

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons, Administrator
Mrs. Karen Glose, Director of Music
Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
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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 3:00 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	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....	610-262-8428	Ministry to the Sick	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Parish Family Picnic	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
CYO	Tim Gribb	610-762-9072	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
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	484-226-0188	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491
Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....		484-540-5090			

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 5, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Nov. 06, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Cynthia Debus	Carol and Frank Marano
Nov. 07, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Rita Thomas	M/M Frederick Koons
Nov. 08, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Catherine Snyder	Carl and Hilda Wunderler
Nov. 09, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Health & Blessing – Rev. Michael J. Stone	Joanne, Juliet & Jane
Nov. 10, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael Janis	Brenda and Bob Fritz
Nov. 11, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Richard Brinker	Cheryl and John Hudicka
Nov. 12, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Angelo, Micalina and Vittorio Berlinger	Rossini Family

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Nov. 11, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	F. Cerino	N. Bischof/M. Hartman	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Nov. 12, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	N. Birosik	J. Confer/C. Confer	A. Fry/V. Hall
10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger	M. Sommer	G. Heidecker/M. Thierer	P. Madea/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Wasyl Boruch requested by wife, Anna.

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

dear Padre:

A priest recently said the Scriptures should set us free. I wish this could happen to me! I feel so trapped by life. My job, my kids, my aging parents, bills, health insurance. Everywhere I turn I'm cornered by responsibilities. How can Scripture help?

Many of us feel trapped by life. Life is complicated because often there is too much to do, too many obligations, too much going on. We feel burdened and many times even guilty that we're not doing more. There's never enough time. People are demanding and sometimes hurt our feelings. We can easily become victims of it all. Or we can become defensive, aggressive, or overly "people pleasing."

I invite you to pray the Scriptures daily. Open yourself to the Spirit's movement that's alive in the word and alive in you. Read a short passage. Think about it. Put yourself into the scene. Picture yourself listening to Jesus speak. Allow him to use your name. Let yourself be comforted, loved, freed, healed, and challenged to change your hectic pace in life. Instead of trying to control all that happens, begin to surrender and trust in God. The word of God can lead us to freedom if only we open our hearts to the wisdom it contains. It will probably lead you to prayer, to ask for God's help. You may find your heart opening to receive the love of God you encounter in the word. Remember, Jesus said, "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and observe it" (Luke 11:28).

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Calendar:

Monday - November 6

Weekday

Rom 11:29–36

Lk 14:12–14

Tuesday - November 7

Weekday

Rom 12:5–16b

Lk 14:15–24

Wednesday - November 8

Weekday

Rom 13:8–10 / Lk 14:25–33

Thursday - November 9

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12

1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17

Jn 2:13–22

Friday - November 10

St. Leo the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

Rom 15:14–21 / Lk 16:1–8

Saturday - November 11

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop

Rom 16:3–9, 16, 22–27

Lk 16:9–15

Sunday - November 12

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 6:12–16

1 Thes 4:13, 18

Mt 25:1–13

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd Tues. of month at 10 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, November 12
BREAKFAST : Sunday, November 19
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., December 2, 10:00 a.m.
BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS : Thursday, August 16, 2018
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9, 2018

ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS: The **2018 "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 2018 Lector Workbooks which begin on December 3, the First Sunday of Advent, are here. They are located in the church social hall this weekend. Your name is on your book.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Mark Heckenberger. They were donated by his parents, Debbie and John, and his brother, Luke.

TURKEYS NEEDED: The Northampton Area Food Bank is looking for donations of Turkeys to distribute to needy families for Thanksgiving. Anyone interested in donating is asked to please call the church rectory between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday - Friday at 610-262-2559.



SLOVAK KOLACH SALE: Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by November 19. Please complete the bright yellow form 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 schedule for Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10.



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 2018. 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 11/12, 18/19, November 25/26, December 2/3, 9/10, and 16/17. Calendars must be purchased prior to January 1, 2018.



REMEMBER THE NEEDY: Please take a tag from the "Giving Tree" which will be located in the Church vestibule starting this weekend, November 4/5. 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 10** and we will take them to the Catholic Charities office.



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL Junior Drama Club proudly presents "The Magic Tree House Collection: The Knight at Dawn, Kids" on Friday, November 17th and Saturday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. For more information, please call the school office at 610-262-9171.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Catherine Snyder:** \$50 JoAnn and Thomas Koehler. In **memory of Helen Paulino:** \$100 Pauline Marth and Sons.



"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": Next Sunday, November 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 cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding. Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. **This month's donuts are being donated in memory of Robert Haldeman by wife, Virginia, daughter, Judy, and daughter, Marcia and family.**



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **Sunday, November 19.** 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.

LOCAL POVERTY RELIEF COLLECTION: The annual collection diocesan poverty relief collection will be taken up the weekend of November 18/19. 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.

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

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: We invite and encourage you to participate in the offertory procession at Mass. This is especially appropriate if you have requested the Mass, or if the Mass is being offered for a family member or friend. If you would like to present the gifts, please see one of the greeters at least fifteen minutes before Mass begins.

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, November 19, 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 on toast

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea