

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons, Administrator
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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 Msgr. Koons 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	Msgr. Koons.....	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	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Bible Study	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	Musical 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	Msgr. Koons.....	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.	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....	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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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 5, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Mar. 06, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Frances Pengitore	Daughter, Barbara
Mar. 07, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Virginia Leland	M/M William McCullough
Mar. 08, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Parker Lessel	Joe Kokolus
Mar. 09, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Roseann Baer	M/M Michael Bernini
Mar. 10, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Yatsura	Daughter, Martha
Mar. 11, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Peter Demchyk	Children
Mar. 12, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Emil and Julia Makovsky	M/M Gerald J. Makovsky Family
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Mar. 11, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	L. Assante	D. Bassert/E. Ossiander/S. Haldeman	C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
Mar. 12, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	K. Bennett	S. Kroll/M. Hudock	B. Cwitkowitz/M. Weaver
10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza	C. Walsh	A. Nemeth/M. Hartman/M. Thierer	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Kenneth Crouthamel requested by Crouthamel Family.

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

dear Padre:

Why is it OK to eat fish during Lent? What if I'm a vegetarian?

The other day I was grocery shopping. I bought chicken on sale for \$1 per pound and salmon for \$8.99 per pound. If penance were about being economical, I would be eating chicken. If penance were the same as living simply, I might give up both proteins for an egg or bean alternative. (If you asked my fellow priests, they might say all food is penance when I cook.)

The *Catechism* teaches, "The interior penance of the Christian can be expressed in many and various ways. Scripture and the Fathers insist above all on three forms, fasting, prayer, and almsgiving, which express conversion in relation to oneself, to God, and to others" (CCC 1434). Notice the last word: others. Fasting and abstaining from meat during Lent are shared sacrifices and part of our Catholic identity and duty (Canons 1249–53). The pope in Rome, your grandmother in Milwaukee, Catholics in India, and our fellow Christians (if and when they participate) are all united by this common penance. You express that unity by eating fish on Fridays.

If you are a vegetarian or vegan, I encourage you to do something additional during the Fridays of Lent to reflect the spirit of discipline and self-denial. However you observe Lent, remember: All Catholics are united to each other and to God in our prayer, penance, and worship.

Patrick Keyes, CSsR
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Calendar:

Monday – March 6

Lenten Weekday
Lv 19:1–2, 11–18
Mt 25:31–46

Tuesday – March 7

Lenten Weekday
Is 55:10–11
Mt 6:7–15

Wednesday – March 8

Lenten Weekday
Jon 3:1–10
Lk 11:29–32

Thursday – March 9

Lenten Weekday
Est C:12, 14–16, 23–25
Mt 7:7–12

Friday – March 10

Lenten Weekday
Ez 18:21–28
Mt 5:20–26

Saturday – March 11

Lenten Weekday
Dt 26:16–19
Mt 5:43–48

Sunday – March 12

Second Sunday of Lent
Gn 12:1–4a
2 Tm 1:8b–10
Mt 17:1–9

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
CABBAGE/NOODLE PICK UP : March 4/5 after Masses
CONFIRMATION : Wed., March 8, 2017 4:30 p.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, March 12
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING : Tue., March 21, 10:00 a.m.
BREAKFAST : Sunday, February 26
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., April 1, 10:00 a.m.
CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 10

LENTEN ACTIVITIES: Mass: Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:00 a.m.
Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays after the 7:00 p.m. Mass starting March 15. **Confessions:** Monday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.; Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.; Saturdays from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Confessions on Mondays and Fridays will start the week of March 5.



