

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
 Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School

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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			

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 28, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Mike Plata, Jr.	Sisters
Jan. 29, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Alice Benezlano	Vinnie and Linda Santucci and Family
Jan. 30, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Carmen Tinajero-Blum	Rita-anne, Rosemary and Bernadette
Jan. 31, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Serensits	Kevin and Alice Serensits
Feb. 01, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Jean Wieder	Friend
Feb. 02, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Louis Pavlovic	Wife, Nancy, and Family
Feb. 03, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Strongowski	Janette and Larry Wagner
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Feb. 02, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	B. Kosman	M. Hartman	L. Stefaniak/S. Bankos
Feb. 03, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	K. Bennett	K. Cuchran	G. Farkas/L. Gehringer
10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth	L. Santucci	S. Kroll/J. Bobko	A. Fry/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Joseph Kalamar requested by Joanne and Juliet.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Margaret Matejicka-Kent, mother of Donna Coleman, and David Liskanich, son of Mary Ann Liskanich, who died recently.

Good News!

January 27, 2019

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Have you ever lost something and then, after some time passes, finally found it? Perhaps your keys, a cell phone, or worse still, a credit card. When we find utilitarian items that we've lost or misplaced, we're so relieved and happy because we need these things for daily living. But what if we lose our whole purpose for living? Then we're really in trouble.

The people to whom Nehemiah was speaking lost more than something material; they lost the key to who they were as a people. They lost the law of God that had been given to them through Moses hundreds of years before. They were now listening to it for the first time. Upon hearing all its wisdom and prescriptions, they were cut to the heart and wept. There was so much they had forgotten and were no longer practicing. As exiles in Babylon they had lost so much.

Yet the response toward this rediscovery could have been joy, because now they knew once again what made for happiness and living in the Lord. They had discovered the love that called them into existence.

We have been given the Holy Spirit who leads us into all truth and reminds us of everything Jesus taught us in Scriptures and Tradition. Knowing God's truth is the deepest source of joy. Finding him is like finding what was lost. Like the found key, God unlocks our happiness. Like a cell phone, he gives us a constant connection with him. And like a credit card—but infinitely better—God is the love that fulfills our desires. And we never have to pay him back.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday - January 28
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Heb 9:15, 24-28

Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday - January 29

Weekday

Heb 10:1-10 / Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday - January 30

Weekday

Heb 10:11-18

Mk 4:1-20

Thursday - January 31

St. John Bosco, Priest

Heb 10:19-25 / Mk 4:21-25

Friday - February 1

Weekday

Heb 10:32-39 / Mk 4:26-34

Saturday - February 2

Presentation of the Lord

Mal 3:1-4

Heb 2:14-18

Lk 2:22-40

Sunday - February 3

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19

1 Cor 12:31-13:13

Lk 4:21-30

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, January 27
Blessing of Throats : Sat./Sun. after Masses
Baptismal Preparation Class: Wed., Feb. 6, 5:30 p.m.
Donut/Giving Sunday : Sunday, February 10
Confirmation : Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.
BVM Night – Iron Pigs : Thursday, August 22, 2019

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION: The First Friday of February, February 1, 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.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of William Birosik. They were donated by his wife, Nancy Jane, daughter, Stephanie, son, Billy, and family.

BLESSING OF THROATS: Saturday, February 2 and Sunday, February 3 throats will be blessed immediately after all Masses.

CANDLES WILL BE BLESSED for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2 – Candlemas Day). They will be available for your personal use. We ask an offering of \$3.50 per box to help cover the costs.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **today, Sunday, January 27**. 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 brown, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **This month's special is Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast.** Tickets on sale at the door.



SOUPER SUNDAY OF CARING: On Super Bowl weekend, February 2/3 students from our Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.) will be present at all Masses collecting funds for

the Northampton Area Food Bank. Throughout the country Billions of dollars will be spent to celebrate the Super Bowl. Can you afford \$5 or \$10 to help feed the needy? Drop your donations in the soup pots that the teens will be holding after all Masses on Super Bowl weekend.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:

Good Shepherd Catholic School will hold their annual **Catholic Schools Week Open House today, Sunday, January 27 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** All are invited to come tour our school and see the wonderful things that are happening. Registrations will also be accepted for the 2019-20 school year. We are accepting enrollment for students entering Preschool (age 3) through 8th grade. For more information please call the school office at 610-262-9171.



YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be this Tuesday, January 29, in the church social hall. Bus Trips: Atlantic City overnight - Thursday/Friday, February 14/15. Cost is \$125 per person; Mohegan Sun Casino on Thursday, February 28. You do not have to be a member to come along. For tickets please call Louise at 610-262-6308 or Bella at 610-262-2673.



NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME: Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Thursday, August 22** on the Party Porch, 1st 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. **Deadline for reservations is Monday, 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.

HEALING OUR CHURCH DISCUSSION GROUPS

COMING IN LENT: Catholics throughout the Diocese of Allentown are invited to attend small-group discussions, moderated by fellow parishioners, and designed to encourage reflection and conversation about the clergy abuse crisis. *Healing Our Church* is a program from RENEW International, a Catholic nonprofit organization. Bishop Alfred Schlert has called the parish-based small-group discussions "an opportunity for all of us to prayerfully reflect on scripture, on the abuse crisis, and on our path forward as a Roman Catholic Family of Faith." Discussions will take place during the six weeks of Lent. Watch for more information, including how to sign up, soon.

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.

BLESSED PALM: Old blessed palm may be brought to the church any time prior to Ash Wednesday (March 6). The palm will be burned for ashes.

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK will hold a Super Bowl Gift Card Bingo next Sunday, February 3, in the Good Shepherd Catholic School Gym, 1300 Newport Avenue, Northampton. There will be 20 games for \$20 and five specials for \$5. Chinese Auction - 50/50 - Door prizes - Mystery Envelope Game - Cash Drawing - Food. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. and Bingo will begin at 2:00 p.m. All paper bingo. Additional boards are available for purchase. To purchase tickets or for more info call: Kelly Frantz at 610-262-7826. "Snow Date: Sunday, February 10, 2019."

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BREAKFAST

Sunday, January 27, 2019

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

Special - Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast

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