

# 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.  
 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 3:30 p.m.  
 or by request

### 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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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 11, 2018

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Nov. 12, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Virginia Leland	M/M William McCullough
Nov. 13, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward and Marjorie Daumer (75 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary)	M/M Edward Daumer, Jr. and Michele Trumbauer Assumption B.V.M. Young-at-Heart
Nov. 14, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Mary Lizak	
Nov. 15, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Nov. 16, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Myirski, Jr.	Monica and Family
Nov. 17, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Paul Kovach, Sr.	Son, Paul, and Family
Nov. 18, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Joan Skrapits	Cindy Janny and Bernadine Janny
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	

<b>Next Week's Schedule:</b>	<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>
Nov. 17, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	L. Kosciolk	J. Warren	C. Kovacs/M. Bitenc
Nov. 18, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll	N. Birosik	N. Millan	B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
10:30 a.m.	P. Madea	C. Walsh	A. Miletics/G. Miletics	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

**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.

# Good News!

November 11, 2018

*Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (B)*

**1 Kgs 17:10–16; Heb 9:24–28; Mk 12:38–44**

Elijah is quite bold. He finds this poor woman collecting sticks to make her “last supper” on earth. She has run out of money, food, and energy. Even so, the prophet asks her to prepare him a cake and, in exchange for her hospitality, he promises she will not run out until God sends rain again. In her faith and humility, she says yes, and gives away all that she had to live on. God blesses her generosity!

Jesus observes something similar. A poor widow willingly gives all she has when, without anyone noticing, she drops her coins in the donation basket. God always notices our acts of generosity and multiplies them into eternity.

The first part of the Gospel stands in contrast with these two mighty widows. It shows us how *not* to be apostles. Jesus chastises the scribes and teachers of the law for three defects in their religious practice: pride, greed, and showing off. They love public greetings and special seating at church and parties. Jesus goes even further by saying they use their authority to devour widow's houses. Could Jesus' irony be any starker? While the widow is giving her last coins, the priest is using it to devour her livelihood.

We may never see in this life how God blesses our small or large acts of love, prayer, and generosity. Yet, we should keep doing them, not to be seen or rewarded, but because we love God, and to love is always the right thing. God sees, and a great reward awaits us.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## Calendar:

**Monday - November 12**

*St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr*

Ti 1:1–9 / Lk 17:1–6

**Tuesday - November 13**

*St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*

Ti 2:1–8, 11–14

Lk 17:7–10

**Wednesday - November 14**

*Weekday*

Ti 3:1–7 / Lk 17:11–19

**Thursday - November 15**

*Weekday*

Phlm 7–20 / Lk 17:20–25

**Friday - November 16**

*Weekday*

2 Jn 4–9

Lk 17:26–37

**Saturday - November 17**

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary,*

*Religious*

3 Jn 5–8 / Lk 18:1–8

**Sunday - November 18**

*Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Dn 12:1–3

Heb 10:11–14, 18

Mk 13:24–32

**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.  
**Donut/Giving Sunday** : Sunday, November 11  
**Adult Gathering** : Thurs., Nov. 15, 8:30 a.m.  
**Breakfast** : Sunday, November 18  
**Baptismal Preparation Class**: Wed., Dec. 5, 5:30 p.m.  
**Confirmation** : Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.  
**BVM Night – Iron Pigs** : Thursday, August 22, 2019



**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".



**STOCKING STUFFER:** Need a stocking stuffer? Or just a little something to add to a gift for that special person? The Parish Fund Raising Committee is sponsoring a monthly lottery calendar for January 2019. The calendars are \$5 each and the winners are based on the **evening daily** Pennsylvania Lottery number. Calendars will be on sale before Mass the weekends of November 17/18, November 24/25, December 1/2, 8/9, 15/16, 22/23 and 29/30. Calendars must be purchased prior to January 1, 2019.



**REMEMBER THE NEEDY:** Please take a tag from the "Giving Tree" which will be located in the Church vestibule starting this weekend, November 10/11. The tags list items needed by the Catholic Charities Office to care for the needs of babies and their families. **Please place your unwrapped gifts under the tree by December 15** and we will take them to the Catholic Charities office.



**"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY":** Today, Sunday, November 11, 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. **This month's donuts are being donated in memory of Robert Haldeman by wife, Virginia, daughter, Judy, and daughter, Marcia and family.**



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Masses next **Sunday, November 18.** 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. **This month's special is Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast.** Thank you all for supporting this parish fundraiser.

**LOCAL POVERTY RELIEF COLLECTION:** The annual collection diocesan poverty relief collection will be taken up **next weekend, November 17/18.** The collection is used to support local groups and organizations that assist the poor here in the diocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. There is an envelope in your packet for this special collection.



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Mark Heckenberger. They were donated by his parents, Debbie and John, and his brother, Luke.

**VETERANS DAY FLOWERS:** The flowers by St. Joseph this week are in honor of all the living and deceased veterans of our parish family. Thank you for your service.

**TURKEYS NEEDED:** The Northampton Area Food Bank is looking for donations of Turkeys to distribute to needy families for Thanksgiving. Anyone interested in donating is asked to please call the church rectory between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Monday - Friday at 610-262-2559.



**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL** Junior Drama Club proudly presents "The Magic Tree House: Pirates Past Noon, Kids" **next Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday,**

**November 18<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the school gym.** Tickets are \$5.00 per person. For more information, please call the school office at 610-262-9171.

**BAPTISM:** We are happy to welcome Vierra Margaret Galluzzo, child of Tara Sitko and Vincent Galluzzo, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Vierra Margaret as she continues to grow in our faith.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Theresa Hutnick:** \$100 Helen and Richard Cuth; \$10 Steve Marsch. **In memory of Anna Hicks:** \$25 Erling, Aundrea, Rachael and the staff of Liza's Personal Care Home; \$100 Ruby Circle Roses chapter of the Red Hat Society.



**ALTAR FLOWERS:** We would like to keep live flowers on the altar for all weekend Masses. **The cost is \$60.** If you would like to honor a deceased loved one or friend or honor a living person by placing flowers on the altar in their name, please call Joanne at the rectory 610-262-2559.



**YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS:** The Young-at-Heart Club is sponsoring a bus trip to Mohegan Sun Casino on Thursday, November 29. You do not have to be a member to come along. Cost: \$23 per person. For tickets please call Louise at 610-262-6308.

**COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE:** Northampton Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Grace United Church of Christ, 9<sup>th</sup> Street and Lincoln Avenue, Northampton on Sunday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. A free will offering will be taken and the proceeds will go to the Northampton Area Food Bank. A social will follow. All are invited to attend this special community service.

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## BREAKFAST

Sunday, November 18, 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

Creamed Chipped Beef on toast

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea