

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA, Pastor
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Mr. John-Paul Crescenzo, M.Ed., Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School
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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 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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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 16, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Oct. 17, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†George and Mary Stefaniak	Daughter, Linda
Oct. 18, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Weiner	Terry, Phyllis and Family
Oct. 19, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†David Plata	Cecilia Emerick
Oct. 20, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Dennis Clouse	George and Carolyn Wuchter
Oct. 21, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael Altavilla	M/M John Toolan
Oct. 22, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Health and Blessing – Bernice and Louie Tepes	on the occasion of their 50 th Wedding Anniversary
Oct. 23, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Rosina Assante	Son, Mario, and Family

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Oct. 22, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	L. Kosciolk	J. Warren/M. Warren	C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
Oct. 23, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	M. Sommer	M. Hudock/N. Clouse	B. Cwitkowitz/M. Weaver
10:30 a.m.	D. Hozza	L. Santucci	M. Cuchran/C. Cuchran/G. Heidecker	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of George and Mary Stefaniak requested by Daughter, Linda.

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

dear Padre:

I am a devoted Catholic who likes to read and study the Bible. My parish offers no Bible classes, so several friends and I go to a neighboring Protestant church that offers Bible study. Is this OK?

It's wonderful that you enjoy being close to Scripture. It's unfortunate that your parish doesn't offer a Bible-based ministry, but this is not always possible. I imagine you have spoken to your pastor about this; if you haven't, please do. He may be willing to arrange a study if he knows that parishioners are interested.

As for whether you should participate in a Protestant Bible study, discussing Scripture can be an opportunity to share your faith with others. If such discussions cause confusion or uncertainty, however, you should discuss the situation with your priest. You must be cautious about interpretations that directly bear on Catholic beliefs, such as the perpetual virginity of Mary or her immaculate conception. Some may try to demonstrate that such teachings are false. Remember: As Catholics, we believe that revelation comes through Scripture and Tradition.

It would not be right to place yourself in a position that could weaken your faith. Assuming your current study doesn't do this, there is nothing wrong with pursuing it. If your priest has reservations about this, perhaps he can recommend other ways that you and your friends can explore and reflect on God's word.

—Fr. Joe Nolen, CSsR

Calendar:

Monday – October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Eph 2:1–10

Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday – October 18

St. Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10–17b

Lk 10:1–9

Wednesday – October 19

Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Eph 3:2–12 / Lk 12:39–48

Thursday – October 20

Weekday

Eph 3:14–21 / Lk 12:49–53

Friday – October 21

Weekday

Eph 4:1–6 / Lk 12:54–59

Saturday – October 22

Weekday

Eph 4:7–16 / Lk 13:1–9

Sunday – October 23

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sir 35:12–14, 16–18

2 Tm 4:6–8, 16–18

Lk 18:9–14

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 30, 2016
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., November 5, 10:00 a.m.
CEMETERY PRAYER SERVICE: Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, November 13
CONFIRMATION : Wed., March 8, 2017 4:30 p.m.

RECTORY 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.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS: On Sunday, November 6, at 2:00 p.m. at our cemetery, we will have a special prayer service to remember the faithful departed, bless the cemetery, and to read the names of those buried/entombed there this past year.

CHOIR NEWS: Your FAVORITE Choir has begun rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Please consider joining us as we prepare for Sunday Liturgies and Christmas. We are looking for voices in all parts but are desperate for a few Altos and Tenors! We know you're out there! No experience necessary, And you're welcome to join us even if you can only sing for Christmas!



ANNIVERSARY FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in honor of the 58th Wedding Anniversary of William and Mary Ann Holmes. They were donated by daughter, Kelly, and son, Keith.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions in memory of Vincent Santucci: \$10 Steve Marsch; \$10 Joy and Sal Nicosia; \$20 Joanne and Juliet Manning.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Masses on **Sunday, October 30.** 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.** Thank you all for supporting this parish fundraiser.

DIOCESAN YEAR OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE will be held on **Thursday, October 20, 2016** at the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, Washington, D.C. Our parish, along with Holy Trinity and Queenship of Mary, are chartering a bus for the pilgrimage. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the pilgrimage. **Call Holy Trinity Rectory at 610-262-9315 to reserve your seat. Cost \$30/person.**

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next weekend, **October 22/23,** we are invited to unite with Catholics around the world to "celebrate the hope that saves" through prayer, participation in the Eucharist and by giving generously. In this way, we stand in solidarity with the young and developing churches in over 120 countries through our support for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith through this special collection. Please be generous in your prayer and support for the Church in mission around the world. There is an envelope in your October/November packet for this special collection.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:

Good Shepherd Catholic School presents "A Night at the Races" on Saturday, November 5, 2016 in the School Gym. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Food will be served at 6:30 p.m. Racing begins at 7:00 p.m. To buy a horse, buy your tickets or for more information please call the school at 610-262-9171. You must be 21 years or over for this special event! Limited to the first 200 tickets!



CEMETERY VIGIL LIGHTS are available in the church social hall now thru October 31. We ask a donation of \$2.50 per candle to cover expenses.

BASKET PARTY: Holy Trinity Church, 4456 Main St., Whitehall will be having a Basket Party on **Saturday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 30, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Drawing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets: 25 for a \$5.00 donation and will be on sale at the door. Questions or for more information please call 610-262-9315 or 610-533-2794.



YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on Tuesday, October 25, in the Assumption B.V.M. Social Hall. Flu shots will be available, free of charge to seniors, at the meeting to anyone who is interested. Please bring your Medicare Card with you. All are welcome.

FALL BAZAAR: St. Nick's Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale will be held during the weekend of November 5 and 6. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be many baskets and a raffle, crafts, fall and Christmas décor and cemetery planters. Nut-roll and baked goods will be sold and the kitchen will be open. St. Nicholas Catholic Church is at the corner of Rte. 946 and Oak Road in the Berlinsville section of Lehigh Township. 610-767-3107 or 610-767-9892.

SPIRIT 2016 — "Encounter Mercy and Truth" Register by October 24th!! The Annual Diocesan Men's Conference will be held on Saturday November 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. at De Sales University. The day will include keynote presentations by Bishop Ronald Gainer, Fr. Michael Gaitley and Marcus Grodi and a vigil Mass with Bishop Barres. Registration fee is \$35 and \$10 for high school/college students. For more information and to register online please visit www.cmfd.org.

FOOD BANK NOTICE: Due to the parade on October 20 we are **moving the 3rd Thursday distribution to Wednesday, October 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** We apologize for any inconvenience this might cause.

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, October 30, 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