

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons, Administrator
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Ms. Joanne Manning, Parish Secretary
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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 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	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	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Bible Study	Msgr. Koons.....	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	Msgr. Koons.....	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.	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	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.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....	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.....	484-226-0188	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Apr. 24, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Catherine Arnst	Granddaughter, Debra Kay Bennett, and Family
Apr. 25, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Richard Carney	Rita and Joe Fatul
Apr. 26, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Dorothy Schisler	Son, Arthur, and Family
Apr. 27, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Kovalcik	Miles and Donna Odenwelder
Apr. 28, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Josephine and William DeLauretis	Daughter, Marion Mraz
Apr. 29, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Joseph Seko, Jr.	Daughter, Mary Jane, and Family
Apr. 30, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Andrew Madea	Shirley Zmarzley
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Apr. 29, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	C. Wuchter	M. Warren/J. Warren/N. Bischof	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Apr. 30, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll	Deacon Gene	S. Kroll/M. Hudock	A. Fry/V. Hall
10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger	Deacon Gene	M. Thierer/M. Hartman/A. Nemeth	E. Lessel/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of John and Mary Wanisko requested by John and Elizabeth Kuchera.

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

dear Padre:

Does the Church allow sick and elderly people to have “do not resuscitate (DNR)” orders?

Yes. The Church understands the human person as a union of body and soul. Made in God's image and likeness, we cannot separate our physical life from our spiritual life. When our bodies die, our spiritual existence continues. Thus, to believe that we are morally bound to exhaust all possible medical treatments incorrectly overemphasizes the good of our physical life here on earth—which our faith teaches comprises, in the end, shadows and dust—and overlooks the good of our spiritual life as well as the eternal destiny to which we are called by God.

There comes a time when medical intervention, beyond that required to keep a person comfortable and to relieve pain, is unnecessary and can excessively burden the patient or the family. Elderly and imminently dying patients are not obligated to undertake unreasonable or excessively burdensome medical procedures or to use measures that sustain life beyond basic nursing care such as proper hygiene, food and fluids (when they can be assimilated into the body), comfortable room temperature, turning to avoid bed sores, and other means.

Having conversations with loved ones about this matter is an excellent way to find support during times of suffering and loss. “Do not resuscitate (DNR)” orders can be part of the process of letting go of the life we have known while embracing the new life that awaits us in Jesus Christ.

Source: *Liguorian*, March 2011

Calendar:

Monday - April 24

Easter Weekday
Acts 4:23–31
Jn 3:1–8

Tuesday - April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist
1 Pt 5:5b–14
Mk 16:15–20

Wednesday - April 26

Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17–26
Jn 3:16–21

Thursday - April 27

Easter Weekday
Acts 5:27–33
Jn 3:31–36

Friday - April 28

Easter Weekday
Acts 5:34–42
Jn 6:1–15

Saturday - April 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
Acts 6:1–7
Jn 6:16–21

Sunday - April 30

Third Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14, 22–33
1 Pt 1:17–21
Lk 24:13–35

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
BREAKFAST : Sunday, April 23
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, May 14
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: Tue., May 16, 10:00 a.m.
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., June 3, 10:00 a.m.
IRON PIGS GAME : Tuesday, August 8
CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 10

FIRST EUCHARIST: There will be practice for First Eucharist on Monday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. **All children and parent(s) must attend.**

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Rev. Francis P. Straka:** \$25 Lawrence and Conchita Moser. **In memory of John Humenik:** \$10 Steve Marsch; \$25 George and Debra Anthony; \$20 Daniel and Kathy Marakovits; \$10 Dorothy Thomson.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Any boy or girl in the parish who has made First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server is asked to contact Joanne at the rectory before June 5.

Training will be held in June.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **today, Sunday, April 23.** 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. **This month's special is Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast.** Tickets on sale at the door.



PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC: MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 4 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 5 starting at 7:00 a.m.** Friday we will be peeling and cooking potatoes. Saturday we will be making, cooking and packing the pierogies. Please come and help. The more help we have, the faster we get done. We need both Men and Women. Please come and join us. We do have fun.



NIGHT AT THE BALL GAME: Come and enjoy an Iron Pigs baseball game on **Tuesday, August 8** 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 Saturday, 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).

SAVE ALUMINUM PULLTABS – Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

ANNUAL NORTHAMPTON FOOD BANK MEETING: The Northampton Area Food Bank will hold its yearly general meeting, this Tuesday, April 25 in the fellowship hall of Queenship of Mary Church, 1324 Newport Avenue, Northampton. Dinner will be served 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. with the business meeting to follow. The menu includes hot dogs, barbeque and drinks. Covered side dishes and desserts welcome. If you want to know more about the food bank, are interested in volunteering or are currently volunteering there, please plan to attend.

GSCS 6th ANNUAL GOLF OUTING: It's time to put your foursome together, round up your friends, family and co-workers. **Good Shepherd Catholic School will be holding their 6th Annual Golf Outing on Saturday, May 6, 2017** at Willow Brook Golf Course in Catasauqua. Please pick up a sign up sheet in the church vestibule or if you have any questions please contact Tim Egan at 610-261-4649 or Pat Wright at 484-221-5044.

NIGHT OF THE ARTS & OPEN HOUSE: Good Shepherd Catholic School, 1300 Newport Avenue, Northampton Night of the Arts & Open House School Tours will begin at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 17 in front of the Main Office. Artwork created by our students will be on display. Musical Presentations by our school choir and instrumental band begin at 6:30 p.m. in the School Gym. All are welcome!

MEN'S RETREAT AT MALVERN: In today's world of 24/7 sound bites, non-stop commercials, loud music and the like, it can be difficult to hear the really important voices in our life. Sometimes we just need a quiet, safe place where we can listen to our God who knows us, loves us and wants to tell us what is best for us. The Malvern Retreat House is such a place. **Join the men of the parish the weekend of August 25, 26 and 27 for their Malvern retreat.** To learn more, call Jack Harhart 610-262-8123 (or email jharhart@yahoo.com) or Richard Cuth 610-262-8045. For information on retreats for women, married couples and families visit Malvern's website at malvernretreat.com or call 610-644-0400.

Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 10, 2017
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
begins with a Mass at 11:00 a.m.,
continues with music, games and food until 7:00 p.m.
Featuring the music of "The Pennsylvania Villagers"
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, April 23, 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

Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea