

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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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

MARCH 17, 2019

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Mar. 18, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Kellen D. Kuhn	Vinnie and Linda Santucci
Mar. 19, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Hilda Bendekovits	John Polzer
Mar. 20, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Marco Rossini	Gary and Jeanne Peters
Mar. 21, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Serensits	Wife, Elaine
Mar. 22, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael James Janis	Family
Mar. 23, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Jonathan Keller	Family
Mar. 24, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of our parish	
	10:30 a.m.	†Rita Roman	Theresa Melosky

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Mar. 23, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	F. Kostecky	C. Marth	M. Hartman/M. Warren	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Mar. 24, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	F. Cerino	K. Cuchran/S. Kroll	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m. (Children)	(Children)	R. Shearman	A. Miletics/J. Bobko	J. DelVecchio/R. Marakovits

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Mary Bankos requested by daughter, Ann.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Anna Hartzell who died recently.

Good News!

March 17, 2019

Second Sunday of Lent (C)

Gn 15:5–12, 17–18; Phil 3:17–4:1; Lk 9:28b–36

The same three apostles who are present in the Garden of Gethsemane are also at the transfiguration. On both occasions they fall asleep! But when they awake at the transfiguration, they see something totally different. They see Jesus radiant and resplendent like they had never seen him before. This revelation of his glory is meant to strengthen their faith and prepare them for seeing Jesus later, sweating blood in the agony of the Garden. Experiencing the joy and beauty of Jesus is essential to persevering through the inevitable passions we will have to undergo. Faith is not all about suffering, but about joy, love, and intimacy with Christ. Yes, love sometimes means we must suffer, but the fruit is greater intimacy. A diamond is made under great pressure and love must pass through temptations.

All three synoptic Gospels unite the transfiguration with Peter's profession of faith. The reality of the passion and cross should not shake the apostle's faith, but they should realize that his exaltation can only be accomplished in the cross: "And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself" (John 12:32).

The sufferings we see in the world, in our own past and present, shouldn't shake our faith in Jesus, either. Overcoming sin comes from embracing suffering.

Jesus is so radiant that he awakes the apostles from their slumber. May the consuming love with which we burn for Jesus transfigure us into beautiful lights that awaken this world from its slumber of faith as well.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

Calendar:

Monday – March 18

Lenten Weekday

Dn 9:4b–10

Lk 6:36–38

Tuesday – March 19

St. Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Sm 7:4–5a, 12–14a, 16

Rom 4:13, 16–18, 22

Mt 1:16, 18–21, 24a

Wednesday – March 20

Lenten Weekday

Jer 18:18–20 / Mt 20:17–28

Thursday – March 21

Lenten Weekday

Jer 17:5–10

Lk 16:19–31

Friday – March 22

Lenten Weekday

Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a

Mt 21:33–43, 45–46

Saturday – March 23

Lenten Weekday

Mi 7:14–15, 18–20

Lk 15:1–3, 11–32

Sunday – March 24

Third Sunday of Lent

Ex 3:1–8a, 13–15

1 Cor 10:1–6, 10–12

Lk 13:1–9

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.
Stations of the Cross : Wednesdays, after Mass
Choir Rehearsal : Wednesdays, after Stations
Confessions : Saturdays 3 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Healing Our Church : Tues., Mar. 19, 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Healing Our Church : Thu., Mar. 21, 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Breakfast : Sunday, March 24
Baptismal Preparation Class: Wed., April 3, 5:30 p.m.
Donut/Giving Sunday : Sunday, April 14
BVM Night – Iron Pigs : Thursday, August 22, 2019

LENTEN ACTIVITIES: Mass: Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:00 a.m. **Stations of the Cross:** Wednesdays after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. **Confessions:** Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

OPERATION RICE BOWL is a wonderful way to bring the spirit of Lenten sacrifice home. Operation Rice Bowl allows millions of our starving brothers and sisters to benefit and it doesn't cost us a cent! To participate, choose one night a week to eat a sacrificial meal. We will publish suggested meals in the bulletin each week. The meal is designed to imitate the quantity of food eaten by the poor. Take the cost of the meal, subtract it from what you normally would have spent for dinner that day, and give the difference to Operation Rice Bowl. **This week's menu: Baked Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Fruit Cocktail OR Tuna Salad on Pita, Jell-O with Banana Slices.**

BAPTISM: We are happy to welcome Emmitt Angelo Williams, child of Maria and Aaron Williams, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Emmitt Angelo as he continues to grow in our faith.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses next **Sunday, March 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.



SLOVAK KOLACH SALE: Your Easter Slovak Kolach **orders are due by next Sunday, March 24**. Please complete the green colored form and return it with your payment. The cost is \$16.00 each. Additional order forms are available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, April 13 and Sunday, April 14.



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. Cost is \$37 per person and is due at time of reservation. **Deadline for reservations is Sunday, 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.

BLESSED PALM: Old blessed palm may be brought to the church anytime during Lent. The palm will be burned for ashes to be used next year on Ash Wednesday.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS: Come see why so many families choose Good Shepherd. Value based education, a solid curriculum enhanced by responsibility and classroom structure, emphasis on writing skills and a caring and nurturing atmosphere. Please call Victoria Frystack, Advancement Director at 610-262-9171 to schedule your tour now! Early Education Open House, Pre-School, Pre-K and K will be held on Saturday, March 30, 2019 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

"GOD'S REMEDY FOR OUR SINS": A Lenten Reflection by Sr. Gaudia Skass, OLM from the Saint John Paul II National Shrine in Washington, D.C. Join us Thursday, April 11, 2019 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Joseph the Worker Church, Orefield for an evening of reflection on the Divine Mercy with Sr. Gaudia Skass, OLM. Sr. Gaudia will give a moving presentation about God's infinite mercy during an evening centered in prayerful Adoration of Our Lord. Mark your calendars; you won't want to miss this incredible event! Questions, contact cle@allentowndiocese.org or call 610-289-8900 ext. 2021.



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

"CARE NOTES": Please check the "Care Notes" rack in the back of the church for helpful pamphlets in dealing with the loss of a loved one.

COMMISSION FOR WOMEN HOSTING LENTEN EVENT: The Commission for Women invite all women to "*Breakfast with the Bishop*" event on Saturday, April 6, 2019 beginning with daily Mass at 8 AM at the Cathedral of St. Catharine of Siena, Allentown followed by Recitation of the Rosary, Breakfast and a Lenten Reflection by Bishop Schlert. Please join us as we gather together during this season of Lent for Prayer and Fellowship. To register, visit www.allentowndiocese.org/cfw-spirituality. Questions, email cfw@allentowndiocese.org or call Susan Teaford at 610-207-5763.

YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be Tuesday, March 26, in the church social hall. Bus Trips: Hollywood Casino on Thursday, March 28; Dover Casino on April 24/25 overnight. 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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BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 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