

# 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  
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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 14, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Shirley Woolever	Daughter, Debra Kay Bennett, and Family
May 15, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
May 16, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Marco Rossini	Judy Haldeman
May 17, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†James F. Chambers, III	Brother, Geoffrey and Family
May 18, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Frances Peters	Husband, Bill
May 19, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Herb Bitenc	Wife, Marie
May 20, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Nello and Marco Rossini	Rossini Family

<b><u>Next Week's Schedule:</u></b>	<b><u>Lector:</u></b>	<b><u>Euch. Min.:</u></b>	<b><u>Altar Servers:</u></b>	<b><u>Greeters:</u></b>
May 19, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	L. Assante	N. Bischof/M. Hartman	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
May 20, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	P. Madea	K. Bennett	J. Confer/C. Confer	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	D. Hozza	L. Santucci	B. DelVecchio/G. Heidecker	J. DelVecchio/R. Marakovits

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of John and Mary Wanisko requested by John and Elizabeth Kuchera.

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

# dear Padre:

***It says in the Gospel account of the ascension that Jesus was taken up body and soul into heaven. Why would Jesus need a body in heaven?***

In the Old Testament, there was a great chasm between our bodies and heaven. We were told that no one could see the face of God and live, let alone live with God in heaven. Jesus came to bridge that gap through his body and blood.

Jesus' glorified body is in heaven to show that we, too, will be glorified like him, showing that, as part of God's creation, our bodies are inherently good and worthy of heavenly life. Jesus' ascension will be followed by our ascension into heaven. Our bodies will become like Jesus' glorified body. Our life with God will become like Jesus' life with God. We see in Jesus our own future. Our lives and our loves will not be snuffed out like a candle. Rather, we will carry them in our spiritual and glorified self, leaving behind pain, death, and human inadequacies.

Christianity is a flesh-and-blood religion. We can't bypass the physical to reach the spiritual. Jesus ascended into heaven, body and soul. We do not reach higher spiritual truths by rejecting the material world. Heaven won't contain disembodied spiritual beings, but will be full of glorified human bodies without the inadequacies we suffer now. Saint Paul, in 1 Corinthians 15:35-40, tries to explain this to the people of Corinth. He tells them that the splendor of the heavenly body is of one kind and the splendor of the earthly body is another.

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# Calendar:

**Monday – May 14**  
*St. Matthias, Apostle*  
Acts 1:15-17, 20-26  
Jn 15:9-17

**Tuesday – May 15**  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 20:17-27  
Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday – May 16**  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 20:28-38  
Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday – May 17**  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11  
Jn 17:20-26

**Friday – May 18**  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 25:13b-21  
Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday – May 19**  
*Easter Weekday*  
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31  
Jn 21:20-25

**Sunday – May 20**  
*Pentecost*  
Acts 2:1-11  
1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13  
Jn 20:19-23

**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  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, October 28



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Lauren Geosits. They were donated by her Aunt Sharon, Uncle Jerry and Aunt Carol.



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

On this Mother's Day weekend, please remember those Mothers who give tirelessly of themselves but have fallen on hard times & have come to our Diocese & the Bishop's Annual Appeal for assistance. Next weekend is Commitment Sunday. If you have not done so already, please bring your pledge form to Mass next weekend. We need the support of all of our parish families to reach our parish goal. Remember, every gift counts, no matter how small. If you have any questions, please call the parish office or visit Bishop's Annual Appeal website: [FaithHopeCharityGives.org](http://FaithHopeCharityGives.org).

**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](mailto: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](http://malvernretreat.com) or call 610-644-0400.

**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.

**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.

**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.



**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.



**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 contribution **in memory of James J. Wills, Sr.:** \$100 Joanne Manning.



**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.

**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.



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

**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

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