

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA, Pastor
Mrs. Karen Glose, Director of Music
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Mr. John Paul Crescenzo, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School

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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 Gribb	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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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JULY 10, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

July 11, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Sons and daughters of John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
July 12, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Herb Bitenc	Wife, Marie
July 13, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Shirley Woolever	Daughter, Debra Kay Bennett, and Family
July 14, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Clare Bennett	Son, Joe, and Family
July 15, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
July 16, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Joseph Tepes	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
July 17, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Anna Walakovitz	Daughter, Ruth Marakovits

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
July 16, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	L. Assante	D. Bassert/N. Bischof	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
July 17, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	T. Melosky	C. Confer/J. Confer/E. Confer	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth	Joy Nicosia	B. DelVecchio/N. Clouse	J. DelVecchio/C. Marano

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Herb Bitenc requested by wife, Marie.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Evan Connor Musselman, grandson of Deborah Young, who died recently.

dear Padre:

Can a non-Catholic be a cantor at Mass?

Our parish hired a non-Christian to be the cantor at both Sunday Masses. I'm uncomfortable hearing her sing, and a priest told me that only a Catholic is allowed to sing the psalms. What do you make of this?

The reform of the liturgy following Vatican II emphasized the importance of certain ministries. These are familiar to most Catholics: lectors, extraordinary ministers, and cantors typically support the clergy in Sunday liturgies, and lay catechists have instructed and formed both children and adults for decades. When a person exercises a ministry, he or she is not simply completing a function but truly sharing in the priesthood of Christ in a special way. Thus, extraordinary ministers must believe (and behave as though) they are distributing the Body and Blood of Christ, not just bread and wine. Lectors must believe they are reading the word of God, not just good advice or an old storybook. And cantors should be in harmony with the hymns they are singing. This does not mean a parish can't hire a non-Catholic; liturgical law doesn't limit most ministries to Catholics. Nonetheless, to sing of God's love, your cantor needs to do more than hit the correct notes and appeal to our sense of musical aesthetics. If she believes what she sings, I think she's OK in her position; if not, she is simply performing, and the ministry of cantor is not the place to do that.

FR. RICHARD BOEVER, CSsR, PhD
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Calendar:

Monday – July 11

St. Benedict, Abbot
Is 1:10–17
Mt 10:34–11:1

Tuesday – July 12

Weekday
Is 7:1–9 / Mt 11:20–24

Wednesday – July 13

Weekday
Is 10:5–7, 13b–16
Mt 11:25–27

Thursday – July 14

St. Kateri Tekakwitha, Virgin
Is 26:7–9, 12, 16–19
Mt 11:28–30

Friday – July 15

St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Is 38:1–6, 21–22, 7–8
Mt 12:1–8

Saturday – July 16

Weekday
Mi 2:1–5 / Mt 12:14–21

Sunday – July 17

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Gn 18:1–10a
Col 1:24–28
Lk 10:38–42

GIVING SUNDAY : Sun., July 10
PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING : Fri., Aug. 5 & Sat., Aug. 6
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., August 6, 10:00 a.m.
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 11, 2016
PREP CLASSES RESUME : Sunday, September 18
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 30, 2016
CONFIRMATION : Wed., March 8, 2017

RECTORY SUMMER HOURS are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or call for an appointment. **Rectory office is closed on Wednesdays.**



WEDDING FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in honor of the Wedding of Samantha Molchany and Charles Fisher who were married today, Saturday, July 9.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Connie Marth:** \$100 Patrick G. Yadush.

BAPTISM: We are happy to welcome Ryan Matthew Fritz, child of Craig and Kristen Fritz, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Ryan Matthew as he continues to grow in our faith.

BAPTISM: We are happy to welcome Greyson Joseph Franz, child of Andrew and Melissa Franz, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Greyson Joseph as he continues to grow in our faith.

CENTRAL AND EASTERN COLLECTION: Next weekend, July 16/17, we will take up the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. This Collection supports Catholic organizations that provide affordable shelter and training for seminarians in a region that still struggles with the effects of Soviet rule. By providing pastoral care, catechesis, and funding for building renovations, your donations help to restore the Church and build the future in the region. There is an envelope in your packet for this special collection.



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.**



PETER PAN JR.: Good Shepherd Catholic School Summer Drama Camp will present Disney's "Peter Pan Jr." on **Friday, July 29 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, July 30 at 1:00 p.m.** Students from incoming grades 1 through 8 will be represented in our

show. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and can be purchased at the door. We hope to see you there!

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.



HOLY TRINITY ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC will be held **today, Sunday, July 10** at **Egypt Memorial Park**, located just off Main Street on Rt. 329 west. Outdoor Mass starts at 11:30 a.m. and festivities will follow Mass until 8:00 p.m. and will include children's games, Bingo, adult games, homemade foods including, walking tacos, Belgian waffles, funnel cakes, bleepies, baked goods and many other items. **Entertainment provided by Josef Kroboth from 12:30-3:30pm and UUU from 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Admission and parking are free.** The public is invited to attend rain or shine.

MEN'S RETREAT AT MALVERN: In today's world of 24/7 sound bites, non-stop commercials, loud music and the like, it can be difficult to hear the really important voices in our life. Sometimes we just need a quiet, safe place where we can listen to our God who knows us, loves us and wants to tell us what is best for us. The Malvern Retreat House is such a place. Join the men of the parish the weekend of August 26, 27 and 28 for their Malvern retreat. To learn more, call Jack Harhart 610-262-8123 (or email jharhart@yahoo.com) or Richard Cuth 610-262-8045.

PARISH PICNIC NEWS

"BIG BUCKS": We are counting on you to either purchase or sell the four "Big Bucks" tickets which were mailed to you in June. Also, please consider selling additional tickets, which are available at the rectory.

"WINE, LIQUOR": In the past one of our most successful items at the Parish Picnic has been the WINE/LIQUOR stand. We have been fortunate in receiving all of these bottles as donations from parishioners. If you can donate bottles for this stand, it would be greatly appreciated! Kindly drop the bottles off at the rectory.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! Letters were mailed in June asking for your help for our picnic. We need workers, donations of wine/liquor, baked goods, and/or monetary contributions. Please respond to our volunteer and donation form as soon as possible. Youth (Grades 8-12) are you looking for community/church service hours? Come and help out at our parish picnic!

ADVANCE PICNIC TICKET SALES before and after all Masses the weekends of: **August 6/7, August 13/14, August 20/21 and August 27/28.** Pay **\$10.00** and receive **\$12.00** worth of tickets.

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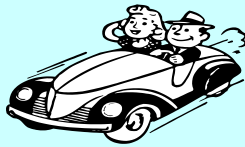
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ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

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, Hamburger BBQ, Walking Tacos,
Steak Sandwiches, Turkey BBQ, Kielbasi with Sauerkraut
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Holubki, Haluski, Manhattan Clam Chowder,
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