



## ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 29, 2017

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 30, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Kovalchik	Mary Kovalcik
Jan. 31, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Angela DePippo	M/M John Toolan and Family
Feb. 01, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Jean Wieder	Friend
Feb. 02, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Louis Pavlovic	Wife, Nancy, and Family
Feb. 03, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Rev. Ronald M. Jakows	Rev. Francis P. Straka
Feb. 04, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Margaret Tepes	Katherine Macsisak
Feb. 05, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Humenik	Sons, David, John and Paul
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

### Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Feb. 04, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	L. Assante	S. Haldeman/J. Warren/M. Warren	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Feb. 05, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik	K. Bennett	W. Cuchran/J. Millan/N. Millan	A. Fry/M. Kovalcik
10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza	R. Shearman	M. Thierer/M. Cuchran/C. Cuchran	E. Lessel/L. Shaak

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Herb Bitenc requested by Wife, Marie.

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

# Good News!

To follow Christ is to seek lowliness, humility, mercy, and righteousness. The Ten Commandments summarize God's teaching to his people. Jesus gives us a new law that builds on the old. Before it was "You shall not..."; now it is, "Blessed are you when..." He calls us to greater happiness, greater blessing, but it comes with a challenge. Saint Augustine says that Jesus went up the mountain to preach the Beatitudes because he was preaching a higher moral doctrine: "greater precepts of righteousness."

The new law contradicts what our wounded human nature tends to think and feel. We are challenged to believe blessings can come from tears, meekness, and poverty; that living meekly leads to strength and security. Appreciating these truths requires transforming our minds and hearts. Faith is required. Deeply desiring and living in the right does bring satisfaction. There is consolation in mourning the things that sadden Christ's heart.

If we live by the beatitudes, many will treat us more generously. We know people who are merciful, and we are quick to show them mercy. When our hearts are clean, we can see God more clearly. Those who seek and create peace are considered by all to be children of God. They are not without trials and suffering, but they are blessed and happy.

Christ calls us to store up treasures in heaven, spiritual blessings that cannot be taken away. Even if we experience difficulty, we will still receive the highest and greatest gift: the kingdom of heaven.

### For Reflection

Am I renewing my heart and mind in Christ? How do I live out the beatitudes?

*Fr. Mark Haydu, LC*

### Monday – January 30

Weekday  
Heb 11:32–40  
Mk 5:1–20

### Tuesday – January 31

St. John Bosco, Priest  
Heb 12:1–4  
Mk 5:21–43

### Wednesday – February 1

Weekday  
Heb 12:4–7, 11–15  
Mk 6:1–6

### Thursday – February 2

The Presentation of the Lord  
Mal 3:1–4  
Heb 2:14–18  
Lk 2:22–40

### Friday – February 3

Weekday  
Heb 13:1–8  
Mk 6:14–29

### Saturday – February 4

Weekday  
Heb 13:15–17, 20–21  
Mk 6:30–34

### Sunday – February 5

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Is 58:7–10  
1 Cor 2:1–5  
Mt 5:13–16

## Calendar:

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**PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.  
**CHOIR REHEARSAL** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., February 4, 10:00 a.m.  
**DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, February 12  
**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING**: Tue., February 21, 10:00 a.m.  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, February 26  
**CONFIRMATION** : Wed., March 8, 2017 4:30 p.m.

**MASS FOR FR. STRAKA:** On Wednesday, **February 8 at 7:00 p.m. Msgr. Daniel J. Yenushosky will celebrate a one month anniversary Mass in memory our beloved pastor, Father Straka.** There will be a coffee and cake reception in the church social hall following the Mass. All are welcome to attend.



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

**BAPTISM:** Cameron James Bauer was baptized into Christ this past Saturday. We welcome Cameron James to our parish community and pledge our prayers and support to him and to Jaclyn and Michael Bauer, his parents.

**BLESSING OF THROATS:** Saturday, February 4 and Sunday, February 5 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.

**FIRST EUCHARIST: Pick a First Eucharist Prayer Partner.** Bookmarkers are on display in the church vestibule (3) for each child preparing to receive the Blessed Sacrament of First Eucharist. On the back of the bookmarkers are the dates when the children will come together for retreats and their First Eucharist Day.



**SOUPER SUNDAY OF CARING:** On Super Bowl weekend, February 4/5, students from our 7<sup>th</sup> Grade 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.

**SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:** Good Shepherd Catholic School is now enrolling new students for the 2017-2018 school year. We offer full day Kindergarten through Grade 8, as well as, Preschool and Pre-K programs for 3 year old and 4 year old children. Extended care is available. Please call 610.262.9171 to schedule your family tour or email [mrs poccia@ptd.net](mailto:mrs poccia@ptd.net) today! **Catholic Schools Week Open House** will be held today, Sunday, January 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend!

