

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA, Pastor
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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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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

MARCH 27, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Mar. 28, Monday		NO MASS	
Mar. 29, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Vincent Rodick	Sister, Rita Pavlick, and Family
	12:00 noon	Living and deceased members of the Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart	
Mar. 30, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Helen Siekonic	Perry, Heidi and Ron Koch, Jr.
Mar. 31, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Sipics	Ron and Priscilla Koch
Apr. 01, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward S. Kovalchik	Helen Sipics
Apr. 02, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Ryan Zawada	Parents, Joe & Diane, Brother, Joe, and Sister, Jenny
Apr. 03, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Lucille Reph	Linda and Vinnie Santucci

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Apr. 02, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher
Apr. 03, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	M. Heist
	10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger

Euch. Min.:

B. Kosman
J. Ciecko
J. Nicosia

Altar Servers:

B. Bankos/E. Ossiander/E. Meister
N. Bischof/N. Clouse/M. Hudock
M. Thierer/P. Hunsicker/A. Nemeth

Greeters:

S. Bankos/L. Stefanik
A. Fry/M. Kovalcik
E. Lessel/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of the sons and daughters of John and Mary Wanisko requested by John and Elizabeth Kuchera.

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

dear Padre:

Why aren't heaven's gates open to all of humanity?

If God loves everyone, why aren't all of us saved?

When we picture heaven, we imagine a place where everyone is happy, loving, and at peace. If this is perfect bliss, then why wouldn't the Lord send everyone there? It is certainly a loving attitude to desire that all of our friends, family, and community enjoy the victory of union with the Trinity. When Jesus died and rose, he opened the door for all of humanity to enter eternal life. If we want everyone to be saved, and God wants everyone to be saved, what could possibly keep a person outside the Pearly Gates?

The answer lies in the very nature of God's love for us. Not everyone is saved because God wants us to choose salvation freely. While a person who loves God and willingly obeys his commands will find the kingdom blissful, a person choosing pride or selfishness would not. Would heaven really be paradise if people could choose to be bullies, murderers, or abusers? If I reject God's love because I don't want anyone telling me what to do, I would not freely submit myself to the Lord's authority. God has given us free will, and that means we are free to reject him and his kingdom. For heaven to be heaven, everyone there must be submissive to God's will and each other. Jesus loves us too much to force us to be saved.

FR. MATTHEW BONK, CSsR
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Calendar:

Monday – March 28

Octave of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
Mt 28:8–15

Tuesday – March 29

Octave of Easter
Acts 2:36–41
Jn 20:11–18

Wednesday – March 30

Octave of Easter
Acts 3:1–10
Lk 24:13–35

Thursday – March 31

Octave of Easter
Acts 3:11–26
Lk 24:35–48

Friday – April 1

Octave of Easter
Acts 4:1–12 / Jn 21:1–14

Saturday – April 2

Octave of Easter
Acts 4:13–21
Mk 16:9–15

Sunday – April 3

Second Sunday of Easter
Acts 5:12–16
Rv 1:9–11a, 12–13, 17–19
Jn 20:19–31

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.
FIRST COMMUNION : Saturday, April 9, 11:00 a.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, April 10
BREAKFAST : Sunday, April 24, 2016
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., May 7, 10:00 a.m.
PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING : Fri., Aug. 5 & Sat., Aug. 6
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 11, 2016

PLEASE NOTE: The rectory office will be closed Monday, March 28 and Tuesday, March 29 for Easter. The rectory office will reopen Wednesday, March 30.

THANK YOU to all who helped clean and decorate the church, for all who assisted at our Holy Week Services and Easter Masses, for the choir members and for everyone who through their personal sacrifices of time, talent, and treasure, made our celebration of the Holy Week and Easter so meaningful.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU Ann Fry for donating a new set of Holy Oil Vessels in memory of her husband, Leonard Fry. They were filled for the first time at the Chrism Mass this past Wednesday. The oils from these vessels are used here at B.V.M. for Confirmation, Baptism and Anointing of the Sick.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of John J. Krivak:** \$50.00 Rev. Francis P. Straka.



"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": On Sunday, April 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. **Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, jars of peanut butter, boxes of Jell-O or pudding.** Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. This month's coffee and donuts are being donated by Joy and Sal Nicosia.



PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on Friday, August 5 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 6 starting at 7:00 a.m. Friday we will be peeling and cooking potatoes. Saturday we will be making, cooking and packing the pierogies. Please come and help. The more help we have, the faster we get done. We need both Men and Women. Please come and join us. We do have fun.

SOMETHING TO WATCH ON PBS39: On Thursday, March 31 at 11:00 p.m. a special on Slovakia is being shown on PBS39 titled: **SLOVAKIA - The Treasures In The Heart of Europe** - The Slovak Republic is one of Europe's most unknown and overlooked adventures. With its stunning landscapes, rich history, and bustling capita of Brastislava, travelers are beginning to discover the beauty of Slovakia.

EASTER FLOWERS: A special "Thank You" to Jay H. Gilbert, of Gilbert Funeral Home, and his family for their donation of \$25 in loving memory of their family and friends.

YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 in the church social hall.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses on **Sunday, April 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, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.**

"ANNIE, JR.": Good Shepherd Catholic School Drama Club proudly presents "Annie, Jr." on **Friday, April 8 and Saturday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, April 10 at 2:00 p.m. in the school gym.** Tickets are \$5.00 person. For more information, please call the school office at 610-262-9171.

Now Enrolling! Good Shepherd Catholic School is currently 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. If interested please call 610-262-9171 or email mrsppocia@ptd.net to schedule a school tour or shadow day!

GSCS 5th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at Willow Brook Golf Course in Catasauqua to benefit Good Shepherd Catholic School Technology Program. For more information and to register, please go to the Golf Outing Website www.tjplegan.wix.com/GSCS-golf-tournament#!contact-us/ccbt.

SECOND ANNUAL ALUMNI SOCIAL will be held on Sunday, April 17, 2016. The celebration will begin with 9:30 Mass at Queenship of Mary Church. Light refreshments served in the school gym and school tours available. Legacy School alumni please RSVP by emailing eventsvpgscs@gmail.com.

Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 11, 2016

EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK

begins with a Mass at 11:00 a.m.,
continues with music, games and food until 7:00 p.m.
Featuring the music of "The Pennsylvania Villagers"
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

HAVE YOU NOTICED the **CareNotes** display in the back of the church? CareNotes offer helpful ideas and inspiration on dealing with some of life's most difficult moments. Please help yourself.

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, April 24, 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