

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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Masses

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:00 a.m.
 Wednesday 7:00 p.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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FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 4, 2018

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 05, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Jean Wieder	Friend
Feb. 06, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Lizak	Maryann Greb
Feb. 07, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Edward Uzdilla	M/M Frederick Koons
Feb. 08, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Theresa Acerra	M/M Ron Anglestein
Feb. 09, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Al Marhefka	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Feb. 10, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Elizabeth Nederostek	M/M Fred Nederostek
Feb. 11, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Humenik	Sons, David 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. 10, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor	L. Assante	J. Warren/M. Warren	C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
Feb. 11, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll	J. Ciecko	N. Millan/W. Cuchran	B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
10:30 a.m.	E. Hozza	R. Shearman	K. & L. Lesisko/M. Thierer	B. Skweir/M. Skweir

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.

dear Padre:

How can I ask my priest for better homilies?

First, let me commend you for not just accepting bad preaching as a necessary evil. Priests are just like anyone else: Each has his gifts, and not everyone is a gifted preacher.

One of the best things parishioners can do for their priest is to give him some honest, specific, helpful feedback instead of the generic, "Nice homily, Father." Many people say that so automatically that it's been said to me even when I wasn't the priest who delivered the homily!

Most priests don't get a lot of quality feedback on their preaching. Some may find it hard to hear a critique, but most would welcome sincere, constructive criticism as long as it comes from the heart and the goal is to make them better preachers. You can even do this in a letter. Just be sure to sign it so he will take it seriously and be able to contact you for further feedback.

Keep in mind that a homily is not the same as a sermon. Whereas a sermon often includes a lot of moralizing, a homily must artfully draw the listener into questions of the human heart and bring that day's Scripture reading to bear on those questions. In that homily we hear in faith how hope, love, sacrifice, and belief in God guide us on our life journey.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSsR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Calendar:

Monday - February 5

St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13

Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday - February 6

St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs

1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30

Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday - February 7

Weekday

1 Kgs 10:1-10

Mk 7:14-23

Thursday - February 8

Weekday

1 Kgs 11:4-13

Mk 7:24-30

Friday - February 9

Weekday

1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19

Mk 7:31-37

Saturday - February 10

St. Scholastica, Virgin

1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34

Mk 8:1-10

Sunday - February 11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 13:1-2, 44-46

1 Cor 10:31-11:1

Mk 1:40-45

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, **7:30 p.m.**
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, February 11, 2018
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: Tues., February 20, 10 a.m.
BREAKFAST : **Sunday, February 25**
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., March 3, 2018
CONFIRMATION : Thursday, March 8, 2018
BASKET SOCIAL : Sat./Sun., May 19/20
BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS : Thursday, August 16, 2018
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9, 2018

BLESSING OF THROATS: Saturday, February 3 and Sunday, February 4 throats will be blessed immediately after all Masses.

ASH WEDNESDAY: Next Wednesday, **February 14**, is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed during the 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses. The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that **fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. The law of **abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent**.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Robin Hall. They were donated by Joanne and Juliet Manning.

BLESSED PALM: Old blessed palm may be brought to the church anytime during Lent. The palm will be burned for ashes to be used next year on Ash Wednesday.

"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": Next Sunday, February 11, 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 in memory of John and Margaret Harhart by their children.**



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses on **Sunday, February 25**. 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. **Tickets on sale at the door.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: February is the month assigned to our parish for volunteering to work at the Northampton Area Food Bank. Work is not strenuous and only requires a few hours on certain days. The more volunteers we have, the less work for all. If interested or for more information please call Bella Skweir at 610-262-2673.



SOUPER SUNDAY OF CARING: This Super Bowl weekend, **February 3/4**, students from our 7th 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 this Super Bowl weekend.

GET WELL WISHES and cards for Fr. Stone, our former pastor, who is recovering from a recent illness, may be sent to: Rev. Michael J. Stone, PO Box 1080, Albrightsville, PA 18210-1080.

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST (STILES) TRICKY TRAYS: Saint John the Baptist Church, Whitehall, will sponsor their Twelfth Annual Tricky Trays/Basket Social on Saturday, February 17, 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, February 18, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at their Social Hall, 3120 Chestnut Street, Whitehall. You can purchase tickets at the door. There will be a special raffle for big-ticket items. There is plenty of parking behind the hall. You do not have to be present to win. Kitchen will be open. Winners will be called and can pick up baskets Monday, February 19, between 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the hall.

LENTEN FISH DINNERS: The Knights of Columbus of Sacred Heart Church in Bath are holding 3 Lenten Friday Fish Dinners: February 16, February 23 and March 2 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Church Auditorium, 117 Washington St., Bath. The menu will feature Soups, Battered Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Vegetable, Green Salad, Tater Tots, Cole Slaw and a Weekly Specialty. Cost is \$10.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Children; under Age 6 is Free.

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@allentowndioocese.org

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

"CARE NOTES": Please check the "Care Notes" rack in the back of the church for helpful pamphlets in dealing with the loss of a loved one.

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, February 25, 2018

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