

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

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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., 7:00 p.m.

Confessions

Saturday 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.
 or by appointment

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 Fr. Straka 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	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....	610-262-8428	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ministry to the Sick	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Bible Study	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Parish Family Picnic	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
CYO	Tim Grubb	610-762-9072	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Ecumenical Rep.	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
First Friday Adoration	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	RCIA	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Young at Heart Bus Trips	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	610-262-9012	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 24, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 25, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Pesarcik	Betty Toolan
Jan. 26, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Stanley Silfies	M/M Douglas Green
	12:00 noon	Living and deceased members of Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart	
Jan. 27, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†George Nederostek	M/M Stephen Reichel and Kelsey
Jan. 28, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†William Birocik	M/M Ronald Spengler
Jan. 29, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Margaret Pavlovcak	Son, John, and Kathy Pavlovcak
Jan. 30, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Ryan Zawada	Parents, Diane and Joe, Brother, Joe, and Sister, Jenny
Jan. 31, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Humenik	Sons, David, John and Paul
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Jan. 30, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	L. Kosciolk	A. Paul/B. Paul/E. Zwolenik	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Jan. 31, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	R. Shearman	M. Hudock/N. Clouse/N. Bischof	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza	L. Santucci	B. DelVecchio/A. Miletics/G. Miletics	J. DelVecchio/C. Marano

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Joseph Schuch requested by Joanne and Juliet.

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

dear Padre:

Broadcasting our beliefs

We're supposed to spread the Good News every chance we get, but what about on bumper stickers, clothing, social media, and other places? I see religious street art and think it's disgraceful, but my son says you have to get people's attention any way you can. What do you think?

Decorum and respect have their lines and limits, but sometimes it's hard to say exactly where they are. Years ago there was an outrage over a clothing manufacturer that stitched Jesus' words on the seat of their line of blue jeans: "Come, follow me!"

We should enjoy our freedoms of speech and religious expression in morally and legally acceptable ways. I think the wearers of T-shirts and the drivers of cars with Christian words on them are sincere. In fact, it takes some nerve to publicly display "I love Jesus." Surely many of the eyes that see this quietly say, "I do, too." And what do we do: leave the field of messaging to people who corrupt our eyes with lies and indecency?

Just remember: Before shirts and stickers, it is God who converts people, very often through those who live and breathe the words — those who really, quietly, and clearly know and love Jesus. He has always relied on flesh-and-blood witnesses to lovingly share his name. This is what it really means to bear witness to Jesus Christ.

FR. JOHN M. HAMROGUE, CSsR
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Calendar:

Monday – January 25

Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle

Acts 22:3–16 / Mk 16:15–18

Tuesday – January 26

Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops

2 Tm 1:1–8 / Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday – January 27

Weekday

2 Sm 7:4–17 / Mk 4:1–20

Thursday – January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

2 Sm 7:18–19, 24–29

Mk 4:21–25

Friday – January 29

Weekday

2 Sm 11:1–4a, 5–10a, 13–17

Mk 4:26–34

Saturday – January 30

Weekday

2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17

Mk 4:35–41

Sunday – January 31

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4–5, 17–19

1 Cor 12:31–13:13

Lk 4:21–30

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
7th GRADE PREP : Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., February 6, 10:00 a.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, February 14
BREAKFAST : Sunday, February 28, 2016
CONFIRMATION : Tue., March 15, 2016, 4:30 p.m.
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 11, 2016

BLESSING OF THROATS: Saturday, January 30 and Sunday, January 31 throats will be blessed immediately after all Masses.

CANDLES WILL BE BLESSED for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2 – Candlemas Day). They will be available for your personal use. We ask an offering of \$3.50 per box to help cover the costs.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Once again we will expose the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:00 a.m. Mass on the 1st Friday of February, February 5. Exposition will end at 12 noon. Please sign up for 30 minutes of adoration on the sign-up sheet in the church lobby.

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday, February 5, is First Friday. Communion calls will be made as usual. If you have anyone at home who would like to be visited, please call the rectory.

OUR MONTHLY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION will be held on Saturday, February 6, at 10:00 a.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 FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Ryan Zawada. They were donated by his Parents, Diane and Joe, Brother, Joe & Sister, Jenny.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Rita Roman:** \$20 Edward and Martha Hozza.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses on **Sunday, January 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 or omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, cran brown, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults, \$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.**



SOUPEr SUNDAY OF CARING: On Super Bowl weekend, February 6/7, students from our 7th Grade 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: February is the month assigned to our parish for volunteering to work at the Northampton Area Food Bank. Work is not strenuous and only requires a few hours on certain days. The more volunteers we have, the less work for all. If interested or for more information please call Bella Skweir at 610-262-2673.

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK will hold a Vera Bradley Bingo on Sunday, February 7, 2016 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 bingo prizes and specials will be Vera Bradley products. All paper bingo. Additional boards are available for purchase. To purchase tickets or for more information contact: Barbara Budnik at 610-262-6156. "Snow Date: Sunday, February 14."



YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be this Tuesday, January 26, 2016 in the church social hall.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Good Shepherd Catholic School is now enrolling new students for the 2016-2017 school year. We offer full day Kindergarten through Grade 8, as well as, Preschool and Pre-K programs for 3 year old and 4 year old children. Extended care is available. Please call 610.262.9171 to schedule your family tour or email mrspoccia@ptd.net today!

Thank you to the organizers, sponsors, volunteers, and participants who helped make the GSCS Bingo event to benefit school technology this past Sunday so successful.

Catholic Schools Week Open House will be held on Sunday, January 31 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

LENTEN FISH DINNER: St. Mary's Church, 122 Union Street, Catasauqua, will hold a Lenten Fish Dinner on Friday, **February 12** from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The cost for the dinner is \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Dinner includes a Cup of Soup, Fried Breaded Icelandic Haddock, Corn, Coleslaw, Stewed Tomatoes, Roll, Dessert, Beverage and choice of Baked Potato, Mac & Cheese or Cabbage & Noodles. Take out available. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 610-264-0332 or email kim.bil@verizon.net.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION: This weekend, January 23/24, 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 invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life. **How will you help?** Please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **Jesus in disguise**. Envelopes are contained in your packet for this special collection.

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, February 28, 2016



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