**CABBAGE AND NOODLES SALE:** We will be selling, by pre-order only, OUR PICNIC HALUSKI FOR LENT. 1 lb. or 2 lb. containers of haluski can be ordered by calling Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138. **Orders must be placed by Tuesday, February 28.** Haluski will be ready for pick-up after the weekend Masses on March 4/5 in the church social hall.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of our beloved pastor, Rev. Francis P. Straka:** \$100 Gregory and Valeri Chajnicki and Family; \$25 Carol Ann Walsh; \$110 Good Shepherd Catholic School Faculty and Staff; \$50 Chris and Mary Persichetti and Family; \$50 Theresa Kasper; \$100 First Catholic Slovak Union of the USA and Canada; \$100 Frank Karweta; \$10 Joseph and Tessie Oros; \$50 Marion Bohunicky; \$20 Brenda and Robert Fritz; \$25 Barbara Cwitkowitz; \$20 Mary Ellen and Joseph Schwartz; \$50 Mark, Bethann and Andrew Nederostek; \$50 Helen and Richard Cuth, Sr.; \$100 Ann I. Fry; \$40 Shelly and Steve Paukovits; \$25 Paul and Mary Jane Kovach; \$100 Dr. Lisa Marie McCauley; \$1,000 Anonymous; \$500 Dr. Joseph Ciecko; \$200 John and Marge Heist; \$100 Maryann Weaver; \$100 Bernadine Kurzeja; \$100 Elaine Molchany; \$100 Victoria Hall; \$100 Eleanor Lessel; \$100 Tom and Ann Marie Pavlinsky; \$100 Seeley and Zangari Family; \$75 Ronald and Priscilla Koch; \$50 Stephen and Diane Gerny; \$50 Eugene and Frances Grabarits; \$50 Rose Marie Meiley; \$50 Jeff and Marcia Churetta; \$50 Linda and Richard Heberling; \$50 Anna Hammel; \$50 Charles and Judith Stanz; \$50 Mary A. Twigg; \$50 Andrew and Theresa Melosky; \$50 Anita Kotoris and Hope Stempo; \$50 Patricia Turbedsky; \$50 Donald Bahnick, Sr.; \$50 Linda Stefaniak; \$50 Joy and Sal Nicosia; \$50 Judith Haldeman; \$50 David and Michele Carroll; \$50 William and Mary Ann Holmes; \$50 Chris, Sue and Kyle Parker; \$50 Cindy and Charlie Walsh; \$50 M/M Bernie Nederostek; \$40 Frank Steier; \$40 Gary Butko; \$40 The Kovalchik Family; \$40 Elizabeth Hanzarik and son, Jeffrey Hanzarik; \$40 Richard, Barbara and Joseph Ebner; \$35 Janice and Robert Bauer; \$35 John and Violet Pammer; \$30 Roy and Mary Anne Fisher; \$25 Joseph and Diane Zawada; \$25 Margaret Barilovits; \$25 Maria Garger; \$25 Arnold and Irene Urban; \$25 Anna Hudock; \$25 Catherine Rank; \$25 Ruth Marakovits; \$25 Mary Ann Liskanich; \$25 M/M Stephen Nederostek; \$25 Paula Schleicher; \$25 Al and Kathy Shaulis; \$25 Michael Stanz; \$25 Virginia Haldeman; \$25 Nancy Birocik; \$25 Joanne and Larry Hiestand; \$25 Mary Helen Plata; \$25 Monica Plata; \$25 Ronald and Tonya Weiner; \$25 Sharon Geosits; \$20 Karen Liberto; \$20 Lisa Frask; \$20 Richard and Sharon Kruk; \$20 Michelle Hillpot; \$20 Steven and Mary Kiss; \$20 Jim and Annette Englert and Family; \$20 Carrie Abruzzi; \$20 Carl and Hilda Wunderler; \$20 Caroline, Phyllis and John Jr. Yastrzab; \$20 John and Joanne Krim; \$15 John and Rose Marhefka; \$10 John and Rita Urban; \$25 Michael and Linda Hutnick; \$100 Harold and Gladys Schell and Theresa Coutilish; \$20 Patti and Gerry Fabian; \$25 James and Reginia Filipovits; \$50 Martha Jandrisevits; \$100 John and Karen Stayt; \$40 Ed and Carol Cesanek; \$25 Maureen Petro; \$25 Patrice and Lee Lakatosh; \$50 Richard and Linda Shearman; \$25 Connie and Jim Kovacs; \$25 Paul Mikulcik and Family. **In memory of Anne Ciecko:** \$50 Katrina DeVito.

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To the Parishioners of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish:

On January 4, we all lost a very special person in Reverend Francis Straka. We, his siblings, his father, and the extended Straka Family, joined together with you in mourning his terrible and unexpected passing.

We were very touched and comforted by the kind words spoken by Fathers Radocha and Lamb, as well as Bishop Cullen. They offered eloquent and fitting tributes to Father Frank's life of service to God and the Church, and to you his parishioners.

We wish to extend to all of you, his parishioners and friends, our deep and heartfelt appreciation for all the sincere expressions of sympathy, sorrow, and loss which you conveyed to us with such obvious emotion. What we felt from everyone we met throughout the course of the preparations and services was just an incredible outpouring of sadness and sorrow for a life lost too young, the emptiness it leaves behind in those who had the most daily contact with Francis, and everything he did with and for all of you. Your kindness to us in the face of such deep pain helped us understand that Frank really and truly lived his life as he intended, while doing what God put him here to do – to serve Him and his people.

We, his earthly family, and you, his spiritual family, are joined forever through this experience, and we want you to know that we will think of you in the weeks and months ahead. We pray that your sadness will heal, and that you will gather the strength to continue to move forward in your lives despite what has happened.

From his father, Frank Straka, and his siblings Michael, Maryann, Gregory, Joseph, and Catherine, and all our spouses and children, we sincerely thank all of you so very much, and we wish you all the best.



## BREAKFAST



Sunday, February 26, 2017

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