



## ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 12, 2017

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 13, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Marhefka	Mary Arduini
Feb. 14, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Sons and Daughters of John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
Feb. 15, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Josephine I. Miller	Doug and Barb Greene
Feb. 16, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Benjamin Kovalcik	Missimer Family
Feb. 17, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary A. Coleman	Gene and Carole Zarayko
Feb. 18, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Luke Serensits	Frank and Elaine Serensits
Feb. 19, 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>
Feb. 18, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	B. Kosman	J. Warren/M. Warren	M. Mraz/P. Schuler
Feb. 19, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	P. Madea	C. Walsh	S. Kroll/M. Hudock	N. Birocik/D. Cesanek/G. Farkas
10:30 a.m.	F. Kostecky	J. Nicosia	A. Nemeth/M. Hartman/M. Thierer	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Rev. Francis P. Straka requested by Good Shepherd Catholic School Drama Club.

**PLEASE PRAY** for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Mary Kovalcik, Joseph Sentiwany and Nicholas Bahnick, brother of Donald Bahnick, who died recently.

# dear Padre:

**Does suffering please God? I've heard we should "offer it up," but to me, God is never pleased with pain.**

Some think God sends suffering into our lives as retribution. In fact, God asks certain things—difficult things—of us so we can avoid suffering in our own lives, in the lives of others, and after death.

When a mother says, "Don't touch that! It's hot," and her child touches it anyway, the mother didn't cause the burn. She knows the consequences of that action and warns her children not to do it. If they disregard her, she doesn't stop loving them. In the same way, God tells us how to live so we can avoid being hurt, and God never stops loving us.

Some suffering is unavoidable no matter how well we love and obey God. This suffering is the hardest to accept. Some is the result of our humanity.

Many seek to assign blame; others want to know why things happen. The truth is, sometimes there is no why, no clear purpose. When there is, we don't feel it any less. We can only trust that God will turn it into something good.

God's power turned a "meaningless" crucifixion into the means of our salvation. This is what "offer it up" means: By turning toward and imitating Christ, we find new depths of faith and hope.

*Fr. Joe Nolen, CSSR*  
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## Calendar:

**Monday – February 13**

Weekday

Gn 4:1–15, 25

Mk 8:11–13

**Tuesday – February 14**

Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius,  
Bishop

Gn 6:5–8; 7:1–5, 10

Mk 8:14–21

**Wednesday – February 15**

Weekday

Gn 8:6–13, 20–22

Mk 8:22–26

**Thursday – February 16**

Weekday

Gn 9:1–13

Mk 8:27–33

**Friday – February 17**

Weekday

Gn 11:1–9

Mk 8:34–9:1

**Saturday – February 18**

Weekday

Heb 11:1–7 / Mk 9:2–13

**Sunday – February 19**

Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1–2, 17–18

1 Cor 3:16–23

Mt 5:38–48

**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.  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, February 26  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., March 4, 10:00 a.m.  
**CONFIRMATION** : Wed., March 8, 2017 4:30 p.m.  
**CHURCH PICNIC** : Sunday, September 10

**PLEASE NOTE:** Next weekend, February 18/19, **Msgr. Daniel Yenushosky** will be celebrating all the weekend Masses here at Assumption B.V.M. Parish. Our new administrator (priest) will be arriving at the rectory on Tuesday, February 21.



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of George and Mary Stefaniak. They were donated by their daughter, Linda.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of our beloved pastor, Rev. Francis P. Straka:** \$100 Margaret Falatek; \$300 Marvin Wright; \$60 Joseph Sentiwany, Sr. and Joseph Sentiwany, Jr.; \$25 Carlo and Liz Bet; \$25 John and Denise Mickley; \$25 Cindy Lizak; \$15 Betty and Richard Panik; \$50 Mary and Connie Sisko; \$25 Helen Sommer; \$25 Irene Gollatz; \$50 The Kromer Family; \$50 William and Nancy Pesarcik. **In memory of Joseph Sentiwany, Sr.:** \$20 Steve Marsch. **In memory of Alfred Kosman:** \$25 Chris and Linda Miller. **In memory of Mary Lizak:** \$20 Marilyn Jacobs.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Richard Stretch of Dick's Bake Shop, 1603 Newport Avenue in Northampton, for donating all the delicious baked goods for the social following Fr. Straka's Mass this past Wednesday evening. The baked goods were enjoyed by all, especially Fr. Straka's family members who were in attendance.

**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 [mrsppocia@ptd.net](mailto:mrsppocia@ptd.net) today!

**CABBAGE AND NOODLES SALE:** We will be selling, by pre-order only, OUR PICNIC HALUSKI FOR LENT. 1 lb. (\$4.00) or 2 lb. (\$7.00) containers of haluski can be ordered by calling Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138. **Orders must be placed by Tuesday, February 28.** Haluski will be ready for pick-up after the weekend Masses on March 4/5 in the church social hall.



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses on **Sunday, February 26.** 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, omelet or cheese steak 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** to all who donated to our "Souper Bowl of Caring" collection this past weekend. A check in the amount of \$1,018.00 was sent to the Northampton Area Food Bank. A special thank you to the 7<sup>th</sup> Grade PREP students, who will be receiving Confirmation in the spring of 2018, who volunteered as "Souper Bowl of Caring" collectors.



**SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST (STILES) TRICKY TRAYS:** Saint John the Baptist Church, Whitehall, will sponsor their Eleventh Annual Tricky Trays/Basket Social on Saturday, February 18, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 19, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at their Social Hall, 3120 Chestnut Street, Whitehall. You can purchase tickets at the door. There will be a special raffle for big-ticket items. Plenty of parking behind the hall. You do not have to be present to win. Kitchen will be open. Winners will be called and can pick up baskets Monday, February 20, between 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the hall.

**DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT NEEDED:** Mercy School For Special Learning, a Diocesan school located in Lehigh County for children having intellectual and/or developmental disabilities is seeking to hire a Director of Development. This is a full-time, 12 month position. Applicants must be willing to immerse themselves in the life of our school community and to help us grow in all areas relating to advancement of the school's mission. Please send your resume to Mrs. Beth Grys at [principal@mercyspeciallearning.org](mailto:principal@mercyspeciallearning.org).

#### 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](mailto:victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org)

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

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## BREAKFAST



Sunday, February 26, 2017

TICKETS WILL BE SOLD  
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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