

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons, Administrator
Mrs. Karen Glose, Director of Music
Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
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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 3:00 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

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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 1, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Oct. 02, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Edward Bankos	Joe Bukovits
Oct. 03, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Poandl	M/M Frank Steirer
Oct. 04, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mike and Anna Plata	Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren
Oct. 05, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Colette Semler	Paula Gogel and Family
Oct. 06, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Vincent Santucci, Sr.	Assumption B.V.M. Choir
Oct. 07, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Alfred Weber	Wife, Ann, and Family
Oct. 08, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Rosina Assante	Son, Mario, and Family

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Oct. 07, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany
Oct. 08, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	T. Kovalchik
	10:30 a.m. D. Heckenberger

Euch. Min.:

L. Assante
F. Cerino
M. Sommer

Altar Servers:

E. Ossiander/M. Hartman
W. Cuchran/N. Millan
B. DelVecchio/K. Lesisko

Greeters:

M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
J. DelVecchio/R. Marakovits

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Eddie, Mike Jr., Bobby, David and Virginia requested by Sisters and Sister-in-law.

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

dear Padre:

Why do we offer Mass for a specific intention? Aren't Masses offered for the intentions of all present?

The Eucharist makes present, in this moment, the memorial sacrifice of Christ; the source of the Church's life and the focus of the Church's prayer (see the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy [*Sacrosanctum Concilium*], 10). Mass always includes the intentions of a local community as well as the needs of all people throughout the world. In the eucharistic prayer, we pray for the community and those "scattered throughout the world."

What does a renewed liturgical practice mean for specific Mass intentions? Canon law speaks of applying the Mass for anyone living and dead (see Canon 901). The practice also has roots in history, especially during medieval times, when participation at Mass was at a low. Asking the priest to remember an intention kept people active and connected their needs to those of the wider Church. Vatican II stressed active participation in its liturgical renewal, so asking specific intentions needs a renewed understanding.

Special intentions provide a value—we become aware of others' needs and troubles. If we are aware of how these troubles affect a member of our parish, we can not only pray for that person but reach out and help. However, the Eucharist does not give grace only to those named in special intentions. The grace God gives through the Eucharist is meant for the whole Church. God's grace builds us up in holiness. Since people find special intentions important, the response from pastors is important in helping people understand how God's grace affects everyone.

Fr. John Schmidt, CSsR

Calendar:

Monday - October 2

The Holy Guardian Angels
Zec 8:1-8
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday - October 3

Weekday
Zec 8:20-23
Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday - October 4

St. Francis of Assisi
Neh 2:1-8
Lk 9:57-62

Thursday - October 5

Weekday
Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12
Lk 10:1-12

Friday - October 6

Weekday
Bar 1:15-22
Lk 10:13-16

Saturday - October 7

Our Lady of the Rosary
Bar 4:5-12, 27-29
Lk 10:17-24

Sunday - October 8

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 5:1-7
Phil 4:6-9
Mt 21:33-43

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., Oct. 7, 10:00 a.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, October 8
BLESSING OF ANIMALS : Sunday, October 8 at 12 noon
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 22
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9, 2018



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of the deceased members of the Hutnick and Lessel Families. They were donated by Eleanor and Suzanne Lessel.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Mary Kovalcik**: \$100 sister, Johanna Fabik.



BLESSING OF ANIMALS: In observance of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Assumption BVM Parish will have a Blessing of Animals on the rectory lawn (corner of 22nd Street and Lincoln Avenue) **next**

Sunday, October 8, at 12:00 p.m. After a brief prayer service the animals will be blessed. Bring your dogs, cats, birds and other pets to this celebration. Please make sure that animals are leashed or caged for their safety.



"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": Next Sunday, October 8, our Hospitality Committee will be hosting "Donut/Giving Sunday". Join us after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses for coffee, donuts and fellowship in our social hall. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding. Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. **This month's donuts are being donated by Marie Bitenc in memory of her husband, Herb Bitenc.**



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Masses on **Sunday, October 22**. 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.



CHOIR REHEARSAL for Christmas and weekly Mass will be held Wednesday evenings from 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. (we are usually finished before 9:00 p.m.). We need singers in all voice parts! No special skills are needed - just a desire to sing. If you are unable to make a commitment for weekend Masses, please consider joining us just for Christmas, when we sing at the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. If you have any questions call Karen at 610-691-0525.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:

Good Shepherd Catholic School presents "**A Night at the Races**" on Saturday, November 4, 2017 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 300 tickets! Cost is \$20 per ticket.

LEHIGH DEANERY MASS WITH BISHOP SCHLERT: As we celebrate the Ordination and Installation of Bishop Alfred A. Schlert as the Fifth Bishop of Allentown, you are invited to attend a special Lehigh Deanery Mass being celebrated by Bishop Schlert **this Wednesday, October 4, 2017 at Saint Francis of Assisi Church**, 1046 West Cedar Street, Allentown, PA 18103. The Mass will begin at 7:00 p.m. After the Mass a social with light refreshments will take place in Saint Francis of Assisi Social Center in which you will have the opportunity to meet our new Bishop. Please join us as we welcome our New Shepherd.

DAY OF REFLECTION will be held at St. Francis Center for Renewal, 395 Bridle Path Road, Bethlehem next Saturday, **October 7, 8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** Father Patrick Lamb, Pastor of Queenship of Mary Parish, Northampton, will be the retreat director. In the year of the 100th Anniversary of the apparitions of Fatima, Father Lamb will address the real, practical fruits that can come from faithfully praying and meditating on the Rosary. The Rosary is a very practical way to stay close to Jesus and Mary. Join us on this, The Feast of the Holy Rosary. Offering: \$45 includes lunch. Deposit: \$20 Registration is required. To register or for more information please email stfranciscenter@gmail.com or call 610-867-8890

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

Email: victimassistance@allentowndiocese.org

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

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS: We invite and encourage you to participate in the offertory procession at Mass. This is especially appropriate if you have requested the Mass, or if the Mass is being offered for a family member or friend. If you would like to present the gifts, please see one of the greeters at least fifteen minutes before Mass begins.

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