

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA**, Pastor  
**Mrs. Karen Glose**, Director of Music  
**Mrs. Mary LaBianca**, Adult Choir Director  
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**Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger**, Youth Activities  
**Ms. Joanne Manning**, Parish Secretary

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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., 7:00 p.m.

### Confessions

Saturday 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 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 Fr. Straka 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	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....	610-262-8428	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ministry to the Sick	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Bible Study	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Parish Family Picnic	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
CYO	Tim Grubb .....	610-762-9072	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Ecumenical Rep.	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Fr. Straka .....	610-262-2559
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
First Friday Adoration	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	RCIA	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Young at Heart Bus Trips	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	610-262-9012	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

FEBRUARY 14, 2016

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 15, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†John Lizak	Wife, Mary, and Family
Feb. 16, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Albert Birosik	Bernal Family
Feb. 17, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Anne Toolan	Son, John, and Family
Feb. 18, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased members of Boy Scout Troop #54	
Feb. 19, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Richard F. Kozak	Family
Feb. 20, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
Feb. 21, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Marge Hamm	Anna Hudock and Family
	10:30 a.m.	†James Nicosia	Assumption B.V.M. Choir

### Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Feb. 20, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	P. Kovach	J. Warren/M. Warren/E. Zwolenik	M. Mraz/P. Schuler
Feb. 21, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	A. Molchany	K. Bennett	M. Hudock/N. Clouse/N. Bischof	N. Birosik/D. Cesanek/G. Farkas
10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth	J. Nicosia	A. Miletics/G. Miletics/D. Bassert	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week for the health and blessing of Connie Marth requested by Juliet and Joanne.

**PLEASE PRAY** for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Theresa Acerra, who died this past week.

# dear Padre:

## Medicating for pain

*When is it OK to medicate for pain? If my relative is in hospice, should I permit the use of drugs that hasten his or her death?*

**When someone we love is dying**, we do not want him or her to be in pain. It is only natural to want to ease or end all suffering. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* offers these guidelines: "The use of painkillers to alleviate the sufferings of the dying, even at the risk of shortening their days, can be morally in conformity with human dignity if death is not willed as either an end or a means, but only foreseen and tolerated as inevitable" (CCC 2279). In other words, it is permissible to medicate for pain, but you cannot use narcotics as an end or means to hasten someone's death—only to alleviate pain and to minimize a person's suffering. Drugs cannot be used to directly cause a person's death.

It is important to discuss the kinds of treatment a person would want when he or she is dying. An important question is, "Would you want to be medicated even if that would mean you would not be conscious?" It is also important to have a discussion with your priest. Many times one is forced to make terrible decisions about medical care, and it is always good to have someone we trust who can help us make the best choice.

FR. PATRICK KEYES, CSsR  
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## Calendar:

### Monday – February 15

*Lenten Weekday*

Lv 19:1–2, 11–18

Mt 25:31–46

### Tuesday – February 16

*Lenten Weekday*

Is 55:10–11

Mt 6:7–15

### Wednesday – February 17

*Lenten Weekday*

Jon 3:1–10

Lk 11:29–32

### Thursday – February 18

*Lenten Weekday*

Est C:12, 14–16, 23–25

Mt 7:7–12

### Friday – February 19

*Lenten Weekday*

Ez 18:21–28

Mt 5:20–26

### Saturday – February 20

*Lenten Weekday*

Dt 26:16–19

Mt 5:43–48

### Sunday – February 21

*Second Sunday of Lent*

Gn 15:5–12, 17–18

Phil 3:17–4:1

Lk 9:28b–36

**PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.  
**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING**: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.  
**CHOIR REHEARSAL** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
**7<sup>th</sup> GRADE PREP** : Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.  
**DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, February 14  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, February 28, 2016  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., March 5, 10:00 a.m.  
**CONFIRMATION** : Tue., March 15, 2016, 4:30 p.m.  
**ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC** : Sunday, September 11, 2016

**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.



**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: French Toast with Syrup, Cinnamon Apple Sauce OR Cottage Cheese on Peach Halves, Oatmeal Raisin Cookies.**

**SLOVAK KOLACH SALE**: Your Easter Slovak Kolach orders are due by February 28. Please complete the yellow colored form from last week's bulletin and return it with your payment as soon as possible. The cost is \$15.00 each. Additional order forms are available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, March 19 and Sunday, March 20.



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST**: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **Sunday, February 28**. 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. **Tickets on sale at the door.**



**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 Saturday, March 5**.

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.



**LENTEN FISH DINNER**: St. John Fisher Church will be hosting a Fish Dinner on Friday, February 26 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The platter includes: breaded haddock, choice of parsley potatoes or halusky, cream cabbage, corn, dessert and beverage. Cost is Adults: \$10.00 (\$10.50 at the door), Children (ages 5 to 10): \$5.00. For advance tickets please call Joanne at BVM Rectory 610-262-2559. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.



**YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS**: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 in the church social hall.

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS**

**Now Enrolling** - students in preschool, Pre-K, full day Kindergarten, and grades 1-8 for the 2016 - 2017 school year.

**Shepherd Gift Card Sales** - Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 12 p.m. and Wednesday evenings from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. in the school lobby.

**MEMORIAL FUND**: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Albina Kozak**: \$50 Rev. Francis P. Straka.

**BAPTISM**: We are happy to welcome Jocelyn Marie 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 Jocelyn Marie as she continues to grow in our faith.

**CASINO NIGHT AT MERCY**: Mercy School For Special Learning in Allentown is hosting its annual Casino Night on Saturday, March 12, from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. in the school's auditorium (830 S. Woodward St.). Enjoy table games like poker, blackjack, roulette and more, as well as bingo (which is a cash game). Cost is \$30 per person or \$50 per couple and includes all-you-can-eat food and drink, raffle tickets, and casino play money that can be exchanged to win lots of great prizes. (We are also accepting prize donations at this time.) Attendees must be 21 years or older. For more information for Mercy's Casino Night, please call Tom at 610-797-8242 or e-mail tharper@mercyspeciallearning.org. Thank you.

**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

To learn more about the Diocese of Allentown's Youth Protection Programs, Sexual Abuse Policy, and Code of Conduct, please visit [www.allentowndiocese.org](http://www.allentowndiocese.org) and click on "Youth Protection" in the upper right-hand corner of the page.

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## BREAKFAST



Sunday, February 28, 2016



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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