

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARYCHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons, Pastor
Mrs. Karen Glose, Director of Music
Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
Mr. John-Paul Crescenzo, M.Ed., Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School
Mrs. Susan Parker, Director of Religious Education
Ms. Joanne Manning, Parish Secretary
Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger, Youth Activities
Mr. John-Paul Crescenzo, M.Ed., Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School

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Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:00 a.m.
 Wednesday 7:00 p.m.

 Holy Days 7:00 p.m. [Vigil]
 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 living in the parish boundaries are asked to register at the rectory. Please notify the rectory if you change your address or phone number or move out of the parish.

Communion to the Sick

Communion is taken to the sick after the Sunday Masses and on First Fridays. The Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with individual homebound parishioners on First Fridays several times a year. 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.

Parish Activities/Contacts

Adult Education	Msgr. Koons.....610-262-2559	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....610-262-2559
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....610-262-8428	Ministry to the Sick	Msgr. Koons.....610-262-2559
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....610-691-0525
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....610-262-2559	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....610-262-2673
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...610-760-9491	Parish Family Picnic	Msgr. Koons.....610-262-2559
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....610-262-8138	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Susan Parker.....610-262-7343
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....610-262-3193	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....610-428-9053
CYO	Tim Gribb610-762-9072	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Msgr. Koons.....610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....610-393-9126	Religious Education	Susan Parker.....610-262-7343
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....610-262-3193	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....610-837-0376
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....610-262-9171	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....610-262-2559
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....610-262-2559	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....610-262-7904
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....484-226-0188	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....610-262-3478
Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....610-262-8138	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...610-760-9491
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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 30, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Dec. 31, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Siekonic	Christine and Chris Lamm
	4:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve – †Members of the Anna and Frank Farkas Family	Family
Jan. 01, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	New Year's Day – Living and deceased members of our parish	
Jan. 02, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†George Nederostek	Stella Nederostek
Jan. 03, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Simoson, Jr.	Wife, Cindy
Jan. 04, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Rev. Francis Straka	M/M Tomas Bereta
Jan. 05, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†John Humenik	Allan and Linda Jane Pomier
Jan. 06, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Stella Santucci	Assumption B.V.M. Adult Choir

New Year's and

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Dec. 31, Mon. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	J. Nicosia	A. Colandrea	L. Stefaniak/M. Bitenc
Jan. 01, Tue. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	K. Bennett	W. Cuchran	
Jan. 05, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	B. Kosman	N. Bischof	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Jan. 06, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	T. Melosky	N. Millan	G. Farkas/L. Gehringer
	10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza	D. Maron	S. Kroll/J. Bobko
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SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Stephen Kerbacher, Sr. requested by Joanne and Juliet Manning.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Stephen Kerbacher who died recently.

Good News!

December 30, 2018

Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph (C)

*Sir 3:2–6, 12–14 or 1 Sm 1:20–22, 24–28; Col 3:12–21,
or Col 3:12–17, or 1 Jn 3:1–2, 21–24; Lk 2:41–52*

In *Rest on the Flight Into Egypt, The Holy Family*, Francesco Mancini painted realistic details that make the scene as ordinary as any family playing with their child in a park. Mary has a bowl of water in her hand, perhaps ready to offer a drink to Jesus after he tastes a strawberry. A silver bowl of food for the baby rests on a white baby blanket. Perhaps it was just placed there by Joseph, for Jesus has finished his vegetables and now Dad offers dessert! A traveling basket sits in front of a water jug. These instruments show that they are travelers, and the Egyptian obelisk in the background indicates their destination.

The circumstances are precarious yet joyful, even playful, in their following of God's path. This was just one of the trying times for the Holy Family, which would eventually include losing the Child Jesus in the temple. As their whole focus in this painting is on Jesus, imagine their fear when they can no longer find the heart of their family.

This is a fantastic image of the joys and challenges of family life. There is joy in having Jesus in our midst, and no sacrifice is too great when he is present. But when he is lost from the center, fears and anxieties enter.

