

# 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  
**Mr. John-Paul Crescenzo, M.Ed.**, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School  
**Mrs. Linda Santucci**, Coordinator of Religious Education  
**Ms. Joanne Manning**, Parish Secretary  
**Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger**, Youth Activities

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 Telephone: 610-332-0442 Ext. 2019  
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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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 15, 2017

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Oct. 16, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Lizak	Humenik Family
Oct. 17, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary and George Stefaniak	Daughter, Linda
Oct. 18, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Bobinta	Luton-Clayton Family
Oct. 19, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Weiner	Terry, Phyllis and Family
Oct. 20, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Emma Herschman	Elaine and Frank Serensits
Oct. 21, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Connie Marth	Dennis and Janice Bankos
Oct. 22, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Nicola Mancino	Daughter, Luisa Assante, and Family

### Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Oct. 21, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker
Oct. 22, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist
10:30 a.m.	L. Nemeth

### Euch. Min.:

B. Kosman
B. Fritz
B. Chambers

### Altar Servers:

G. Heidecker/N. Bischof
J. Confer/C. Confer
A. Miletics/G. Miletics

### Greeters:

C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
B. Skweir/M. Skweir

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Michael James Janis 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 Michael James Janis, son of Lynda Janis and Michael R. Janis, who died recently.

# dear Padre:

***I try my best to live as God asks, but I make a lot of mistakes and I don't always feel God's presence. How can I know that God loves me?***

Most people, at one time or another, find themselves asking this very question. There comes a time in any developing spirituality and awareness of God when it is necessary to ask the question and then come to a faith conviction that we are, indeed, loved.

When we ask ourselves the question, "Does God love me?" we are also asking ourselves, "Do I love me?" It is very hard for the average person to answer that question, but for those who have a tendency to dwell on every mistake, even after receiving forgiveness through the sacrament of reconciliation or who hold themselves to a standard of perfection, it can be even more difficult. They may find themselves asking, "How can God love me when I have all of these thoughts and these feelings? Surely my life is displeasing to God."

God loved you first. God's love started everything off. Because God first loved you, he gave you life. God does love you, no matter what you have done, and he offers forgiveness and mercy through reconciliation when you are truly sorry. There is nothing you can possibly do to make God stop loving you. When God loves, he loves for keeps. He will not change. He will always be faithful in his love for you. That is why the Bible tells us: "God is love."

*Adapted from Understanding Scrupulosity by Fr. Thomas Santa, CSSR*

## Calendar:

### Monday - October 16

Weekday

Rom 1:1-7 / Lk 11:29-32

### Tuesday - October 17

St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Rom 1:16-25

Lk 11:37-41

### Wednesday - October 18

St. Luke, Evangelist

2 Tm 4:10-17b

Lk 10:1-9

### Thursday - October 19

Sts. John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues, Priests, and Companions, Martyrs

Rom 3:21-30

Lk 11:47-54

### Friday - October 20

Weekday

Rom 4:1-8 / Lk 12:1-7

### Saturday - October 21

Weekday

Rom 4:13, 16-18

Lk 12:8-12

### Sunday - October 22

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 45:1, 4-6

1 Thes 1:1-5b

Mt 22:15-21

**PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.  
**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING**: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month at 10 a.m.  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, October 22  
**CEMETERY SERVICE** : Thursday, Nov. 2, 10:00 a.m.  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., November 4, 10:00 a.m.  
**DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, November 12  
**BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS** : Thursday, August 16, 2018  
**PICNIC 2018** : Sunday, September 9, 2018



**ANNIVERSARY FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in honor of the 59<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of William and Mary Ann Holmes. They were donated by daughter, Kelly, and son, Keith.

**CEMETERY VIGIL LIGHTS** will be available in the church social hall now thru October 31. We ask a donation of \$2.50 per candle to cover expenses.

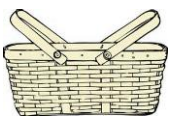
**COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS:** On Thursday, **November 2 (All Souls' Day) at 10:00 a.m.** at our cemetery, we will have a special prayer service to remember the faithful departed, bless the cemetery, and to read the names of those buried/entombed there this past year.



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Masses next **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.

**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. Tickets will be on sale the weekends of October 21/22 and October 28/29 in the church vestibule.



**HUGE BASKET PARTY:** Holy Trinity Church, 4456 Main St., Whitehall will be having a Basket Party with over 300 amazing prizes on **Saturday, October 28, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Drawing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets: 25 for a \$5.00 donation and will be on sale at the door. Great homemade food and baked goods will be on sale! Questions or for more information please call 610-262-9315 or 610-533-2794.

**DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE:** Spirit 2017 – "Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?" The Annual Diocesan Men's Conference will be held on Saturday November 4, 2017 at 9:00AM – 5:00 PM at De Sales University. The day will include keynote addresses, exhibits and a vigil Mass with Bishop Alfred Schlert. Continental breakfast and lunch is included. Registration fee is \$40 and \$10 for high school/college students. For more information and to register online please visit [www.cmfd.org](http://www.cmfd.org) Questions call 610-289-8900 ext 2028.



**SLOVAK KOLACH SALE:** Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by November 19. Please complete the bright yellow form in **next week's bulletin** (October 21/22) 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 9 and Sunday, December 10.

**ANNUAL PRO LIFE ROSE CAMPAIGN:** Knights of Columbus Council 4050 will conduct their annual **Pro Life Rose Campaign** at the church entrances the weekend of October 28/29, at all Masses. Your generosity supports Knights Pro Life activities throughout the local council.

**PUERTO RICO HURRICANE RELIEF:** While the United States Catholic Conference has not called for a national collection to provide aide to Puerto Rico because of other collections taken up in the wake of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, Bishop Schlert has authorized the Pastors and Administrators of the Diocese of Allentown to take up VOLUNTARY special collections in their parishes during October. Our parish is accepting monetary donations in the special box in the vestibule this weekend and extending to the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of November. Thank you for this much needed assistance.

**CYO WINTER SIGN UPS** for Boys & Girls Basketball (Grades 5-8); Boys & Girls Basketball (Grades 3-4); Co-Ed Instructional Biddy Basketball (K-2); High School Boys and Girls Basketball; Cheerleading (K-4). Register online at <http://tshq.bluesombrero.com/default.aspx?tabid+1351324> Please contact Dave Sweetana at [sweetana98@gmail.com](mailto:sweetana98@gmail.com) or 610-502-1950 if you have any questions.

**CHOSEN, BLESSED, SHARED:** Please support the retired and infirmed Priests of the Diocese of Allentown. The Diocese of Allentown is conducting an annual fund called, "Chose, 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 9 and 10,

**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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## BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 22, 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