

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

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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.....	484-226-0188	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 22, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 23, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael Cesanek, Jr.	M/M Anthony Lang
Jan. 24, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Lizak	Jamie and Mike Horvath
Jan. 25, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Pesarcik	Thomas and Suzanne Minnich
Jan. 26, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†David Plata	Aloysius and Theresa Emerick
Jan. 27, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Connie Marth	M/M Tomas Bereta
Jan. 28, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Margaret Wright	Sylvia Porsell
Jan. 29, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†William Birocik	Robert and Jean Strohl
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Jan. 28, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	T. Melosky	D. Bassert/E. Ossiander	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Jan. 29, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	F. Cerino	S. Kroll/M. Hudock	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth	L. Santucci	B. DelVecchio/A. Nemeth/M. Hartman	J. DelVecchio/C. Marano

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Alfred Kosman requested by Joanne and Juliet.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Alfred Kosman and Marilyn Comstock, sister of William Procanyn, who died recently.

dear Padre:

1 Corinthians 10:13 states, "God...will not let you be tried beyond your strength; but with the trial he will also provide a way out...." My brother committed suicide, and I wonder why he wasn't "able to bear it." Please help me to understand.

The death of a family member is never easy to deal with. I pray for your peace and your brother's eternal rest.

We can't be sure what your brother was thinking when he ended his life, but we can be certain God was with him. God remains faithful to his covenant and will never disappoint the hope and trust of his children. Does this mean your brother failed to trust in God? We don't know that. Only God and your brother know the extent of his condition and suffering.

When we recall Jesus' lament from the cross—"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" (Matthew 27:46; Psalm 22:2)—we see that in his darkest moment, his Father was with him. In the same way, God was present in the worst of your brother's trials. Why he was nevertheless unable to bear them is a question we may never have the answer to on this side of heaven. It's important to remember that the Church has great compassion for those who commit suicide. To leave your brother in God's merciful hands is to act with the conviction of our faith.

Fr. Paul Borowski, CSSR
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

Calendar:

Monday – January 23

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
Heb 9:15, 24–28
Mk 3:22–30

Tuesday – January 24

St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Heb 10:1–10 / Mk 3:31–35

Wednesday – January 25

The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle
Acts 22:3–16 / Mk 16:15–18

Thursday – January 26

Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1–8
Mk 4:21–25

Friday – January 27

Weekday
Heb 10:32–39 / Mk 4:26–34

Saturday – January 28

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Heb 11:1–2, 8–19
Mk 4:35–41

Sunday – January 29

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zep 2:3; 3:12–13
1 Cor 1:26–31
Mt 5:1–12a

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, February 12

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: Tue., February 21, 10:00 a.m.

CONFIRMATION : Wed., March 8, 2017 4:30 p.m.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Ryan Zawada. They were donated by his Parents, Diane and Joe, Brother, Joe & Sister, Jenny.

CONFIRMATION: There will be a Confirmation Retreat, for children only, next Saturday, January 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. please go directly to the Church to begin with a brief service.

SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **today, Sunday, January 22**. 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 brown, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. This month's special is Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast. Tickets on sale at the door.

SOUPER SUNDAY OF CARING: On Super Bowl weekend, February 4/5, students from our 7th Grade Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.) will be present at all Masses collecting funds for the Northampton Area Food Bank. Throughout the country Billions of dollars will be spent to celebrate the Super Bowl. Can you afford \$5 or \$10 to help feed the needy? Drop your donations in the soup pots that the teens will be holding after all Masses on Super Bowl weekend.

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK will hold a Designer Bag Bingo on **Sunday, February 5, 2017** in the Good Shepherd Catholic School Gym, 1300 Newport Avenue, Northampton. There will be 20 games for \$20 and five specials for \$5. Chinese Auction - 50/50 - Door prizes - Mystery Envelope Game - Cash Drawing - Food. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. and Bingo will begin at 2:00 p.m. All paper bingo. Additional boards are available for purchase. To purchase tickets or for more information contact: Pam Kametz at 610-439-4814. "Snow Date: Sunday, February 12."

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION: Next weekend, **January 28/29**, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from the Collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life. How will you help? Please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **Jesus in disguise**. Envelopes are contained in your packet for this special collection.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Frances Peters:** \$25 husband, William.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: February is the month assigned to our parish for volunteering to work at the Northampton Area Food Bank. Work is not strenuous and only requires a few hours on certain days. The more volunteers we have, the less work for all. If interested or for more information please call Bella Skweir at 610-262-2673.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of our beloved pastor, Rev. Francis P. Straka:** \$25 William Peters; \$50 Irene Falatek; \$20 M/M Chris Antosky. Sr.; \$200 Catholic War Veterans Post 454; \$25 Cindy, John, Nate and Aaron Keglovits; \$50 Paul and Sylvia Horvath; \$100 Bonnie Kosman; \$50 Alfred and Elizabeth Kosman; \$35 Mary Kovalcik; \$50 Mark and Eileen Flisak; \$100 Debra Kay and Joe Bennett; \$25 Don and Rose Marie Spengler; \$200 Sandy and Dennis Yonosh; \$50 Cardinal Tomko Chapter SCF; \$25 Keith and Lori Fegley; \$25 Mary Petro; \$40 Herbert and Helen Stelzer, Jr.; \$50 Dolores M. Lamp; \$50 Stephanie Kerbacher; \$100 Frank and Mary Cerino; \$25 Michael Sommer; \$25 Hilda Pany; \$20 Lynda Janis; \$100 John and Iona Harhart; \$50 Jerry and Yolanda Caliendo; \$20 Bonnie Yezzo; \$100 Carter and Dolly Wolfe; \$100 Timothy and Lynn Tepes and Family; \$50 Deborah and John Heckenberger; \$25 Linda and Richard Shaak; \$50 Mary Arduini; \$100 Bella and Mike Skweir; \$50 Louis and Elisa Rusnock; \$50 Ann Weber and Family; \$50 Kathy and John Pavlovcak; \$20 Karen Schmehl; \$25 Joseph and Mimi Simmons; \$25 Frank and Elaine Serensits.

SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Good Shepherd Catholic School is now enrolling new students for the 2017-2018 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. Extended care is available. Please call 610.262.9171 to schedule your family tour or email mrspoccia@ptd.net today!

Catholic Schools Week Open House will be held on Sunday, January 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ASSUMPTION B.V.M. 2016 OFFERING STATEMENTS

were mailed to those who contributed \$1000 or more during 2016. If you desire a statement of your 2016 contributions and your contributions are under \$1000 please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or place it in your church envelope any Sunday during the month of January.

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CITY: _____

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BREAKFAST
Sunday, January 22, 2017



**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

Creamed Chipped Beef & Hash Brown

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea