

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA, Pastor
Mrs. Karen Glose, Director of Music
Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
Ms. Irene M. Quigley, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School

Mrs. Linda Santucci, Coordinator of Religious Education
Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger, Youth Activities
Ms. Joanne Manning, Parish Secretary

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Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
 Weekdays 8:00 a.m.
 Holy Days 7:00 p.m. [Vigil]
 8:00 a.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	Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....	484-540-5090	
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ministry to the Sick	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Bible Study	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Parish Family Picnic	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
CYO	Tim Grubb	610-762-9072	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
Ecumenical Rep.	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RCIA	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	610-262-9012	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

MAY 29, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

May 30, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Deceased Veterans	Catholic War Veterans Post #454
May 31, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Andrew Madea	Afton Madea
June 1, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Lisa Gardner	Parents, Edward and Carol
June 2, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Theresa Acerra	Theresa Melosky
June 3, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Sipics	M/M Tomas Bereta
June 4, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Robert Haldeman	Rose Meiley and Family
June 5, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Madea	April Kucsan
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
June 4, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	ME Schwartz	P. Kovach/L. Kosciolk/B. Kosman	D. Bassert/A. Paul/B. Paul	C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
June 5, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	R. Spengler/K. Bennett/N. Birosik	N. Bischof/N. Clouse/M. Hudock	B. Cwitkowitz/M. Weaver
10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger	R. Shearman/J. Nicosia/L. Santucci	M. Thierer/C. Cuchran/M. Cuchran	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Joseph, Elizabeth and Mark Tanzosh requested by Family.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Agnes Bennett, mother of Kenneth Bennett, who died this past week.

dear Padre:

Is taking just the host full participation?

Do we need both bread and wine to receive Christ's Body and Blood? If I receive only the host—not the Precious Blood—am I participating fully in the Eucharist?

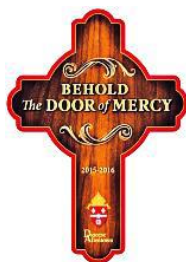
By only taking the host you are participating fully. In the same way, if you only drink from the chalice you are participating fully. Jesus is always fully present in each form—both one and the other. Many times it is not possible to offer the chalice to a large congregation; yet there are also times when one cannot receive the host, especially in sickness, and consuming the Precious Blood is easier. In its teaching on the Eucharist, the Church invites us to receive both: "It is especially fitting to receive Christ in both forms during the celebration of the Eucharist. This allows the Eucharist to appear more perfectly as a banquet, a banquet that is a foretaste of the banquet that will be celebrated with Christ at the end of time when the Kingdom of God is established in its fullness (see *Eucharisticum Mysterium*, 32)." In John 6 Jesus invites us to both eat and drink, so it is good to do both if you are able. If you aren't able, or if the chalice isn't offered at your church, you still participate fully. Both forms are always present though, because the priest must always receive both.

FR. PATRICK KEYES, CSsR
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Calendar:

- Monday – May 30**
Weekday
2 Pt 1:2–7 / Mk 12:1–12
- Tuesday – May 31**
Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Zep 3:14–18a / Lk 1:39–56
- Wednesday - June 1**
St. Justin, Martyr
2 Tm 1:1–3, 6–12
Mk 12:18–27
- Thursday - June 2**
Weekday
2 Tm 2:8–15
Mk 12:28–34
- Friday - June 3**
Most Sacred Heart of Jesus
Ez 34:11–16
Rom 5:5b–11
Lk 15:3–7
- Saturday - June 4**
Immaculate Heart of the Blessed Virgin Mary
2 Tm 4:1–8 / Lk 2:41–51
- Sunday - June 5**
Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 17:17–24
Gal 1:11–19
Lk 7:11–17

BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., June 4, 10:00 a.m.
GIVING SUNDAY : Sun., June 12
PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING : Fri., Aug. 5 & Sat., Aug. 6
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 11, 2016
BREAKFAST : October 30, 2016



2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:

As of today, our parishioners have raised \$24,519.00 from 106 parishioners representing 15% of our total number of registered families in our parish. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our financial goal and to reach the 100% participation goal. If you have not made your pledge of support, you may

return your pledge form to the parish office or make your gift online. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our goal. Remember, every gift counts, no gift is too small. Every dollar helps those in need. If you have any questions or would like to make a gift, please call the parish office at 610-262-2559 or visit the Appeal website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Herb Bitenc. They were donated by wife, Marie.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Connie Marth:** \$102 Friends and co-workers of Kelly Marth at Guardian Life Insurance Company.



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.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Any boy or girl in the parish who has made First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server is asked to contact Joanne at the rectory before June 19. **Training will be held when Fr. Straka**

returns.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET: There will be a Holy Hour and recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at Queenship of Mary Church on **Sunday, June 12 at 3:00 p.m.** Msgr. John Martin, Pastor of St. Peter's Church, Coplay, will give the reflection. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available. Come for the recitation of the Divine Mercy Chaplet and then stay for Queenship of Mary's parish picnic. All are welcome.

QUEENSHIP OF MARY CHURCH, Northampton, will have its parish festival **on Sunday, June 12,** on the church grounds from **12 noon until 7:00 p.m.** There will be plenty of food, a bake sale, children's games, a cash raffle and a Chinese auction. The Josef Kroboth Orchestra will play from 3:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. For more information call Mimi: 610-262-2227.



BAND CONCERT SCHEDULE: The Borough of Northampton wishes to announce the band concert schedule at various Borough locations for the 2016 summer season. Concert schedule is as follows: "Emil Schanta Polka Band" at Canal Street Gazebo on June 1 at 6:30 p.m.; "Celtic Adventure" at 18th Street and Lincoln Avenue on June 8 at 6:30 p.m.; "Brosky/Meyer Trio" at Canal Street Gazebo on June 15 at 6:30 p.m.; "Kilts in the Park" at Municipal Park, Laubach Avenue on August 13 at 4:00 p.m. The concerts are free to the public. Individuals interested in attending the concerts are encouraged to bring lawn chairs or blankets.

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.

YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 in the church social hall.

**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.**

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

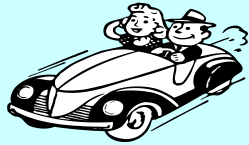
Victim Assistance Coordinator
 DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER
 1-800-791-9209
 Email: victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org

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ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass
Bingo - 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
The Pennsylvania Villagers - 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Children's Games,
Basket Raffle and Games of Chance



Baked Goods, Exotic Non-Alcoholic Drinks
Soda, Bottled Water, Iced Tea, Beer, Coffee
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Steak Sandwiches
Turkey BBQ, Pork BBQ, Kielbasi with Sauerkraut
Sweet Italian Sausage Sandwiches, Ice Cream Treats,
Holubki, Haluski, Goulash, Pirohy (Pierogies), French Fries

