

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA, Pastor
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Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
 Weekdays 8:00 a.m.
 Holy Days 7:00 p.m. [Vigil]
 8:00 a.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	Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....	484-540-5090	
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ministry to the Sick	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Bible Study	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Parish Family Picnic	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
CYO	Tim Gribb	610-762-9072	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
Ecumenical Rep.	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RCIA	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	610-262-9012	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 30, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Oct. 31, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
	7:00 p.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
Nov. 01, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Perry Koch	M/M John Feichtel
Nov. 02, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	ALL SOULS INTENTIONS	
	12:00 noon	ALL SOULS INTENTIONS	
Nov. 03, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Frank Sipics	John and Mary Yurasits
Nov. 04, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†James Preisler	Daughter, Mary Ann Holmes, and Family
Nov. 05, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Lucille Mikulcik	Husband, Paul, and Family
Nov. 06, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Mark Heckenberger	Parents, John and Deb, and Brother, Luke

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Oct. 31, Mon. 7:00 p.m.	A. Molchany	B. Kosman		M. Bitenc/M. Mraz
Nov. 01, Tue. 8:00 a.m.	N. Kotoris	C. Wuchter		I. Gollatz/N. Birosik
Nov. 05, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor	L. Assante	D. Bassert/E. Ossiander	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Nov. 06, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	P. Madea	N. Birosik	W. Cuchran/J. Millan/N. Millan	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	F. Kostecky	J. Nicosia	B. DelVecchio/A. Nemeth/M. Thierer	J. DelVecchio/C. Marano

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week for the health and blessing of Louie and Bernice Tepes 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 Anne Ciecko, mother of Dr. Joseph Ciecko, who died recently.

dear Padre:

Do I need to stay until the very end of Mass? The short concluding rites feel anticlimactic after Communion.

The Mass is intended to contain "a conscious, active, and full participation of the faithful, ...fervent with faith, hope and charity" (General Instruction of the Roman Missal, 18). At Mass, the faithful form one body, a holy people, to "give thanks to God and offer the unblemished sacrificial Victim not only by means of the hands of the Priest but also together" (GIRM 95). This is achieved through "their deep religious sense and their charity toward brothers and sisters who participate with them" (GIRM 95). Thus, reverence for God at Mass includes a proper respect for the people worshipping with you. Remaining until the recessional concludes—as well as arriving on time—is a sign of this reverence. It respects not only God and your neighbors in the pew but also the ministers (ordained or lay), ushers, and everyone present.

After the faithful partake in the Eucharist, there is a communal period of silence to allow for personal prayer. Also, a psalm, canticle of praise, or hymn may be offered and sung (GIRM 88, 164). "There is no prayer more agreeable to God, or more profitable to the soul, than that which is made during the thanksgiving after Communion," wrote St. Alphonsus in *The Holy Eucharist*. While an early departure or late arrival at Mass may be, at times, unavoidable, it is preferable to celebrate Mass in its entirety, in heart, mind, soul...and body!

—Fr. Byron Miller, CSsR

Weekday

Phil 2:1-4 / Lk 14:12-14

Tuesday – November 1

All Saints' Day

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14

1 Jn 3:1-3 / Mt 5:1-12a

Wednesday – November 2

All Souls' Day

Wis 3:1-9 / Rom 5:5-11

Jn 6:37-40

Thursday – November 3

Weekday

Phil 3:3-8a / Lk 15:1-10

Friday – November 4

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Phil 3:17-4:1

Lk 16:1-8

Saturday – November 5

Weekday

Phil 4:10-19 / Lk 16:9-15

Sunday – November 6

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14

2 Thes 2:16-3:5

Lk 20:27-38

Calendar:

Monday – October 31

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- PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
- CHOIR REHEARSAL** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
- PRAYER SHAWL MEETING**: 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
- BREAKFAST** : Sunday, October 30, 2016
- BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., November 5, 10:00 a.m.
- CEMETERY PRAYER SERVICE**: Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m.
- DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, November 13
- KOLACH ORDERS DUE** : Sunday, November 20
- KOLACH ORDER PICKUP** : Sunday, December 10/11
- PENANCE SERVICE** : Sat., Dec. 10, 10:00 a.m.
- CONFIRMATION** : Wed., March 8, 2017 4:30 p.m.

PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY: Today we celebrate Priesthood Appreciation Sunday. This is a special day set aside to honor all priests but, especially, our pastor. We also reflect upon the central role of the priesthood in our Catholic Faith.

Jesus Christ came into this world so that we might have the fullness of life. He shares His Divine Life with us in many ways, especially through His priests. Through His priests, Our Lord cares for His flock, ministering to our spiritual and even to our temporal needs. Most importantly, through His ordained priests, Jesus Christ nourishes us with His Body and Blood, the Holy Eucharist. It has been said many times – but it needs to be repeated again and again – **WITHOUT OUR PRIESTS THERE WOULD BE NO EUCHARIST!** Today we honor the pastor. We thank him for being a good and loyal priest who is faithful to the commission which he received from God. We thank him for his generous and dedicated service to God, to the Church, and to us, the parishioners of the parish.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers in church this week are in memory of Thomas Marakovits. They were donated by Wife, Ruth.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION: Tuesday, November 1, is a Holy Day of obligation, All Saints Day. Masses will be celebrated on Monday, October 31, at 7:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, November 1, at 8:00 a.m. The rectory office will be closed on Tuesday, November 1.



COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS: On Sunday, November 6, at 2:00 p.m. at our cemetery, we will have a special prayer service to remember the faithful departed, bless the cemetery, and to read the names of those buried/entombed there this past year.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Masses **today, Sunday, October 30.** 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 browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.** Thank you all for supporting this parish fundraiser.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS: Good Shepherd Catholic School presents **"A Night at the Races"** on Saturday, November 5, 2016 in the School Gym. Doors will open at 6:00 p.m. Food will be served at 6:30 p.m. Racing begins at 7:00 p.m. To buy a horse, buy your tickets or for more information please call the school at 610-262-9171. You must be 21 years or over for this special event! Limited to the first 200 tickets!

Parish Religious Education Week: November 6th – 12th begins our celebration of The Parish Religious Education Week! The theme is "Encountering Christ Every Day", which celebrates our focus on lifelong faith formation. Please keep all of our Catechist's, Catechist's Aides and parish children in your prayers for a successful year ahead.

God Bless, Mrs. Santucci and Mrs. Hall



SLOVAK KOLACH SALE: Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by **November 20.** Please complete the pink colored form and return it with your payment as soon as possible. **The cost is \$15.00 each.** Additional order forms will be available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is schedule for Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11.



JUST A REMINDER that Standard Time resumes next Sunday, **November 5, 2016.** Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to sleep next Saturday night.



REMEMBER THE NEEDY: Please take a tag from the "Giving Tree" which will be located in the Church vestibule starting November 5. 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 11** and we will take them to the Catholic Charities office.



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 2017. 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 12/13, 19/20, November 26/27, December 3/4, 10/11, and 17/18.** Calendars must be purchased prior to January 1, 2017.

"CHOSEN, BLESSED, SHARED": Please support the Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown. The Diocese of Allentown is conducting an annual fund called, "Chosen, Blessed, Shared," to support the Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. All gifts received will be used to support the rising costs of retirement care for those priests in good standing who have faithfully served, and the many who, though retired continue to serve, in our Diocese. Please consider making a donation as part of your yearly giving. This is not to be confused with our yearly collection for the "National Appeal for Retired Religious" to be held December.

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, October 30, 2016

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