

# 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			

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Apr. 16, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Vienna Carly Savino	Bella and Mike Skweir
Apr. 17, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna Coppola	Betty Toolan
Apr. 18, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Connie Marth	Carolyn and George Wuchter
Apr. 19, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Parents, John and Sadie and Husband, Joseph	Daughter and Wife, Cindy
Apr. 20, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Barbara Bilder	M/M Gerald Fabian
Apr. 21, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Bobinta	Luton-Clayton Family
Apr. 22, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Vincent Santucci, Sr.	Conrad Marth

**Next Week's Schedule:**

Apr. 21, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	<b>Lector:</b> M.E. Schwartz	<b>Euch. Min.:</b> L. Assante	<b>Altar Servers:</b> N. Bischof/M. Hartman	<b>Greeters:</b> M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Apr. 22, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	P. Madea	N. Birosik	E. Confer/N. Millan	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
	10:30 a.m.	F. Kosticky	J. Nicosia	B. DelVecchio/G. Heidecker	J. DelVecchio/R. Marakovits

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of William Kotoris requested by Daughter, Nikki.

**PLEASE PRAY** for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers, Paul Bahnick, brother of Donald Bahnick, who died recently.

# dear Padre:

**I read my horoscope in the daily newspaper faithfully. Is there anything wrong with this? I don't take what it says seriously, but sometimes the predictions do come true.**

Many people enjoy reading their daily horoscopes as a form of entertainment. Like you, they don't take it seriously. When it's approached in this lighthearted way, there is no sin. Others, however, take their horoscopes seriously. Perhaps they don't realize what might underlie their fascination with it. Could it be a desire to escape responsibility? It's a cop-out to believe horoscope advice like, "If the position of the stars makes you act a certain way, then you're not responsible for your actions." This thinking doesn't acknowledge that God, as Lord of the universe, is the creator of these stars and their movements. It's absurd to ascribe mystical powers to the stars themselves as if they could influence us independently of God's providence.

What about predictions that come true? Reread that horoscope and you'll usually find it was worded in such a general way that it would fit almost any situation. There's also the aspect of the self-fulfilling prophecy. If you think you're going to have a certain type of day, you are more likely to have that type of day. Your approach affects your day, not an outside force.

The future will always contain unknowns. For Christians, however, the unknown is cushioned by the belief that all things are in the providential hands of a loving God.

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# Calendar:

**Monday – April 16**

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 6:8–15

Jn 6:22–29

**Tuesday – April 17**

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 7:51–8:1a

Jn 6:30–35

**Wednesday – April 18**

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 8:1b–8

Jn 6:35–40

**Thursday – April 19**

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 8:26–40

Jn 6:44–51

**Friday – April 20**

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 9:1–20

Jn 6:52–59

**Saturday – April 21**

*Easter Weekday*

Acts 9:31–42

Jn 6:60–69

**Sunday – April 22**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 4:8–12

1 Jn 3:1–2

Jn 10:11–18

**PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.  
**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING**: Tues., April 17, 10 a.m.  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, April 22  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., May 5, 2018  
**GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, May 13, 2018  
**PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING** : Fri., Aug. 3 & Sat., Aug. 4  
**BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS** : Thursday, August 16, 2018  
**PICNIC 2018** : Sunday, September 9, 2018

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

Dear Friends,

This weekend we kickoff the **2018 Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA)**. I am grateful for your continued generosity to this important diocesan fundraising initiative. The Bishop's Annual Appeal funds the annual budget that offers vital services like Catholic Charities, care for our retired and infirmed priests, education of Seminarians, Catholic schools and support for our centers for special learning. I encourage you to join me in making your gift to the BAA and support these important ministries. Together we will make a difference in the lives of many people. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. To make your gift, please return the pledge form that you will receive in the mail or visit the Appeal's website at FaithHopeCharityGives.org or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

Thank you for your generosity!

Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Connie Marth. They were donated by her husband, Conrad, and family.



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **next Sunday, April 22**. 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.



**PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC:**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS.** We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 3 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 4 starting at 7:00 a.m.** Friday we will be peeling and cooking potatoes. Saturday we will be making, cooking and

packing the pierogies. Please come and help. The more help we have, the faster we get done. We need both Men and Women. Please come and join us. We do have fun.

**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). Please make checks payable to the church.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!** It's time to put your foursome together, round up your friends, family and co-workers. Good Shepherd Catholic School has changed the date and site for the **7th Annual Golf Outing** on Saturday, **May 19, 2018** at Whitetail Golf Club. Please pick up a sign-up sheet in the back of church, or if you have any questions please contact Tim Egan at 610-261-4649 or Pat Wright at 484-221-5044.

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS:** Please join Bishop Schlert next Sunday, April 22 for World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Bishop Schlert will celebrate the 11:30am Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Parish (1879 Applewood Dr, Orefield). Eucharistic Adoration will follow Mass until 2:30pm in the church when several prayers for vocations will be offered with the seminarians of our Diocese along with a reflection by newly appointed Director of Vocations Promotion, Fr. Mark Searles. The afternoon will conclude at 3:00pm with Solemn Benediction with Bishop Schlert. If you cannot join us at St. Joseph's please take time on April 22 to remember this important intention in your prayers!

**JOIN THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ON-LINE!** Our communities need strong Catholic men to answer the call to lead with faith, protect our families, serve others and defend our values. For over 100 years, Knights of Columbus have done exactly that, standing up for the Church, serving the least among us, and strengthening our parishes and families. Today, joining the Knights of Columbus is easier than ever before, using our new Online Membership Portal, KofC.org/JoinUs, the process takes just minutes. Visit kofc.org/joinus to learn more about the many benefits of membership in the Knights of Columbus.

**MEN'S RETREAT AT MALVERN:** In today's world of 24/7 sound bites, non-stop commercials, loud music and the like, it can be difficult to hear the really important voices in our life. Sometimes we just need a quiet, safe place where we can listen to our God who knows us, loves us and wants to tell us what is best for us. The Malvern Retreat House is such a place. Join the men of the parish the weekend of August 24, 25 and 26 for their Malvern retreat. To learn more, call Jack Harhart 610-262-8123 (or email jharhart@yahoo.com) or Richard Cuth 610-262-8045. For information on retreats for women, married couples and families visit Malvern's website at malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

**SAVE ALUMINUM PULLTABS** – Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

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## BREAKFAST



Sunday, April 22, 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