

# 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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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 4, 2018

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Mar. 05, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Frances Pengitore	Daughter, Barbara
Mar. 06, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Schisler	Son, Arthur, and Family
Mar. 07, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Robert Haldeman	Catherine Tapler
Mar. 08, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Paul Horvath	Mary Ann and Butch Morgan
Mar. 09, Friday	8:00 a.m.	Health and Blessing – Francesca Gegvata	M/M Lek Gegvata
Mar. 10, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Nunzia Mancino	Daughter, Luisa, and Family
Mar. 11, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Emil and Julia Makovsky	M/M Gerald Makovsky
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

### Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Mar. 10, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	ME Schwartz
Mar. 11, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll
	10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth

### Euch. Min.:

L Assante
J. Ciecko
R. Shearman

### Altar Servers:

J. Warren/M. Warren
E. Confer/C. Cuchran
K. Lesisko/L. Lesisko

### Greeters:

C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
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:

**Much time is given to purify the vessels after Communion. At another parish, two people bring the cloth and unfold it on the altar before the gifts are presented. Shouldn't the preparation and cleanup of the table be less significant than the Eucharist itself?**

Our liturgy is a beautiful expression of our faith, and we value its simplicity and grace. When we celebrate a liturgy, we keep in mind the nature of a particular part and its relationship to the whole celebration. We want the Eucharist to be the clear, central part of the liturgy.

The preparation of the gifts is a practical rite that gets us set for the Eucharistic prayer; it is done with simplicity and few additional gestures. The Roman Missal says an "acolyte or another lay minister arranges the corporal on the altar" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 139) and places the chalice and other vessels. It seems appropriate for laypeople to help dress the altar, especially if they assist the entire Mass. Their actions should be inconspicuous and not extend the rite. These ministers can be lay faithful because they are encouraged to present the bread and wine, emphasizing the inclusive nature of the Eucharist (GIRM 140, 141).

The purification of vessels is tricky because it must be done by a priest, a deacon, or an instituted acolyte. Since churches use several vessels, this action can take time and be overemphasized. However, its placement in the Mass is flexible, taking place "after Communion, or after Mass" (GIRM 279) and should be "done briefly and inconspicuously" (Introduction to the Order of Mass, 138). These pastoral suggestions enable us to leave the purification of the vessels until after Mass so we maintain a proper focus on the Eucharist and the meditation that follows.

—Fr. John K. Schmidt, CSsR

## Calendar:

### Monday - March 5

*Lenten Weekday*  
2 Kgs 5:1–15ab  
Lk 4:24–30

### Tuesday - March 6

*Lenten Weekday*  
Dn 3:25, 34–43  
Mt 18:21–35

### Wednesday - March 7

*Lenten Weekday*  
Dt 4:1, 5–9  
Mt 5:17–19

### Thursday - March 8

*Lenten Weekday*  
Jer 7:23–28  
Lk 11:14–23

### Friday - March 9

*Lenten Weekday*  
Hos 14:2–10  
Mk 12:28–34

### Saturday - March 10

*Lenten Weekday*  
Hos 6:1–6  
Lk 18:9–14

### Sunday - March 11

*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
2 Chr 36:14–16, 19–23  
Eph 2:4–10  
Jn 3:14

**PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.  
**CHOIR REHEARSAL** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** : Wednesdays, after 7 p.m. Mass  
**CONFESSIONS** : Wednesdays, after Stations  
**LENTEN ADULT GATHERING** : Thursdays after 8 a.m. Mass  
**CONFIRMATION** : Thursday, March 8, 2018  
**DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, March 11, 2018  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, March 18  
**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING** : Tues., March 20, 10 a.m.  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., April 7, 2018  
**BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS** : Thursday, August 16, 2018  
**PICNIC 2018** : Sunday, September 9, 2018

**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. **Confessions:** Wednesday evenings after Stations of the Cross; Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

**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. **This week's menu: Corn Chowder, Rye Crisps, Fresh Apple OR Baked Cheddar Cheese Stuffed Potato, Pineapple Chunks.**

**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 next Saturday, March 10.** 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.



**EASTER BASKET STUFFER:** Need just a little something to add to an Easter card/basket for that special person? The Parish Fund Raising Committee is sponsoring a monthly lottery calendar for April 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: March 3/4; March 10/11; March 17/18; March 24/25. Calendars must be purchased prior Easter Sunday, April 1.



**"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY":** Next Sunday, March 11, 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 Rev. Francis P. Straka by Martha and Edward Hozza.**



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses on **Sunday, March 18.** 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.**

**SLOVAK KOLACH SALE:** Your Easter Slovak Kolach **orders are due by today, Sunday, March 4.** Please complete the blue colored form and return it with your payment. The cost is \$15.00 each. Additional order forms are available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, March 24 and Sunday, March 25.



**NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME:** Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Thursday, August 16** 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 Sunday, July 1.** For more information call Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138. You can place your payment in the church collection basket to hold your tickets (reservations).



**ALADDIN, JR.:** Good Shepherd Catholic School Senior Drama Club proudly presents "Aladdin, Jr." on Friday, March 16 and Saturday, March 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. For more information, please call the school at 610-262-9171.

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:** Are you looking for a challenging academic core curriculum which also maintains subjects like art, music, physical education, foreign language, and technology? Well register now for the 2018-2019 school year at Good Shepherd Catholic School. We have teachers and staff who lead us in the rich traditions of hard work, responsibility, virtues, and faith in God. Our school's philosophy is **"Shepherding in Faith, Inspiring in Education, and Learning for Life."** There are over 250 students in Preschool through 8th grade! The success rate of a quality Catholic school education is amazing in the Diocese of Allentown...97% of students in our Catholic high schools go on to attend college. **Please call Victoria Frystack, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 to schedule your tour now!**

**BINGO:** Designer Handbag Bingo is back! Designer Handbag Bingo will be held next Sunday, March 11, at St. Francis of Assisi Church Hall, 1046 W. Cedar Street, Allentown. Doors and Kitchen open at Noon. Games begin at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the Parish Office for only \$20. Contact Stephanie at 610-433-6102.

**HAVE YOU NOTICED** the **CareNotes** display in the back of the church? CareNotes offer helpful ideas and inspiration on dealing with some of life's most difficult moments. Please help yourself.

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## BREAKFAST



Sunday, March 18, 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