

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			

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****FEBRUARY 10, 2019****MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Feb. 11, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert W. Laub, Jr.	Vinnie and Linda Santucci and Family
Feb. 12, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
Feb. 13, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Frank Geosits	Julia Nero
Feb. 14, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Marhefka	M/M Gallus Wukitsch
Feb. 15, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Daigle	Mike and Bella Skweir
Feb. 16, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
Feb. 17, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Humenik	Sons, David and Paul
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased Boy Scouts	Scout Troop #54

Next Week's Schedule:**Lector:****Euch. Min.:****Altar Servers:****Greeters:**

Feb. 16, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	C. Marth	J. Warren	L. Bet/P. Schuler
Feb. 17, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll	N. Birosik	N. Millan	N. Birosik/D. Cesanek
	10:30 a.m.	D. Hozza	C. Walsh	G. Miletics	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Annette Yurish requested by Family and Friends.

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

Good News!

February 10, 2019

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Is 6:1–2a, 3–8; 1 Cor 15:1–11 or 1 Cor 15:3–8, 11; Lk 5:1–11

Dina Bellotti was an artist active for many years in her studio just off the Via della Conciliazione, in front of the Vatican. As a family friend of St. Paul VI, she came to Rome when he became pope. Her 1972 painting *Miraculous Haul of Fishes* is simple, yet evocative. With a few brush strokes, she brings a scene to life and places us there.

Peter is tired, overworked, and frustrated with the lack of results. A stranger on the shore, Jesus of Nazareth, asks him to cast the net again. Although the logic of fishing dictates otherwise, Peter follows his hunch and trusts this voice for one more cast.

We've all been there. We work hard to do the right thing. We try to extend God's kingdom, and sometimes it seems our results aren't up to par. If we listen to Jesus, we never come up empty. Sometimes we fish where we're not called, led by our own passions and stubbornness. There we reap what we sow. Other times, we simply go along without heart. We can feel caged by fate or a hopeless situation. But then we wake up to the fact that even there we can love. Even then we can hear his voice, feel his love, and focus on responding to his call. Then miracles can happen!

Jesus loves everyone, not because they are saints, but because he wants them to be. So rather than look at why we shouldn't be blessed by him, turn to him, then receive his gratuitous love. Then without fear, share that experience with others as fishers of men.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – February 11*Weekday*

Gn 1–19

Mk 6:53–56

Tuesday – February 12*Weekday*

Gn 1:20–2:4a

Mk 7:1–13

Wednesday – February 13*Weekday*

Gn 2:4b–9, 15–17

Mk 7:14–23

Thursday – February 14*Sts. Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop*

Gn 2:18–25

Mk 7:24–30

Friday – February 15*Weekday*

Gn 3:1–8

Mk 7:31–37

Saturday – February 16*Weekday*

Gn 3:9–24

Mk 8:1–10

Sunday – February 17*Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Jer 17:5–8

1 Cor 15:12, 16–20

Lk 6:17, 20–26

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.
Donut/Giving Sunday : Sunday, February 10
Breakfast : Sunday, February 24
Baptismal Preparation Class: Wed., March 6, 5:30 p.m.
Confirmation : Tuesday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.
BVM Night – Iron Pigs : Thursday, August 22, 2019



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Herb Bitenc. They were donated by his wife, Marie.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS: Are you looking for a challenging academic core curriculum which also maintains subjects like art, music, physical education, foreign language, and technology? Register now for the 2019-2020 school year at Good Shepherd Catholic School. We have teachers and staff who lead us in the rich traditions of hard work, responsibility, virtues, and faith in God. Our school's philosophy is **"Shepherding in Faith, Inspiring in Education, and Learning for Life."** There are over 200 students in Preschool through 8th grade! The success rate of a quality Catholic school education is amazing in the Diocese of Allentown...97% of students in our Catholic high schools go on to attend college. **Please call Victoria Frystack, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 to schedule your tour now!**

CEMETERY CLEAN-UP: To prepare our cemetery (and mausoleum) for spring and the Easter holiday you are asked to please remove your Christmas plants and decorations **by Sunday, March 10.** Any Christmas decorations left on the graves or at the mausoleum after this date will be discarded. If you know of any non-parishioners having graves or crypts on our cemetery, please pass along this information



"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": Today, Sunday, February 10, 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 John and Margaret Harhart by their family.**



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses on **Sunday, February 24.** 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, omelet or cheese steak omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.**



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.

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

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of David Liskanich:** \$25 Conrad Marth; \$20 Rose Hurban. **In memory of Barbara Bishop:** \$15 Stephen Marsch.

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.

BINGO: Mercy School for Special Learning, 830 S Woodward Street, Allentown will host a Michael Kors/Vera/Coach Purse Bingo today, Sunday, February 10 at 1:00 p.m. \$25 for 20 games, specials extra. The kitchen will open at 12:00 noon. For more information please call 610-797-8242. Please join us in support of Mercy's educational program for children having intellectual/developmental disabilities.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST (STILES) TRICKY TRAYS:

Saint John the Baptist Church, Whitehall, will sponsor their Thirteenth Annual Tricky Trays/Basket Social on Saturday, February 16, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at their Social Hall, 3120 Chestnut Street, Whitehall. Ticket entries one day only! You can purchase tickets at the door. There will be a special raffle for big-ticket items. Plenty of parking behind the hall. You do not have to be present to win. Kitchen will be open. Winners will be called and can pick up baskets Sunday, February 17, between 2:00 and 4:00 p.m. at the hall.



YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be Tuesday, February 26, in the church social hall. Bus Trip: 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.

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PLEASE NOTE: The Annual Assumption B.V.M. Church Picnic will be held next year on **Sunday, September 8th, at Egypt Memorial Park.** Please mark your calendars.



BREAKFAST

Sunday, February 24, 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

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea