

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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Mrs. Linda Santucci, Coordinator of Religious Education
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Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger, Youth Activities

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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	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....	610-262-8428	Ministry to the Sick	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Parish Family Picnic	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
CYO	Tim Gribb	610-762-9072	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
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	484-226-0188	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491
Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....		484-540-5090			

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 29, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Oct. 30, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Vincenzo Galluzzo	Monica Fabian
Oct. 31, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
	7:00 p.m.	†Rose Zastko	Daniel and Julie Uivary
Nov. 01, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
Nov. 02, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	ALL SOULS INTENTIONS	
Nov. 03, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Preisler	Daughter, Mary Ann Holmes, and Family
Nov. 04, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Lucille Mikulcik	Husband, Paul, and Family
Nov. 05, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Mark Heckenberger	Parents, Deb and John, and Brother, Luke

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Oct. 31, Tue., 7:00 p.m.	E. Hozza	J. Nicosia	C. Cuchran/K. Cuchran	M. Bitenc/H. Stempo
Nov. 01, Wed., 8:00 a.m.	N. Kotoris	L. Santucci		J. Kovacs/C. Kovacs
Nov. 04, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor	L. Assante	J. Warren/M. Warren	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Nov. 05, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	K. Bennett	E. Confer/M. Cuchran	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m.	F. Kostecky	R. Shearman	S. Kroll/B. DelVecchio	J. DelVecchio/R. Marakovits

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Robin Hall requested by PREP Family.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Catherine Snyder, Helen Paulino, Hilda Bendekovits, Marvin Wright and Paul Kochenash, brother of Virginia Haldeman, who died recently.

dear Padre:

How do our prayers actually help people who are deceased? I keep thinking it should be the other way around: The deceased should pray for us! After all, they have it made—and we don't.

From the early days of the Church, there has been a tradition of remembering those who have died. In the fourth century, Bishop Cyril of Jerusalem noted in his catechetical instructions how, in the eucharistic prayer, we remember those who have died in two different ways. First, we remember those special ones who have fallen asleep, the fathers and mothers of our faith, the prophets, the apostles, and the martyrs. And we ask that God enable us to share in their inheritance, thanks to their prayers and intercessions for us. This is still the case. At every Mass, we remind God that we rely on Mary and the saints to intercede for us.

But also at every Eucharist, since the early days of the Church, when we pray for those who have died, we are reminded that love lasts more than a lifetime. It reaches out across time and space, and even across the divide of death. When we have loved, we yearn for the beloved to live on, not just in memory but in a place that is beyond suffering and tears. And we yearn to see that loved one again. This is one of the most telling reasons why we pray for the dead. It tells us something about ourselves as men and women made in the image of God, God's children who wish what God wishes: that no one be lost, that all be redeemed.

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Calendar:

Monday - October 30

Weekday

Rom 8:12-17 / Lk 13:10-17

Tuesday - October 31

Weekday

Rom 8:18-25 / Lk 13:18-21

Wednesday - November 1

All Saints Day

Rv 7:2-4, 9-14 / 1 Jn 3:1-3

Mt 5:1-12a

Thursday - November 2

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed

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

Jn 6:37-40

Friday - November 3

Weekday

Rom 9:1-5 / Lk 14:1-6

Saturday - November 4

St. Charles Borromeo, Bishop

Rom 11:1-2a, 11-12, 25-29

Lk 14:1, 7-11

Sunday - November 5

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 1:14b-2:2b, 8-10

1 Thes 2:7b-9, 13

Mt 23:1-12

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd Tues. of month at 10 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:15 p.m.
CEMETERY SERVICE : Thursday, Nov. 2, 10:00 a.m.
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., November 4, 10:00 a.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, November 12
BREAKFAST : Sunday, November 19
BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS : Thursday, August 16, 2018
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9, 2018

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



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of James Nicosia. They were donated by his parents, Joy and Sal Nicosia.

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: This 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.



JUST A REMINDER that Standard Time resumes next Sunday, **November 5, 2017.** Don't forget to set your clocks **BACK** one hour before going to sleep next Saturday night.

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 are on sale this weekend, October 28/29, in the church vestibule.**



SLOVAK KOLACH SALE: Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by November 19. Please complete the bright yellow form and return it with your payment as soon as possible

The cost is \$15.00 each. Additional order forms are available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is schedule for Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10.



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 2018. 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 11/12, 18/19, November 25/26, December 2/3, 9/10, and 16/17.** Calendars must be purchased prior to January 1, 2018.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contribution **in memory of Catherine Snyder**: \$20 Rosemarie Meiley.



REMEMBER THE NEEDY: Please take a tag from the "Giving Tree" which will be located in the Church vestibule starting November 4. 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 10** and we will take them to the Catholic Charities office.



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL Junior Drama Club proudly presents "The Magic Tree House Collection: The Knight at Dawn, Kids" on Friday, November 17th and Saturday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. For more information, please call the school office at 610-262-9171.

PUERTO RICO HURRICANE RELIEF: Our parish is accepting monetary donations in the special box in the vestibule this weekend and extending to the 1st weekend of November. Thank you for this much needed assistance.

INK CARTRIDGE AND TONER RECYCLING: Recycle your empty ink and toner cartridges and Assumption B.V.M. Church will get \$2 back in Staples Rewards® for each one. So not only will we save on future purchases, but we can also feel good about reducing waste in our landfills. Please deposit them in the box located in the vestibule. **Did you know?** In 2011, Staples U.S. customers recycled more than 67 million ink and toner cartridges. Their goal is to recycle 100 million each year, globally, by 2020.

CHOSEN, BLESSED, SHARED: Make sure to remember the retired priests of our Diocese by making a gift to the Endowment Fund for the Care of Retired Priests. This special fund is used to directly support retired priests in good standing including the future costs of their healthcare, insurance, and housing and sustenance. Please return your gift using the envelope you received in the mail or from the brochures in the narthex. These envelopes may be returned in the mail or in the collection basket at Mass. Your generosity supports retired priests from all 5 counties of our Diocese.

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, November 19, 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

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