

# 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:**

May 07, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Zoj Gegvata	M/M Lek Gegvata
May 08, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Allen Edelman	Wife, Ann, and Family
May 09, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Ulrich Legath	Daughter, Linda, Allen and Family
May 10, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
May 11, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael Janis	Betty Toolan and Family
May 12, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Parish Mother's Day Intentions	
May 13, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Parish Mother's Day Intentions	
	10:30 a.m.	Parish Mother's Day Intentions	

**Next Week's Schedule:**

May 09, Wed.	7:00 p.m.	E. Hozza
May 10, Thu.	8:00 a.m.	M. Heist
May 12, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher
May 13, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik
	10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger

**Lector:**

**Euch. Min.:**

L. Kosciolk
C. Wuchter
B. Kosman
J. Ciecko
D. Maron

**Altar Servers:**

K. Cuchran/W. Cuchran
J. Warren/M. Warren
N. Millan/E. Confer
S. Kroll/M. Thierer

**Greeters:**

B. Skweir/M. Skweir
M. Bitenc
L. Bet/P. Schuler
N. Birosik/D. Cesanek/G. Farkas
H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

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

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

# dear Padre:

*Is it acceptable for a Catholic health-care professional to be employed by a hospital that performs abortions, provided she has nothing to do with these procedures?*

You raise an important issue about intentional involvement in wrongdoing, and my response extends to many other life situations.

A person may work in a hospital that performs abortions, provided that he or she is not involved with the procedures. Because performing abortions is only one part of what the hospital does, a person may work there contributing his or her expertise to other areas of health care. If the circumstances were different, and the place of employment was dedicated to terminating pregnancies through abortion, it would be wrong to work there.

My response is guided by the principle of cooperation. It asserts that we may never intentionally cooperate approvingly in the morally wrong action of another person. To help another and approve of his immoral action is termed formal cooperation. Cooperating with another reluctantly, disapproving of what he is doing, is called material cooperation. A person may never cooperate formally in another's wrongdoing because, in doing so, he or she also knowingly performs an immoral action. Some material cooperation may be morally justified, but not if a person's cooperation is necessary for an immoral action to occur.

The Church advises Catholics to avoid any level of moral cooperation. While many don't have the luxury to consider employment elsewhere, other considerations include: Is the individual creating scandal by employment at this hospital? Has the individual made his or her moral understanding known to this hospital?

*Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

# Calendar:

**Monday – May 7**

*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 16:11–15  
Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday – May 8**

*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 16:22–34  
Jn 16:5–11

**Wednesday – May 9**

*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1  
Jn 16:12–15

**Thursday – May 10**

*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 18:1–8  
Jn 16:16–20

**Friday – May 11**

*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 18:9–18  
Jn 16:20–23

**Saturday – May 12**

*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 18:23–28  
Jn 16:23b–28

**Sunday – May 13**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*  
Acts 1:15–17, 20a, 20c–26  
1 Jn 4:11–16  
Jn 17:11b–19

**GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, May 13, 2018  
**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING:** Tues., May 15, 10 a.m.  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., June 2, 2018  
**PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING** : Fri., Aug. 3 & Sat., Aug. 4  
**BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS** : Thursday, August 16, 2018  
**PICNIC 2018** : Sunday, September 9, 2018



**2018 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL – CALLED TO SERVE:**

We are grateful to our parishioners who have already made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a

\$300 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$50 installments. Your sacrifice and generosity to those who are less fortunate will allow the ministries of our diocese to offer services to those who need our assistance. You can make your gift online at FaithHopeCharityGives.org, pick up a pledge form at the back of Church or call the Appeal Office at 800-831-4443.

**Banns of Ordination**

Mr. Zachary Robert Wehr, baptized in this parish, has been called to the Order of the Diaconate by His Excellency, Alfred A. Schlert, D.D. Bishop of Allentown. Mr. Wehr will be ordained at the Cathedral of Saint Catharine of Siena, Allentown, on Saturday, May 19, 2018.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** Thursday, May 10, a Holy Day of Obligation, the Ascension of the Lord. **Masses will be celebrated** on Wednesday, May 9, at 7:00 p.m. and on Thursday, May 10, at 8:00 a.m. **Please note: The rectory office will be closed on Thursday.**



**NEW ALTAR SERVERS:** Any boy or girl in the parish who has made First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server is asked to contact Joanne at the rectory before June 1. Training will be held in June.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Fred Hurban:** \$25 Ann I. Fry; \$25 Christine Deutsch; \$30 Michael Lelko; \$20 Gloria Farkas; \$20 Tony and Diane Moncman; \$20 Virginia Haldeman; \$20 Mary Ann Liskanich; \$20.18 John Yurish; \$100 Edward and Denise Hozza; \$25 Edward and Martha Hozza; \$20 Hilda Pany; \$20 M/M John Herman; \$20 Steve Flytuta; \$25 Rachael Suranofsky; \$20 Joseph and Stephanie Olesak. **In memory of Francis Keppel:** \$20 Gloria Farkas. **In memory of Aloysius Makovsky:** \$20 Joseph and Stephanie Olesak.



**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.



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of the deceased members of the Hutnick and Lessel Families. They were donated by Eleanor and Suzanne Lessel.

**CARNATION SALE:** Pennsylvanians For Human Life will be selling carnations at \$2.00 each **after all Masses next weekend, May 12/13 [Mother's Day Weekend].** Please help support Pro-Life Education with a lovely gift for every Mom.

**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.



**YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS:** Young-at-Heart Club meets the last Tuesday of every month. New members are always welcome. Come and enjoy a friendly luncheon and program. The next meeting

is at noon on Tuesday, May 29. For more information call Nancy at 610-262-5070 or Bella at 610-262-2673.

**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.

**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 church vestibule, or if you have any questions please contact Tim Egan at 610-261-4649 or Pat Wright at 484-221-5044.

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