

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
Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....		484-540-5090			

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 28, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Oct. 29, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Marvin Wright	Joe and Shirley Kovalchik
Oct. 30, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Serensits	Berdell Haines
Oct. 31, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
Nov. 1, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
Nov. 2, Friday	8:00 a.m.	ALL SOULS INTENTIONS	
Nov. 3, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Lucille Mikulcik	Husband, Paul, and Family
Nov. 4, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
	10:30 a.m.	Health and Blessing – Jane and Ron Spengler	
		on the occasion of their 50 th Wedding Anniversary	Family

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Oct. 31, Wed. 7:00 p.m.	E. Hozza, Jr.	J. Nicosia	M. Warren	M. Bitenc/L. Stefaniak
Nov. 1, Thu. 8:00 a.m.	N. Kotoris	L. Santucci		A. Fry/N. Birocik
Nov. 3, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	B. Kosman	M. Hartman/A. Colandrea	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Nov. 4, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	K. Bennett	K. Cuchran	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
	10:30 a.m. F. Kostecky	D. Maron	J. Bobko/S. Kroll	J. DelVecchio/R. Marakovits

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of the sons and daughters 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. Also remember in your prayers Anna Hicks and Elaine Hunsinger, mother of Angie Livengood, who died recently.

Good News!

October 28, 2018

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)

Jer 31:7–9; Heb 5:1–6; Mk 10:46–52

It rarely does any good to follow the crowd. Most people follow the path of least resistance, just floating along. Jesus said the path to heaven is narrow and few follow it. Dare to believe in eternal truths, in Jesus, and swim against the current.

Just look at what happened to blind Bartimaeus. He wanted the impossible, to be healed by Jesus, but he was at a big disadvantage. He couldn't see Jesus in order to find him. So what did he do? He started by using his only strength—his loud voice. He couldn't run after Jesus but could only sit and call out. Lesson one: Use whatever talent you have to reach Jesus. Don't focus on what you lack but on what you have.

The crowd told him to be quiet and polite, not upsetting the moment. Bartimaeus "kept calling out all the more" (Mark 10:48). Lesson two: Ignore the crowd if they keep you from Jesus and your dreams.

Jesus hears his cry and calls for Bartimaeus, who springs up with a newfound joy because Jesus reached out to him. He stumbles toward him, directed by the crowd. Lesson three: Go to Jesus with your weakness! It doesn't bother him. It attracts him.

Jesus asks what he wants, and blind Bartimaeus boldly asks for the impossible: to see. Impossible, unless he believed Jesus was in fact the Son of David, the Messiah, the miracle worker. Jesus gives him exactly what his faith merited. Lesson four: Boldly believe and pursue the impossible. Jesus wants to give it to you!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday - October 29

Weekday

Eph 4:32–5:8

Lk 13:10–17

Tuesday - October 30

Weekday

Eph 5:21–33 / Lk 13:18–21

Wednesday - October 31

Weekday

Eph 6:1–9 / Lk 13:22–30

Thursday - November 1

Solemnity of All Saints

Rv 7:2–14, 9–14 / 1 Jn 3:1–3

Mt 5:1–12a

Friday - November 2

Commemoration of All the Faithful

Departed (All Souls)

Wis 3:1–9 / Rom 5:5–11

Jn 6:37–40

Saturday - November 3

Weekday

Phil 1:18b–26 / Lk 14:1, 7–11

Sunday - November 4

Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Dt 6:2–6


Heb 7:23–28

Mk 12:28b–34


Rel. Ed. Classes : Sundays, 9:00 - 10:05 a.m.
Prayer Shawl Meeting : 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
7th & 8th Grade Rel. Ed. : Wednesdays, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Choir Rehearsal : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
Breakfast : Sunday, October 28
Adult Gathering : Thurs., November 1, 8:30 a.m.
Baptismal Preparation Class: Wed., Nov. 7, 5:30 p.m.
Donut/Giving Sunday : Sunday, November 11
Confirmation : Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.
BVM Night – Iron Pigs : Thursday, August 22, 2019

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Thursday, November 1, a Holy Day of Obligation, All Saints Day. **Masses will be celebrated** on Wednesday, October 31, at 7:00 p.m. and on Thursday, November 1, at 8:00 a.m. **Please note: The rectory office will be closed on Thursday.**


FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: The First Friday of November, November 2, our parish will offer a holy hour of Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. The 8 o'clock Mass will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, and will last one hour concluding with Benediction at 9:15 a.m.


 **CEMETERY VIGIL LIGHTS** will be available in the church social hall now thru October 31. We ask a donation of \$2.50 per candle to cover expenses.


COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS: Next Sunday, November 4 at 12:30 p.m. at our cemetery, we will have a special prayer service to remember the faithful departed, bless the cemetery, and to read the names of those buried/entombed there this past year.

 **MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Thomas Marakovits. They were donated by wife, Ruth, and Family.

BAPTISM: We are happy to welcome Reagan Lynn Repasch, child of Kelly and Thomas Repasch, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Reagan Lynn as she continues to grow in our faith.

 **SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Masses **today, Sunday, October 28.** Please support this fundraising 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.

 **SLOVAK KOLACH SALE:** Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by November 25. Please complete the form and return it with your payment as soon as possible. **The cost is \$16.00 each.** Additional order forms will be available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, December 8 and Sunday, December 9. **Please note:** The order forms list "Pumpkin Cream" should have been listed as "Pumpkin Cheese".

 **JUST A REMINDER** that Standard Time resumes next Sunday, **November 4, 2018.** Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to sleep next Saturday night.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Theresa Hutnick:** \$20 Conrad Marth; \$20 Nancy Pavlick; \$25 Maureen Petro.

A NIGHT AT THE RACES: The countdown is on for our big Night at the Races Good Shepherd Catholic School fundraiser **next Saturday, November 3!** We will be selling tickets before and after all masses this weekend, October 27/28. Stop by and buy your tickets or a horse for the race. Cost is \$20 per ticket. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Food will be served at 6:30 p.m. Racing begins at 7:00 p.m. You must be 21 years or over for this special event!

HUGE BASKET PARTY: Holy Trinity Church, 4456 Main St., Whitehall will be having a Basket Party with over 300 amazing prizes this weekend, **Saturday, October 27, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 28, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Drawing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets: 25 for a \$5.00 donation and will be on sale at the door. Great homemade food and baked goods will be on sale! Questions or for more information please call 610-262-9315 or 610-533-2794.

VICTIM ASSISTANCE COORDINATOR

The Diocese of Allentown provides assistance to anyone who, as a minor, was sexually abused by a priest, deacon, or employee/volunteer of the Diocese/Parish. Parents, guardians, children, and survivors of sexual abuse are invited and encouraged to contact the Diocese of Allentown for more information about this program. The fullness of compassion should be extended to these victims by the Church.

Victim Assistance Coordinator
 DIRECT TELEPHONE NUMBER
 1-800-791-9209

Email: victimassistance@allentowndioocese.org

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit www.allentowndioocese.org and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

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, 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