

# 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.  
 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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THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 13, 2016

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Nov. 14, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Pesarcik	M/M Joseph Geosits
Nov. 15, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Family and Friends of Katherine Benarcik	
Nov. 16, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Catherine Sentiwany	Elsie Sentiwany
Nov. 17, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Bendekovits	Ida Simon
Nov. 18, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna Rodick	Daughter, Rita Pavlick, and Family
Nov. 19, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Rose Zastko	Michael and Joseph Zastko and Families
Nov. 20, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Joan Skrapits	Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

### Next Week's Schedule:

Nov. 19, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	D. Hozza
Nov. 20, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll
	10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth

### Lector:

### Euch. Min.:

### Altar Servers:

### Greeters:

Nov. 19, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	D. Hozza	C. Marth	E. Meister/G. Heidecker	C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
Nov. 20, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll	C. Walsh	J. Confer/E. Confer/C. Confer	B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
	10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth	D. Maron	A. Miletics/G. Miletics/N. Bischof	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Paul Kovach, Sr. requested by Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

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

# dear Padre:

***My husband is buried in a public cemetery, which is not consecrated ground. Am I permitted to be buried next to him, and can the priest bless and consecrate our final resting place?***

I commend your care in this matter. The Catechism stresses that “the bodies of the dead must be treated with respect and charity, in faith and hope of the Resurrection. The burial of the dead is a corporal work of mercy” (CCC 2300). However, it makes no reference to the place of burial—only the manner in which our bodies are treated after death (that is, conditions for autopsy, organ donation, and cremation).

Canon law “earnestly recommends that the pious custom of burying the bodies of the deceased be observed”; by doing so properly and receiving an ecclesiastical funeral, you honor your body, witness to our belief in the resurrection of the body, and bring “the solace of hope to the living” (Canon 1176). It later specifies that “where possible, the Church is to have its own cemeteries or at least areas in civil cemeteries that are designated for the deceased members of the faithful and properly blessed. If this cannot be achieved, however, then individual graves are to be properly blessed” (Canon 1240). Given this, it would seem that there is no objection to your being buried in the grave next to your husband or any difficulty in requesting that the priest bless your final resting place.

FR. TOM SANTA, CSsR  
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### Weekday

Rv 1:1–4; 2:1–5  
Lk 18:35–43

### Tuesday – November 15

#### Weekday

Rv 3:1–6, 14–22  
Lk 19:1–10

### Wednesday – November 16

#### Weekday

Rv 4:1–11 / Lk 19:11–28

### Thursday – November 17

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary,  
Religious*

Rv 5:1–10 / Lk 19:41–44

### Friday – November 18

#### Weekday

Rv 10:8–11  
Lk 19:45–48

### Saturday – November 19

#### Weekday

Rv 11:4–12 / Lk 20:27–40

### Sunday – November 20

*Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the  
Universe*

2 Sm 5:1–3  
Col 1:12–20  
Lk 23:35–43

## Calendar:

### Monday – November 14

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**PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.  
**CHOIR REHEARSAL** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING**: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, November 20, 2016  
**KOLACH ORDERS DUE** : Sunday, November 20  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., December 3, 10:00 a.m.  
**KOLACH ORDER PICKUP** : Sunday, December 10/11  
**PENANCE SERVICE** : Sat., Dec. 10, 10:00 a.m.  
**DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sun., December 11  
**CONFIRMATION** : Wed., March 8, 2017 4:30 p.m.



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Leonard Fry. They were donated by his wife, Ann.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Anne Ciecko**: \$50 Dr. and Mrs. Ivan Doner; \$25 Helen and Stephanie Kerbacher; \$30 Edward and Martha Hozza; \$50 Dr. David and Mrs. Sally Saltzer; \$25 Eleanor Lessel; \$25 Richard and Madeline Ciecka; \$50 Marie Webster.

**ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** The **2017 "Visiting the Sick and Homebound"** books are here. They are located in the church social hall this weekend. Your name is on your book.

**ATTENTION LECTORS:** The 2017 Lector Workbooks which begin on November 27, the First Sunday of Advent, are here. They are located in the church social hall this weekend. Your name is on your book.

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET:** Queenship of Mary Church will be singing the Divine Mercy Chaplet to commemorate the closing of the Jubilee Year of Mercy, **next Sunday, November 20 at 3:00 p.m.** Father Bernard Ezaki, assistant pastor at St. Jane Frances de Chantal Church in Easton, will give the reflection. There will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, singing of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, and time for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. All are welcome!

**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Masses **next Sunday, November 20**. 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.

**SLOVAK KOLACH SALE:** Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by **next Sunday, November 20**. Please complete the pink colored form and return it with your payment as soon as possible. **The cost is \$15.00 each.** Additional order forms will be available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is schedule for Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11.

**"LION KING KIDS":** Good Shepherd Catholic School Jr. Drama proudly presents "Lion King Kids" **this Friday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.** in the school gym. Tickets are \$5.00 per person and can be purchased at the door. We hope to see you there! For more information please call the school office at 610-262-9171.

**STOCKING STUFFER:** Need a stocking stuffer? Or just a little something to add to a gift for that special person? The Parish Fund Raising Committee is sponsoring a monthly lottery calendar for January 2017. The calendars are \$5 each and the winners are based on the **evening daily** Pennsylvania Lottery number. Calendars will be on sale before Mass the weekends of November 12/13, 19/20, November 26/27, December 3/4, 10/11, and 17/18. Calendars must be purchased prior to January 1, 2017.

**REMEMBER THE NEEDY:** Please take a tag from the "Giving Tree" which are located in the Church vestibule. The tags list items needed by the Catholic Charities Office to care for the needs of babies and their families. **Please place your unwrapped gifts under the tree by December 11** and we will take them to the Catholic Charities office.

**LOCAL POVERTY RELIEF COLLECTION:** The annual collection diocesan poverty relief collection will be taken up next weekend, November 19/20. The collection is used to support local groups and organizations that assist the poor here in the diocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. There is an envelope in your packet for this special collection.

**PLEASE SUPPORT** the Annual Fund for Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown. Please take advantage of the opportunity to offer support to the retired priests of our Diocese by helping provide for their care in retirement! Your donation will help serve those who have faithfully served us. Brochures and giving envelopes will be available in the vestibule, and you will be receiving a request letter in the mail within the next few days. You may return your gift in the mail or drop it in the collection basket at Mass. Thank you in advance for your generous support.

**"CARE NOTES":** Please check the "Care Notes" rack in the back of the church for helpful pamphlets in dealing with the loss of a loved one.

**PARISH MEMBERSHIP:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:**

New Registration  Change of Address

Moving out of Parish  Request Envelopes

**Request envelopes (returned home from college)**

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory

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## BREAKFAST



Sunday, November 20, 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