

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



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
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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 Gribb 610-762-9072	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
Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....	484-540-5090		

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 14, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Higgins	Mary Kurtz
Jan. 15, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Rose Bellante	Vinnie and Linda Santucci and Family
Jan. 16, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Helen Paulino	Joanne and Charles Recker
Jan. 17, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Myirski	Monica and Family
Jan. 18, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Gloria Fanelli	M/M John Marshall
Jan. 19, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Alfred Kosman	Kathleen and Tom Schwindenhammer
Jan. 20, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Vienna Carly Savino	Grandparents, Carl and Hilda Wunderler

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Jan. 19, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	L. Kosciolk	A. Nederostek	L. Bet/P. Schuler
Jan. 20, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	P. Madea	J. Ciecko	W. Cuchran	N. Birozik/D. Cesanek
10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt	R. Shearman	G. Miletics	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week for the health and blessing of Mary Molchany requested by Joanne and Juliet.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish.

Good News!

January 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord (C)

Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11;

Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7;

Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

We have all received baptism, but why don't the amazing fruits and graces received then always show themselves powerfully in our lives?

Titus tells us what has already happened for us in baptism. We were saved "through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the holy Spirit" (3:5). Yet this renewal accomplished by the Spirit needs to be fully embraced by us for it to reach its potential. We know we have been renewed, but how do we keep renewing? This happens by prayerful contact with the Holy Spirit.

In Titus, Spirit is capitalized because it's the Spirit of God. Renewal by the Holy Spirit is a renewal in which God, not man, is the principal protagonist. "Behold, I" (not you) "make all things new" (Revelation 21:5).

We often think that to be renewed and grow, we have to do something. God tells us it is something he does. "I, the Lord, make you holy" (Leviticus 20:8). We have to give him back the power he already has. Or better yet, we need to recognize God's power and let him use it in us.

A revolution needs to happen in our minds and hearts where we recognize that without the Holy Spirit we can do nothing. So ask the Holy Spirit to come upon you in a real baptism of fire. Then all those baptismal gifts will spark into a flame and help you set the world ablaze with his love!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday - January 14

Weekday

Heb 1:1-6

Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday - January 15

Weekday

Heb 2:5-12 / Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday - January 16

Weekday

Heb 2:14-18

Mk 1:29-39

Thursday - January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot

Heb 3:7-14

Mk 1:40-45

Friday - January 18

Weekday

Heb 4:1-5, 11

Mk 2:1-12

Saturday - January 19

Weekday

Heb 4:12-16

Mk 2:13-17

Sunday - January 20

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 62:1-5

1 Cor 12:4-11

Jn 2:1-11

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.
Donut/Giving Sunday : Sunday, January 13
Breakfast : Sunday, January 27
Baptismal Preparation Class: Wed., Feb. 6, 5:30 p.m.
Confirmation : Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.
BVM Night – Iron Pigs : Thursday, August 22, 2019



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Vienna Carly Savino. They were donated by her grandparents, Carl and Hilda Wunderler.

SIGN OF PEACE: In light of the heightened cases of influenza being reported in our five-county area and the January 2 change in the Pennsylvania Department of Health's Influenza Status from "sporadic" to "widespread," His Excellency, Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, directs that the Exchange of the Sign of Peace be suspended beginning with the Vigil and Sunday Masses this weekend, January 12/13. This suspension will be in effect until the incidence of influenza subsides in our region.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Stephen Kerbacher, Sr.:** \$20 Mary Helen Plata; \$50 Ruthann and Roland Grieshammer; \$25 Thomas and Ann Marie Pavlinsky; \$40 Richard and Lois Kerbacher; \$25 James Leopold; \$25 Virginia Haldeman; \$100 Angelica Kerbacher; \$20 Ken and Jean James; \$30 Ray Miller. **In memory of Andrea Dias:** \$30 Brenda Fritz and Debbie Funk.



"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": Today, 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. **This month's donuts are being donated in memory of Bill Farkas by wife, Gloria, son, George & family and daughter, Valarie Gross & family.**



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.**

THANK YOU to the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association Branch S443 and Branch J387 for their donation of \$500.00 to our parish Christmas Collection.



SOUPER SUNDAY OF CARING: On Super Bowl weekend, February 2/3 students from our Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.) will be present at all Masses 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 donations in the soup pots that the teens will be holding after all Masses on Super Bowl weekend.

SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS: Good Shepherd Catholic School will hold their annual **Catholic Schools Week Open House on Sunday, January 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** All are invited to come tour our school and see the wonderful things that are happening. Registrations will also be accepted for the 2019-20 school year. We are accepting enrollment for students entering Preschool (age 3) through 8th grade. For more information, please call the school office at 610-262-9171.



YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on Tuesday, January 29, 2019 in the church social hall. Bus Trips: Atlantic City overnight - Thursday/Friday, February 14/15. Cost is \$125 per person; Mohegan Sun Casino on Thursday, February 28. You do not have to be a member to come along. For tickets please call Louise at 610-262-6308 or Bella at 610-262-2673.

BINGO: Mercy School for Special Learning, 830 S Woodward Street, Allentown will host a **Vera/Coach Purse Bingo next Sunday, January 20 at 1:00 p.m. \$25 for 20 games, specials extra.** The kitchen will open at 12:00 noon. For more information please call 610-797-8242.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION: The weekend of **January 26/27,** our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. **How will you help?** Please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise.** Envelopes are contained in your packet for this special collection.

PLEASE NOTE: The Annual Assumption B.V.M. Church Picnic will be held next year on **Sunday, September 8th, at Egypt Memorial Park.** Please mark your calendars.

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK will hold a Super Bowl Gift Card Bingo on Sunday, February 3, 2019 in the Good Shepherd Catholic School Gym, 1300 Newport Avenue, Northampton. There will be 20 games for \$20 and five specials for \$5. Chinese Auction - 50/50 - Door prizes - Mystery Envelope Game - Cash Drawing - Food. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. and Bingo will begin at 2:00 p.m. All paper bingo. Additional boards are available for purchase. To purchase tickets or for more information contact: Kelly Frantz at 610-262-7826. "Snow Date: Sunday, February 10, 2019."

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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

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