OPERATION RICE BOWL is a wonderful way to bring the spirit of Lenten sacrifice home. Operation Rice Bowl allows millions of our starving brothers and sisters to benefit and it

doesn't cost us a cent! To participate, choose one night a week to eat a sacrificial meal. We will publish suggested meals in the bulletin each week. The meal is designed to imitate the quantity of food eaten by the poor. Take the cost of the meal, subtract it from what you normally would have spent for dinner that day, and give the difference to Operation Rice Bowl. **This week's menu: French Toast with Syrup, Cinnamon Apple Sauce OR Cottage Cheese on Peach Halves, Oatmeal Raisin Cookies.**

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of our beloved pastor, Rev. Francis P. Straka:** \$50 Michael Janis; \$100 Walter and Becky Strongowski. **In memory of Elizabeth Strongowski:** \$10 Steve Marsch; \$100 Walter and Becky Strongowski; \$25 Rita and Ron Deutsch; \$25 M/M Dennis Schmall; \$50 M/M Michael Ballas and Family; \$20 Donald Bahnick; \$100 Kromer Family; \$50 Scott and Lisa Yandrasitz; \$25 Mark and Jennifer Schwartz; \$25 Janette and Larry Wagner and Christine Howells; \$50 James and Lori Wielgus; \$20 Ronald and Tonya Weiner; \$20 William Weiner; \$20 Elizabeth Hanzarik; \$50 David Yandrasitz; \$50 Don and Cheryl Nederostek; \$30 Deanne and Ivan Fenstermacker. **In memory of Mary Kovalcik:** \$20.17 John Yurish; \$50 Briana and Terrance Motley; \$25 Gloria Farkas.

SLOVAK KOLACH SALE: Your Easter Slovak Kolach **orders are due by March 19.** Please complete the yellow colored form from last week's bulletin and return it with your payment as soon as possible. The cost is \$15.00 each. Additional order forms are available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9.



LENTEN FISH DINNER: St. John Fisher Church will be hosting a Fish Dinner on Friday, March 24 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The platter includes: breaded haddock, choice of parsley potatoes or halusky, cream cabbage, corn, applesauce, dessert and beverage. Cost is **Adults: \$10.00 (\$12.00 at the door), Children (ages 5 to 10): \$5.00.** For advance tickets please call Joanne at B.V.M. Rectory 610-262-2559 or Annette Englert at 610-264-4758. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

"HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2 JR.": Good Shepherd Catholic School Senior Drama Club proudly presents "High School Musical 2 Jr." on Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. For more information, please call the school at 610-262-9171.



CEMETERY CLEAN-UP: To prepare our cemetery (and mausoleum) for spring and the Easter holiday you are asked to please remove your Christmas plants and decorations **by Saturday, March 18.**

Any Christmas decorations left on the graves or at the mausoleum after this date will be discarded. **If you know of any non-parishioners having graves or crypts on our cemetery please pass along this information.**

CONFIRMATION: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to our candidates this Wednesday, March 8. The celebration of Mass and the Sacrament will be held at 4:30 p.m. at Queenship of Mary Church on Newport Avenue in Northampton. Candidates and Sponsors please arrived no later than 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend the Mass.



"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": Next Sunday, March 12, our Hospitality Committee will be hosting "Donut/Giving Sunday". Join us after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses for coffee, donuts and fellowship in our social hall. **Parishioners are encouraged to bring jars of peanut butter, cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding.** Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts.

WE THIRST: LESSONS IN MERCY: A COURSE ON ADDICTION AWARENESS WITHIN OUR SOCIETY at St. Francis Center for Renewal, 395 Bridle Path Rd., Bethlehem. The evenings are designed for those with addictions, their families and friends and members of the community including counselors, nurses, ministers, deacons, those in the criminal justice systems and educators. We will explore the epidemic of addiction in our society and our responsibility as followers of Christ in responding to those who are suffering – the outcasts, the sick, the oppressed. These presentations are designed to educate, inspire, foster hope and healing and reduce the stigma surrounding addictions. Attendees will learn the basic biology, psychology, sociology, and spirituality of addiction within the context of our faith and our call as Christians to "be merciful, as our heavenly Father is merciful." Presentations will include prayer, lectures, music and videos designed to be spiritually moving, inspiring and educational. **March 8, 15, 22 & 29 from 6:45 – 9:00 p.m. Offering: \$10 per person/\$15 per family per session To register or for additional information, please call 610-867-8890.**

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BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 26, 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

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea