Please do not hesitate to contact our Music Director, Mr. Rashko Nutiaitis. Phone Number 717-272-5674 ext.3106, or email: [rnutaitis@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:rnutaitis@hbgdiocese.org).

**CHILDREN'S CHOIR:** The parish children's choir is a new formed choir made up of children from 2nd grade to 8th grade. Any child that can read and has a desire to sing may join. We rehearse in St. Mary's Church on Sunday afternoon at 1:00 PM. Children play an active role in Mass. Through children's choir, a child can develop greater music skills, a deeper understanding of our faith, and be active participants in Mass. We know children can be very distracted and distracting in Mass, this is a great way to allow our children to better understand the Mass and serve our Lord. Please do not hesitate to contact our Music Director, Mr. Rashko Nutiatis. Phone Number 717-272-5674 ext.3106, or email: [rnutiatis@hbgdiocese.org](mailto:rnutiatis@hbgdiocese.org).

## DEVOTIONS AND PRAYERS

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** is offered every Wednesday in Saint Mary's Chapel on Cumberland Street, following the 8:00 AM Holy Mass until 3:00 PM. At 2:40 PM the Divine Mercy prayers for the Sick & Dying and the Divine Mercy Chaplet are recited. At 3:00 PM Benediction.

**FATIMA ROSARY PRAYER CELL (BLUE ARMY)** recites the rosary every Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 PM, in Saint Mary's Chapel.

**DAILY ROSARY** is recited each morning before Holy Mass starting at 7:30 AM in Saint Mary's Chapel.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** are prayed on the Fridays in Lent at 7:00 PM both in the Main Church and at Our Lady of Fatima Mission. Stations of the Cross are prayed at noon on Good Friday in the Main Church.

## ALTAR MINISTERS

**LECTORS** proclaim the Word of God (two readings) at Mass. Contact the parish office at 717-272-5674.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS** of Holy Communion assist in the distribution of Holy Communion during Mass. They also carry the Blessed Sacrament to those who are sick and homebound.

**ALTAR SERVERS** assist the priest and deacon during Mass by carrying and holding books, ringing bells. Youth (grades 4-12) assist at Sunday Masses and must possess the ability to carry and hold the sacred books, candles and processional cross. Adults assist at holy day Masses and at funeral Masses. Contact the parish office at 717-272-5674.

**USHERS AND GREETERS** provide logistical support at Mass. They welcome all, take up the collection, choose people to carry the gifts, deal with disruptions, distribute the bulletins after Mass. Contact Rege Simon at 222-666-0982.





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## CARING FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

**BEREAVEMENT LUNCHEONS** are provided to families at their request. Contact Margie Fava at 717-274-2216.

**FREE LUNCH COMMITTEE** works with the Lebanon County Christian Ministries to prepare meals for the needy. Contact Melody Reigh at 717-273-4776

**FOOD BANK** every third Sunday of the month, parishioners bring non-perishable food items for distribution through Lebanon County Christian Ministries. Contact Robert Reigh at 717-273-4776. At Fatima the food is distributed through Jonestown Outreach (JOY). Contact Greg Galle at 717-933-2359.

**POOR BOXES** are available in the Church. All monies are used for the needy in our area.

**LEGION OF MARY** is an evangelization outreach program. Meetings are weekly on Wednesday at 9:45 AM. Two hours of work is performed in the community each week.

**SAINT MARY'S LIBRARY** has a large selection of religious books, tapes and movies. It is open after all the weekend Masses. If interested in helping contact the Church office at 717-272-5674.

**FESTIVAL COMMITTEE** plans and executes the annual festival held on a weekend in August. Contact Dave Hanner at 717-376-5582, or Robert Mettley at 717-507-6508 for more information.

## PARISH ORGANIZATIONS

**COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN** is a Catholic women's service organization. This group of ladies is affiliated with Harrisburg Diocesan Council of Catholic Women and The National Council of Catholic Women and follow the mandates set by both HDCCW and NCCW. All ladies of the parish are members. If you are interested in the active work, contact Patricia Anderson at 717-272-5674.

**THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY** is a Catholic Men's organization devoted to honoring the HOLY NAME of JESUS. If interested in becoming involved, contact Robert Mettley at 717-272-9871.

**THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** is a men's fraternal service organization. Contact Robert Mettley at 717-272-9871, if interested in joining.

**BOY SCOUTS TROOP 11** chartered by the Holy Name Society, is the longest chartered Boy Scout Troop in Lebanon County, having been first chartered May 18, 1920. Contact 717-813-7834 if interested.



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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SESSIONS AT ASSUMPTION BVM** are held from September through May. Instruction for grades 1 through 6 is held on Sunday morning from 9:00 AM to 10:15 AM.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SESSIONS** for 7th & 8th grade Confirmation preparation classes are held biweekly on Sunday afternoon 12:45 PM to 3:00 PM.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AT OUR LADY OF FATIMA MISSION** is held on Sunday mornings from 9:45 AM to 11:00 AM during the months of September through May in the social hall.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** all children K through grade 3, is held September through the end of Easter Season during the 10:30 AM Mass.

## LEBANON CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Located on Assumption Hill at 1400 Chestnut Street, Lebanon.

The school offers studies in grades K-4 through 12.

Principal-Mrs. Debra Waters

For information call the school, 717-273-3731.