The words of Colossians sum up this attitude, making one think that Paul had a good idea of what virtues family life require! Let's work in our families to have Jesus at the center, and once he is there, to "put on" all the virtues that his presence inspires.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday - December 31

Seventh Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:18–21 / Jn 1:1–18

Tuesday - January 1

Solemnity of Mary the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22–27

Gal 4:4–7

Lk 2:16–21

Wednesday - January 2

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory

Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22–28 / Jn 1:19–28

Thursday - January 3

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:29–3:6 / Jn 1:29–34

Friday - January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7–10 / Jn 1:35–42

Saturday - January 5

St. John Neumann, Bishop

1 Jn 3:11–21 / Jn 1:43–51

Sunday - January 6

The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1–6

Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6

Mt 2:1–12

Rel. Ed. Classes : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.
Prayer Shawl Meeting : 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
7th & 8th Grade Rel. Ed. : Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Baptismal Preparation Class: Wed., Jan. 9, 5:30 p.m.
Donut/Giving Sunday : Sunday, January 13
Breakfast : Sunday, January 27
Confirmation : Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.
BVM Night – Iron Pigs : Thursday, August 22, 2019

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Tuesday, January 1, is a Holy Day of obligation, the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God will be celebrated on Monday, December 31, at 4:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, January 1, at 8:00 a.m.

RECTORY OFFICE will be closed Monday, December 31 thru Wednesday, January 2 for New Year's.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: The First Friday of January, January 4, our parish will offer a holy hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The 8 o'clock Mass will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and will last one hour concluding with Benediction at 9:15 a.m.

LOTTERY CALENDARS: The Parish Fund Raising Committee is sponsoring a monthly lottery calendar for January 2019. The calendars are \$5 each and the winners are based on the **evening daily** Pennsylvania Lottery number. Calendars will be on sale before Masses this weekend, December 29/30; **Monday, December 31 before the 4:00 p.m. Mass and Tuesday, January 1 before the 8:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass.** This will be the last chance to purchase the calendars.

OUR MONTHLY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION will be held on Wednesday, January 9, at 5:30 p.m. in a classroom above the Church. All parents who are expecting to celebrate baptism with their child are asked to attend one of these sessions, even before the child is born. Please call the rectory in advance to register.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Stephen Kerbacher, Sr.:** \$20 Stephen Marsch; \$20 Bernice and Louie Tepes.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **on Sunday, January 27.** Please support this fund raising effort of the parish and enjoy a hearty, homemade breakfast with your friends. Menu includes: French toast, pancakes, scrambled eggs or omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, hash brown, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.**



"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": Sunday, January 13 our Hospitality Committee will be hosting "Donut/Giving Sunday". Join us after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses for coffee, donuts and fellowship in our social hall. **Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding.** Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. **This month's donuts are being donated in memory of Bill Farkas by wife, Gloria, son, George & family and daughter, Valarie Gross & family.**

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU'S:

THANK YOU to everyone who helped clean and decorate the church throughout the year and this Christmas season. Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted at our Masses: lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, choir members, greeters and ushers, to everyone who through their sacrifices of time, talent and treasure made our celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord and all the Masses through the year so beautiful and reverent.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU is extended to all the volunteers who helped with our fund raisers during this past year. The monthly Breakfast, Church Picnic, Kolach Sales and Lottery Calendars would not be a success without the help of our parish dedicated volunteers. Thank you once again for all your help in making these fund raisers a success.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who faithfully bring Holy Communion to our sick and shut-in parishioners throughout the year. These parishioners wish to add their own thanks for prayers, cards and visits.

THANK YOU to the B.V.M. Young-at-Heart for their donation of \$300 to our church.

ASSUMPTION B.V.M. 2018 OFFERING STATEMENTS

will be mailed the week of January 7 to those who contributed \$1000 or more during 2018. If you desire a statement of your 2018 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.

ENVELOPE NUMBER: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM: Please keep saving your Redner's Save-A-Tape Receipts by using your Save-A-Tape Card. If you don't have one, just ask the cashier during your next shopping trip. Our church receives 1% for items you purchase, just by turning in your receipts. **This year we have received \$3,348.43. Just think, that's almost \$3,350.00** received from pieces of paper you would normally throw in the garbage. Please place your **full receipts** in the containers located in the church vestibule.

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BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 27, 2019

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
AT THE DOOR ONLY

ADULTS \$7.00

CHILDREN \$3.00

MENU

French Toast

Pancakes

Scrambled Eggs & Hash Brown

Choice of: Sausage, Bacon or Ham

Omelet your way & Hash Brown

Cheese Steak Omelet & Hash Brown

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea