

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
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.
 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:00 a.m.
 Wednesday 7:00 p.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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THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 31, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 01, Monday	9:00 a.m.	†Barbara Bilder	Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons
Jan. 02, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Rev. Msgr. Joseph Dooley	Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons
Jan. 03, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Anna Coppola	Joan Marano
Jan. 04, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Rev. Francis P. Straka	Harhart Family
Jan. 05, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Bankos	Rob and Mary Hockmiller
Jan. 06, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Joseph Grabarits	Joe Sentiwany
Jan. 07, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Parker Lessel	Joe and Louise Keglovitz

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Jan. 01, Mon.	9:00 a.m. E. Hozza	C. Marth	K. Cuchran/M. Cuchran	
Jan. 06, Sat.	4:00 p.m. J. Saylor	L. Assante	N. Bischof/M. Hartman	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Jan. 07, Sun.	8:00 a.m. C. Kroll	N. Birosik	N. Millan/E. Confer	A. Fry/V. Hall
	10:30 a.m. F. Kostecky	R. Shearman	G. Heidecker/M. Thierer	P. Madea/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week for a special intention.

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

dear Padre:

I worry that I'm cramming too much of my Catholic devotions down my children's throats. Should they have more freedom to choose the faith on their own?

Many of us can connect our faith to our mothers. It was most likely their constancy, love, and devotion that gave us the first hints that faith is important in one's life. When a woman chooses to be a mother, she commits to handing on to her children that which is most powerful and most profound in her own life. Over the years, the children will take what is given, sift through it, and finally add it in some way to their own personalities. But the gift first has to be given, and the commitment of motherhood is giving that gift.

Mary, the patron of the Church and of mothers around the world, is first represented in the Gospels as the one "who believed" (Luke 1:45). It was this deep capacity for faith that became the well that cradled and fed Jesus.

"Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 2226).

The sincerity and reverence of a mother's faith can become a fountain of living water that will naturally overflow, and her children can choose to drink of it. Renew your commitment to handing on your faith to your children freely and without limits!

Source: Dear Padre: Questions Catholics Ask, © 2003 Liguori Publications

Calendar:

Monday – January 1

Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Nm 6:22–27

Gal 4:4–7

Lk 2:16–21

Tuesday – January 2

Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops and Doctors of the Church

1 Jn 2:22–28

Jn 1:19–28

Wednesday – January 3

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 2:29–3:6

Jn 1:29–34

Thursday – January 4

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

1 Jn 3:7–10 / Jn 1:35–42

Friday – January 5

St. John Neumann Bishop

1 Jn 3:11–21 / Jn 1:43–51

Saturday – January 6

Christmas Weekday

1 Jn 5:5–13

Mk 1:7–11

Sunday – January 7

Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1–6

Eph 3:2–3a, 5–6

Mt 2:1–12

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, **7:30 p.m.**
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., January 6, 10:00 a.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, January 14
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: **Tues., January 16, 10 a.m.**
BREAKFAST : **Sunday, January 28, 2018**
CONFIRMATION : Thursday, March 8, 2018
BASKET SOCIAL : Sat./Sun., May 19/20
BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS : Thursday, August 16, 2018
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9, 2018

RECTORY OFFICE will be closed Monday, January 1 and Tuesday, January 2 for New Year's.

OUR MONTHLY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION

will be held next Saturday, January 6 at 10:00 a.m. in a classroom above the Church. All parents who are expecting to celebrate baptism with their child are asked to attend one of these sessions, even before the child is born. Please call the rectory in advance to register.

"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": On Sunday, January 14 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 by Gloria Farkas in memory of her husband, Bill.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses on **Sunday, January 28**. 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. **Tickets on sale at the door.**

LOTTERY CALENDARS: 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 Masses this weekend, December 30/31 and Monday, January 1 before the 9:00 a.m. New Year's Day Mass. This will be the last chance to purchase the calendars.

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will take place on **Tuesday, January 16, 2018 at 10:00 am** in the Parish Religious Education classroom.

ALLENTOWN CENTRAL CATHOLIC \$3,000 TUITION CREDIT RAFFLE! Our ACCHS Director of Admissions is "rounding up applications" from each of our Partner Schools. Mid-Winter App Round Up & Drawing – January 17, 2018. Catholic Schools Week App Round Up & Drawing – February 11, 2018. Go to www.acchs.info/apply, fill out your student's ACCHS Class of 2022 application, and conveniently leave your app with the \$50 registration fee in your partner school's Main Office or drop off at ACCHS prior to each raffle drawing date. Each applicant is entered into our tuition raffles. The earlier you apply, the more chances you have! For questions, please contact: Cara Meskill, Director of Admissions 610-437-4601 ext.108 or cmeskill@acchs.info.

Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 9, 2018
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
begins with a Mass at 11:00 a.m.,
continues with music, games and food until 7:00 p.m.
Featuring the music of "The Large Flowerheads"
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS THANK YOU'S:

THANK YOU to everyone who helped clean and decorate the church throughout the year and this Christmas season. Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted at our Masses: lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, altar servers, choir members, greeters and ushers, to everyone who through their sacrifices of time, talent and treasure made our celebration of the Nativity of Our Lord and all the Masses through the year so beautiful and reverent.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU is extended to all the volunteers who helped with our fund raisers during this past year. The monthly Breakfast, Basket Social, Church Picnic, Kolach Sales and Lottery Calendars would not be a success without the help of our parish dedicated volunteers. Thank you once again for all your help in making these fund raisers a success.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU to Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, who faithfully bring Holy Communion to our sick and shut-in parishioners throughout the year. These parishioners wish to add their own thanks for prayers, cards and visits.

THANK YOU to the B.V.M. Young-at-Heart for their donation of \$250 to our church.

ASSUMPTION B.V.M. 2017 OFFERING STATEMENTS

will be mailed the week of January 8 to those who contributed \$1000 or more during 2017. If you desire a statement of your 2017 contributions and your contributions are under \$1000 please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket any Sunday during the month of January.

ENVELOPE NUMBER: _____

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, January 28, 2018

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