

# 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                          |                             |                                      |

## ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 10, 2019

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

|                    |            |   |                         |
|--------------------|------------|---|-------------------------|
| Mar. 11, Monday    | 8:00 a.m.  | †Elizabeth Yatsura                        | Daughter, Martha        |
| Mar. 12, Tuesday   | 8:00 a.m.  | †Memorial Fund Members                    |                         |
| Mar. 13, Wednesday | 7:00 p.m.  | †Catherine Holena                         | Mary Hirshman           |
| Mar. 14, Thursday  | 8:00 a.m.  | †Susan and Rudolph Bauer                  | Carol and Gary Houck    |
| Mar. 15, Friday    | 8:00 a.m.  | †Janice Kuhebecker                        | Friend                  |
| Mar. 16, Saturday  | 4:00 p.m.  | †Debbie Nothstein                         | Louis Tepes, Jr. Family |
| Mar. 17, Sunday    | 8:00 a.m.  | Living and deceased members of our parish |                         |
|                    | 10:30 a.m. | †Mary Bankos                              | Daughter, Ann           |

### Next Week's Schedule:

|               |            |           |
|---------------|------------|-----------|
| Mar. 16, Sat. | 4:00 p.m.  | C. Fisher |
| Mar. 17, Sun. | 8:00 a.m.  | C. Kroll  |
|               | 10:30 a.m. | E. Hozza  |

### Lector:

### Euch. Min.:

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|-------------|
| L. Kosciolk |
| J. Ciecko   |
| T. Melosky  |

### Altar Servers:

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|--------------|
| J. Warren    |
| N. Millan    |
| G. Heidecker |

### Greeters:

|                       |
|-----------------------|
| L. Bet/P. Schuler     |
| N. Birosik/D. Cesanek |
| H. Stempo/B. Yezzo    |

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Aloysius Makovsky requested by wife, Jean and children, Brian and Lori.

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

# Good News!

March 10, 2019

First Sunday of Lent (C)

Dt 26:4–10; Rom 10:8–13; Lk 4:1–13

Every Lent, priests, nuns, monks, and many laypeople pray the following: “Be sober and vigilant. Your opponent the devil is prowling around like a roaring lion looking for [someone] to devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Jesus encountered this truth in his temptations in the desert, another place in his ministry where he experienced the struggle of humanity.

The temptations begin, “If you are the Son of God....” All our temptations begin by doubting and challenging Jesus to prove himself. Although Jesus is all-powerful and all-good, we struggle to make sense of suffering and tragedies.

The temptations continue as Jesus is invited to satisfy himself, impress others, and skip suffering. But Jesus responds repeatedly in humility. In the desert he doesn't turn stones into bread. Later, he does something far greater; he turns bread and wine into himself. When tempted, we cry out to him to soften the hard realities of our lives. And Jesus does just that. He suffers in his passion, dies, and rises again to become life-giving bread for us. He becomes manna in our desert.

When we wish for power, Jesus promises we will reign with him if we also let him suffer for us and we with him. The devil would have us take matters into our own hands, doubt God, and make him prove himself by our measures. Yet if we listen to Jesus, look at his answers, and learn from his life, then true power will be ours.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Calendar:

**Monday – March 11**

*Lenten Weekday*

Lv 19:1–2, 11–18

Mt 25:31–46

**Tuesday – March 12**

*Lenten Weekday*

Is 55:10–11

Mt 6:7–15

**Wednesday – March 13**

*Lenten Weekday*

Jon 3:1–10

Lk 11:29–32

**Thursday – March 14**

*Lenten Weekday*

Est C:12, 14–16, 23–25

Mt 7:7–12

**Friday – March 15**

*Lenten Weekday*

Ez 18:21–28

Mt 5:20–26

**Saturday – March 16**

*Lenten Weekday*

Dt 26:16–19

Mt 5:43–48

**Sunday – March 17**

*Second Sunday of Lent*

Gn 15:5–12, 17–18

Phil 3:17–4:1


Lk 9:28b–36


**Rel. Ed. Classes** : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.  
**Prayer Shawl Meeting** : 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.  
**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rel. Ed.** : Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
**Stations of the Cross** : Wednesdays, after Mass  
**Choir Rehearsal** : Wednesdays, after Stations  
**Confessions** : Saturdays 3 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.  
**Donut/Giving Sunday** : Sunday, March 10  
**Confirmation** : Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.  
**Healing Our Church** : Tues., Mar. 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
**Healing Our Church** : Thu., Mar. 14, 8:30-10:00 a.m.  
**Breakfast** : Sunday, March 24  
**Baptismal Preparation Class**: Wed., April 3, 5:30 p.m.  
**BVM Night – Iron Pigs** : Thursday, August 22, 2019

**LENTEN ACTIVITIES: Mass:** Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:00 a.m. **Stations of the Cross:** Wednesdays beginning on March 13 after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. **Confessions:** Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

**BLESSED PALM:** Old blessed palm may be brought to the church anytime during Lent. The palm will be burned for ashes to be used next year on Ash Wednesday.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL** is a wonderful way to bring the spirit of Lenten sacrifice home. Operation Rice Bowl allows millions of our starving brothers and sisters to benefit and it doesn't cost us a cent! To participate, choose one night a week to eat a sacrificial meal. We will publish suggested meals in the bulletin each week. The meal is designed to imitate the quantity of food eaten by the poor. Take the cost of the meal, subtract it from what you normally would have spent for dinner that day, and give the difference to Operation Rice Bowl. **This week's menu: French Toast with Syrup, Cinnamon Apple Sauce OR Cottage Cheese on Peach Halves, Oatmeal Raisin Cookies.**

 **"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY":** Today, Sunday, March 10, 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 Frances Peters by her husband, Bill.**

 **SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses on **Sunday, March 24.** 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, omelet or cheese steak omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea.** Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. Tickets on sale at the door.

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:** Come see why so many families choose Good Shepherd. Value based education, a solid curriculum enhanced by responsibility and classroom structure, emphasis on writing skills and a caring and nurturing atmosphere. Please call Victoria Frystack, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 to schedule your tour now! Early Education Open House, Pre-School, Pre-K and K will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

**CONFIRMATION:** The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to our candidates this Tuesday, March 12. The celebration of Mass and the Sacrament will be held at 4:30 p.m. at Queenship of Mary Church on Newport Avenue in Northampton. Candidates and Sponsors please arrived no later than 3:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

**SLOVAK KOLACH SALE:** Your Easter Slovak Kolach **orders are due by today, Sunday, March 24.** Please complete the green colored form and return it with your payment. The cost is \$16.00 each. Additional order forms are available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14.

**NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME:** Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Thursday, August 22** on the Party Porch, 1<sup>st</sup> base line, at Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Ironpigs Way, Allentown hosted by B.V.M. Choir. Food will be available from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Game starts at 7:05 p.m. Cost is \$37 per person and is due at time of reservation. **Deadline for reservations is Sunday, July 1.** For more information call Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138. You can place your payment in the church collection basket to hold your tickets (reservations). Please make checks payable to the church.

**"GOD'S REMEDY FOR OUR SINS":** A Lenten Reflection by Sr. Gaudia Skass, OLM from the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Join us Thursday, April 11, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Church, Orefield for an evening of reflection on the Divine Mercy with Sr. Gaudia Skass, OLM. Sr. Gaudia will give a moving presentation about God's infinite mercy during an evening centered in prayerful Adoration of Our Lord. Mark your calendars; you won't want to miss this incredible event! Questions, contact [cle@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:cle@allentowndiocese.org) or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021.

**COMMISSION FOR WOMEN HOSTING LENTEN EVENT:** The Commission for Women invite all women to "*Breakfast with the Bishop*" event on Saturday, April 6, 2019 beginning with daily Mass at 8 AM at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown followed by Recitation of the Rosary, Breakfast and a Lenten Reflection by Bishop Schlert. Please join us as we gather together during this season of Lent for Prayer and Fellowship. To register, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/cfw-spirituality](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/cfw-spirituality). Questions, email [cfw@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:cfw@allentowndiocese.org) or call Susan Teaford at 610-207-5763.

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS:** We invite and encourage you to participate in the offertory procession at Mass. This is especially appropriate if you have requested the Mass, or if the Mass is being offered for a family member or friend. If you would like to present the gifts, please see one of the greeters at least fifteen minutes before Mass begins.

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## BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 24, 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