

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas Koons**, Pastor  
**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. Susan Parker**, Director 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.  
 Weekdays 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days 7:00 p.m. [Vigil]  
 8:00 a.m.

### Confessions

Saturday 3:00 p.m. to 3:30 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.	Susan Parker..... 610-262-7343
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..... 610-393-9126	Religious Education	Susan Parker..... 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
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**TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 7, 2018**

## **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Oct. 08, Monday	8:00 a.m.	Health and Blessing – Francesca Gegvata	M/M Lek Gegvata
Oct. 09, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†members of our Memorial Fund	
Oct. 10, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Rosemarie DeLucia	Jim and Connie Kovacs
Oct. 11, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Colette Semler	Greg and Joan Glover
Oct. 12, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Catherine Snyder	Barbara and Dale Miller
Oct. 13, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
Oct. 14, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Anne Cieccko	Br. Boniface Shellock
	10:30 a.m.	†Rosina Assante	Son, Mario, and Family

## **Next Week's Schedule:**

	<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>
Oct. 13, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	L. Kosciolk	L. Lesisko/M. Hartman	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Oct. 14, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	C. Marth		G. Farkas/L. Gehringer
10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza	D. Maron	S. Kroll/A. Colandrea	A. Fry/L. Shaak

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in honor of and for the safety of the young men and women of our military.

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

# Good News!

October 7, 2018

Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Gn 2:18–24; Heb 2:9–11; Mk 10:2–16 or Mk 10:2–12

On the Sistine Chapel's ceiling, inspired by today's passage from the first reading, Michelangelo painted the amazing moment when God creates woman out of the side of man. He depicts her standing beside the slumbering Adam, almost arguing with God. Perhaps it represents the eternal discussion about the relationship of man and woman. Or perhaps it recalls the perpetual scene of a man asleep on the couch while the woman wonders, "What's wrong with him?" The good thing is that Eve asks the only one who has the answer: God himself.

In fact, Jesus does the same thing in Mark's Gospel. When the Pharisees question him on divorce, Jesus refers them to God's original plan, "But from the beginning of creation..." (10:6). Jesus finds the answer to this challenging question by looking back at God's creative plan for humanity. God has given man and woman to one another as a mutual gift. It is not good that man should be alone, but only God in eternity definitively satisfies the original loneliness found in everyone's heart.

When spousal love breaks down, we would be wise to follow Jesus' advice and refer to God's original plan. Saint John Paul II did that when, in contemplating married love, he dedicated the first years of his Wednesday audiences to reflect on the first three chapters of Genesis.

Those God has placed alongside us, especially our spouses, are meant to wonderfully (but only partially) satisfy that deep longing to be totally accompanied. Mutual self-giving and self-sacrifice in love is the solution to our inherent isolation and loneliness.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## **Calendar:**

**Monday - October 8**  
*Weekday*

Gal 1:6–12  
Lk 10:25–37

**Tuesday - October 9**  
*Weekday*

Gal 1:13–24  
Lk 10:38–42

**Wednesday - October 10**  
*Weekday*

Gal 2:1–2, 7–14  
Lk 11:1–4

**Thursday - October 11**  
*Weekday*

Gal 3:1–5  
Lk 11:5–13

**Friday - October 12**  
*Weekday*

Gal 3:7–14  
Lk 11:15–26

**Saturday - October 13**  
*Weekday*

Gal 3:22–29  
Lk 11:27–28

**Sunday - October 14**  
*Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Wis 7:7–11  
Heb 4:12–13  
Mk 10:17–30

**Rel. Ed. Classes** : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.  
**Prayer Shawl Meeting** : 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.  
**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rel. Ed.** : Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
**Choir Rehearsal** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
**Blessing of Animals** : Sunday, October 7, 11:30 a.m.  
**Baptismal Preparation Class**: Wed., Oct. 10, 5:30 p.m.  
**Donut/Giving Sunday** : Sunday, October 14  
**Adult Gathering** : Thurs., October 18, 8:30 a.m.  
**Breakfast** : Sunday, October 28  
**Confirmation** : Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.




**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.

**SHOPPERS' CARDS:** Please note effective October 1<sup>st</sup>, walk-in purchases of shoppers' cards will be available in the Good Shepherd Catholic School lobby on Monday evenings, from 5:00 pm to 7:30 pm. There will no longer be purchases at the former convent building, and there will be no purchases during school hours. Classroom order forms will continue to be filled on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

**MEN'S CONFERENCE: Spiritual Combat: Armed with the Spirit** – This year's Diocesan Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, November 3, 2018, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at DeSales University. The day will include keynote addresses, exhibits and a Vigil Mass with The Most Reverend Alfred A. Schlert, Bishop of Allentown. Continental breakfast and lunch are included. General Admission is \$40 and the High School/College rate is \$15. For more information or to register visit [www.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference](http://www.allentowndiocese.org/mens-conference). Questions can be directed to [mensconference@allentowndiocese.org](mailto:mensconference@allentowndiocese.org) or (610) 289-8900, Ext. 2028.

**ADULT GATHERING:** Our BVM Adult Gathering Group will meet again on Thursdays from October 18 to November 15 at 8:30 am. We will view short videos about our "Catholic Faith" and then have a discussion about the subject presented. Please join us each week in the 5th grade classroom!

 **CEMETERY VIGIL LIGHTS** are available in the church social hall starting this weekend, October 8/9 thru October 31. We ask a donation of \$2.50 per candle to cover expenses.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** The weekend of **October 20/21** we are invited to unite with Catholics around the world to "celebrate the hope that saves" through prayer, participation in the Eucharist and by giving generously. In this way, we stand in solidarity with the young and developing churches in over 120 countries through our support for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith through this special collection. Please be generous in your prayer and support for the Church in mission around the world. There is an envelope in your October/November packet for this special collection.


**INK CARTRIDGE AND TONER RECYCLING:** Recycle your empty ink and toner cartridges and Assumption B.V.M. Church will get \$2 back in Staples Rewards® for each one. So not only will we save on future purchases, but we can also feel good about reducing waste in our landfills. Please deposit them in the box located in the vestibule. **Did you know?** In 2011, Staples U.S. customers recycled more than 67 million ink and toner cartridges. Their goal is to recycle 100 million each year, globally, by 2020.


**BLESSING OF ANIMALS:**

In observance of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Assumption BVM Parish will have a Blessing of Animals on the rectory lawn (corner of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Lincoln Avenue) **today, Sunday, October 7 at 11.30 a.m.** After a brief prayer service the animals will be blessed. Bring your dogs, cats, birds and other pets to this celebration. Please make sure that



animals are leashed or caged for their safety.

 **"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY":** Next Sunday, October 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 Marie Bitenc in memory of her husband, Herb Bitenc.**

 **SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Masses on **Sunday, October 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 browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.** Thank you all for supporting this parish fundraiser.

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** for Christmas and weekly Mass are held **Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.** (we are usually finished before 9:00 p.m.). As always, we're looking for new members. If you like to sing please consider joining this group of wonderful people with hearts of service who join together in something so much bigger than themselves. For us joining our voices in praise is the closest thing to Heaven that we can experience here on earth. If you are unable to make a commitment for weekend Masses, please consider joining us just for Christmas, when we sing at the 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. If you have any questions, call Karen at 610-691-0525.

**A NIGHT AT THE RACES:** Good Shepherd Catholic School presents "A Night at the Races" on Saturday, November 3, 2018 in the School Gym. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Food will be served at 6:30 p.m. Racing begins at 7:00 p.m. To buy a horse, buy your tickets or for more information please call the school at 610-262-9171. You must be 21 years or over for this special event! Limited to the first 300 tickets! Cost is \$20 per ticket. Contact Victoria Frystack at 610-262-9171 or [mrsfrystackgscs@gmail.com](mailto:mrsfrystackgscs@gmail.com) to schedule your school tour and enroll today.

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## BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 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