

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons**, Administrator  
**Mr. Eugene M. Flanley**, Deacon  
**Mrs. Karen Glose**, Director of Music  
**Mrs. Mary LaBianca**, Adult Choir Director  
**Mr. John-Paul Crescenzo, M.Ed.**, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School  
**Mrs. Linda Santucci**, Coordinator of Religious Education  
**Ms. Joanne Manning**, Parish Secretary  
**Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger**, Youth Activities

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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	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	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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**PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD**

**APRIL 9, 2017**

## **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Apr. 10, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†William Ifkovits	Stephen Kiss, Sr.
Apr. 11, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Sipics	Rose Prickler
Apr. 12, Wednesday	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	†Mary Conarty	Bennett Family
Apr. 13, Thursday	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>HOLY THURSDAY - MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER</b>	
Apr. 14, Friday	<b>3:00 p.m.</b>	<b>GOOD FRIDAY - CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S PASSION</b>	
Apr. 15, Saturday	<b>8:00 p.m.</b>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY - SOLEMN VIGIL OF EASTER -</b> †Edward Farkas	Fred and Rose Hurban
Apr. 16, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	<b>EASTER SUNDAY MASS</b> – Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	<b>EASTER SUNDAY MASS -</b> †Edward Bankos	Stephen Saganowich

## **Next Week's Schedule: Lector:**

Apr. 13, Thu.	7:00 p.m.	L. Nemeth
Apr. 14, Fri.	3:00 p.m.	J. Saylor
Apr. 15, Sat.	8:00 p.m.	M. Schwartz

**Readers:** E. Hozza/D. Hozza

Apr. 16, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	J. Santee
	10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt

## **Euch. Min.:**

Dcn. Gene/L. Santucci/L. Kosciolk
Deacon Gene
Dcn. Gene/C. Marth/C. Walsh

Dcn Gene/F. Cerino/N. Birosik
Dcn Gene/D. Maron/M. Sommer

## **Altar Servers:**

B. DelVecchio/J. & M. Warren/A. Nemeth
G. Heidecker/E. Ossiander
M. Hudock/D. Bassert/J. & N. Millan

E. Confer/C. Confer/J. Confer
A. Miletics/G. Miletics

## **Greeters:**

C. & J. Kovacs
H. Stempo/M.A. Weaver
L. Bet/P. Schuler

**Candles:** L. Stefaniak/M. Bitenc

N. Birosik/D. Cesanek
H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in honor of and for the safety of the young men and women of our military.

**PLEASE PRAY** for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers John Humenik who died recently.

# dear Padre:

## ***Why don't Catholics study and prepare for the end times or rapture?***

Quite simply, we don't prepare for the rapture because as Catholics we don't believe in the rapture.

We do believe that there is a time when the world will end, but we have no idea when that day will come. Fundamentalist Christians believe that the world will end with a rapture where the good will be taken and the evil left. It is based on a misreading of Revelation 20 that speaks of an angel in the pit who will ravage the earth for 1,000 years. This is called amillennialism, and the Church has condemned this belief (CCC 676). The whole "left behind" series comes from this misreading.

Rather than being afraid of the end of the world, the Catholic Church teaches that the best way to prepare for the coming of Christ is by living the sacramental life of the Church: being baptized, celebrating the Eucharist and reconciliation consistently, being married or professing holy orders in the Church, and partaking in the anointing of the sick.

By doing these things we are participating in the fullness of the Church and life with Christ. This is the best way to prepare for Christ's return. While we as Catholics do believe there will be a day when we will be gathered to Christ, we look forward to this day with anticipation and joy, not fear and anguish.

*Patrick Keyes, CSSR*  
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# Calendar:

**Monday – April 10**

Holy Week

Is 42:1–7 / Jn 12:1–11

**Tuesday – April 11**

Holy Week

Is 49:1–6 / Jn 13:21–33, 36–38

**Wednesday – April 12**

Holy Week

Is 50:4–9a / Mt 26:14–25

**Thursday - April 13**

Holy Thursday

Ex 12:1–8, 11–14

1 Cor 11:23–26 / Jn 13:1–15

**Friday - April 14**

Good Friday

Is 52:13–53:12

Heb 4:14–16; 5:7–9

Jn 18:1–19:42

**Saturday - April 15**

Holy Saturday

Gn 1:1–2:2 / Gn 22:1–18

Ex 14:15–15:1

Is 54:5–14 / Is 55:1–11

Bar 3:9–15, 32–4:4

Ez 36:16–17a, 18–28

Rom 6:3–11 / Mt 28:1–10

**Sunday – April 16**

Easter

Acts 10:34a, 37–43

Col 3:1–4

Jn 20:1–9

**PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** : Wednesdays after 7 p.m. Mass  
**CHOIR REHEARSAL** : Wednesdays, 7:45 p.m.  
**SLOVAK KOLACH PICKUP** : Sat./Sun., April 8 & 9  
**DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, April 9  
**BLESSING OF FOOD** : Saturday, April 15, 12:00 noon  
**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING** : Tue., April 18, 10:00 a.m.  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, April 23  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., June 3, 10:00 a.m.  
**IRON PIGS GAME** : Tuesday, August 8  
**CHURCH PICNIC** : Sunday, September 10

*This week is the holiest week of the year for all of Christianity. In our celebration of the Triduum—Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday—we celebrate the most solemn liturgies of the year. We celebrate our Lord's journey from the Last Supper to The Cross to The Grave to His Glorious Resurrection. Please make every effort to participate in the Liturgies of Holy Week! It is an opportunity to grow closer to our Lord in our journey of faith.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** The rectory office will be closed Holy Thursday, April 13, thru Easter Tuesday, April 18, for Holy Week and Easter. The rectory office will reopen Wednesday, April 19.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS:** You are reminded that **Good Friday is a day of Fast and Abstinence.** All Catholics 18-59 are bound to limit themselves to one full meatless meal and avoid food between meals.



Grapes.

**OPERATION RICE BOWL:** This week's menu: Sliced Apple with Chunky Peanut Butter, Vanilla Pudding OR Egg Salad on Rye Bread, Purple



**DECORATING THE CHURCH FOR EASTER:**

We will be decorating the church for Easter on Good Friday, April 14, after the 3:00 p.m. services. Any anyone wishing to help, your

assistance would be appreciated.

**SLOVAK KOLACH SALE:** Your Easter Season Slovak Kolach orders will be ready for pickup **this weekend, Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9** in the church social hall.



**"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY":** Today, Sunday, April 9, 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 cans of potatoes, jars of peanut butter, boxes of Jell-O or pudding.** Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. This month's coffee and donuts are being donated by Joy and Sal Nicosia in memory of their son, James Nicosia.



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:**

Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses on Sunday, April 23. 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. **This month's special is Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast.** Tickets on sale at the door.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Rev. Francis P. Straka:** \$25 Kathy, Zach and Emily Wehr.

**HOLY LAND COLLECTION:** On Good Friday, our parish will take up the annual collection for the Holy Land. We ask you to be generous. Your financial contribution will support the works of the Catholic Community in the Middle East and to protect the Holy Places and Christian shrines. There is an envelope in your packet for this special collection.



**NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME:**

Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on Tuesday, August 8 on the Party Porch, 1<sup>st</sup> base line, at Coca-Cola Park, 1050 Ironpigs Way, Allentown hosted by B.V.M. Choir. Food will be available from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Game starts at 7:05 p.m.

Cost is \$37 per person and is due at time of reservation. Deadline for reservations is Saturday, July 1. For more information please call Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138.

**GOOD SHEPHERD SCHOOL NEWS:**

**Now Enrolling!** Good Shepherd Catholic School is currently 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. If interested please call 610-262-9171 or email [mrs\\_poccia@ptd.net](mailto:mrs_poccia@ptd.net) to schedule a school tour or shadow day!

**GSCS 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GOLF OUTING:** It's time to put your foursome together, round up your friends, family and co-workers. **Good Shepherd Catholic School will be holding their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, May 6, 2017** at Willow Brook Golf Course in Catasauqua. Please pick up a sign up sheet in the church vestibule or if you have any questions please contact Tim Egan at 610-261-4649 or Pat Wright at 484-221-5044.

**ANNUAL NORTHAMPTON FOOD BANK MEETING:** The Northampton Area Food Bank will hold its yearly general meeting, Tuesday, April 25 in the fellowship hall of Queenship of Mary Church, 1324 Newport Avenue, Northampton. Dinner will be served 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. with the business meeting to follow. The menu includes hot dogs, barbeque and drinks. Covered side dishes and desserts welcome. If you want to know more about the food bank, are interested in volunteering or are currently volunteering there, please plan to attend. Area churches and businesses are encouraged to have members and employees attend.

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## BREAKFAST



Sunday, April 23, 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

Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea