

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA, Pastor
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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., 7:00 p.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 Fr. Straka 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	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....	610-262-8428	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ministry to the Sick	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Bible Study	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Parish Family Picnic	Fr. Straka.....	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 Grubb	610-762-9072	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Ecumenical Rep.	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Fr. Straka	610-262-2559
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
First Friday Adoration	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	RCIA	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Young at Heart Bus Trips	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	610-262-9012	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

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FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 31, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 01, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Rev. Ronald M. Jakows	Rev. Francis P. Straka
Feb. 02, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Louis Pavlovic	Wife, Nancy
Feb. 03, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Jean Wieder	Friend
Feb. 04, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Margaret Tepes	Marge and Joe Kish
Feb. 05, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Susan Hartman	M/M Gene Kovalchick
Feb. 06, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Fred Gollatz	M/M Stephen Pristash
Feb. 07, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Paolo Geremia	Mary Ann Janis

Next Week's Schedule:

	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Feb. 06, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor	B. Kosman	B. Bankos/E. Ossiander/E. Meister	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Feb. 07, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	P. Madea	N. Birosik	J. Millan/N. Millan/B. Gallagher	A. Fry/M. Kovalcik
10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger	C. Walsh	A. Nemeth/M. Cuchran/C. Cuchran	E. Lessel/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Joseph Schuch 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 Mary Bobinta who died recently.

dear Padre:

What should spouses do if they are being abused?

I know Catholics whose spouses cheat and abuse them. What should they do?

If someone is in an abusive marriage, the Church would want, tell, and help that person to do whatever is needed to reach safety. The Church doesn't tolerate anyone staying in a place where physical or mental abuse occurs. Separation is often a first and necessary step. However, there is always hope for reconciliation. If a husband is abusive and his wife leaves, but then he seeks treatment and changes his ways, the Church would hope that the marriage could be saved.

The same is true for an adulterous spouse. If he or she is repentant and takes steps to change and make amends, the Church hopes for and encourages reconciliation. But if a spouse refuses treatment or continues the affair, the next step would be a civil divorce. Even after a civil divorce, there can be hope and reconciliation. It is only after separation and a civil divorce that the annulment process could begin.

It's important to remember that when a couple gets married they marry for better and for worse. This means there is a call, an expectation, to work things out, to forgive and to repair hurts, and not to rush a divorce. But to be sure, if you are dealing with addiction, abuse, or infidelity in your relationship, the Church supports your need to be secure.

FR. PATRICK KEYES, CSsR
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Calendar:

Monday – February 1

Weekday
2 Sm 15:13–14, 30; 16:5–13
Mk 5:1–20

Tuesday – February 2

Presentation of the Lord
Mal 3:1–4 / Heb 2:14–18
Lk 2:22–40

Wednesday – February 3

Weekday
2 Sm 24:2, 9–17
Mk 6:1–6

Thursday – February 4

Weekday
1 Kgs 2:1–4, 10–12
Mk 6:7–13

Friday – February 5

St. Agatha, Virgin and Martyr
Sir 47:2–11
Mk 6:14–29

Saturday – February 6

St. Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs
1 Kgs 3:4–13
Mk 6:30–34

Sunday – February 7

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 6:1–2a, 3–8
1 Cor 15:1–11
Lk 5:1–11

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
7th GRADE PREP : Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., February 6, 10:00 a.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, February 14
BREAKFAST : Sunday, February 28, 2016
CONFIRMATION : Tue., March 15, 2016, 4:30 p.m.
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 11, 2016



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of William Birosik. They were donated by his wife, Nancy Jane, daughter, Stephanie, Son, Billy, and family.

CANDLES WILL BE BLESSED for the feast of the Presentation of the Lord (February 2 – Candlemas Day). They will be available for your personal use. We ask an offering of \$3.50 per box to help cover the costs.

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday, February 5, is First Friday. Communion calls will be made as usual. If you have anyone at home who would like to be visited, please call the rectory.

OUR MONTHLY BAPTISMAL PREPARATION SESSION will be held next Saturday, February 6, at 10:00 a.m. in a classroom above the Church. All parents who are expecting to celebrate baptism with their child are asked to attend one of these sessions, even before the child is born. Please call the rectory in advance to register.



BLESSED MOTHER FLOWERS: The flowers by the Blessed Mother statue this week are in memory of Ryan Zawada. They were donated by his parents, Diane and Joe, brother, Joe & sister, Jenny.

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK will hold a Vera Bradley Bingo on Sunday, February 7, 2016 in the Good Shepherd Catholic School Gym, 1300 Newport Avenue, Northampton. There will be 20 games for \$20 and five specials for \$5. Chinese Auction - 50/50 - Door prizes - Mystery Envelope Game - Cash Drawing - Food. Doors open at 12:00 p.m. and Bingo will begin at 2:00 p.m. All bingo prizes and specials will be Vera Bradley products. All paper bingo. Additional boards are available for purchase. To purchase tickets or for more information contact: Barbara Budnik at 610-262-6156. "Snow Date: Sunday, February 14."



"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": On Sunday, February 14, 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.**



SOUPEUR SUNDAY OF CARING: On Super Bowl weekend, February 6/7, 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 on Super Bowl weekend.



YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on Tuesday, February 23, 2016 in the church social hall.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Good Shepherd Catholic School is now enrolling new students for the 2016-2017 school year. We offer full day Kindergarten through Grade 8, as well as, Preschool and Pre-K programs for 3 year old and 4 year old children. Extended care is available. Please call 610.262.9171 to schedule your family tour or email mrs_poccia@ptd.net today!

Thank you to the organizers, sponsors, volunteers, and participants who helped make the GSCS Bingo event to benefit school technology this past Sunday so successful.

Catholic Schools Week Open House will be held today, Sunday, January 31 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.



LENTEN FISH DINNER: St. Mary's Church, 122 Union Street, Catasauqua, will hold a Lenten Fish Dinner on Friday, February 12 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The cost for the dinner is \$10.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children. Dinner includes a Cup of Soup, Fried Breaded Icelandic Haddock, Corn, Coleslaw, Stewed Tomatoes, Roll, Dessert, Beverage and choice of Baked Potato, Mac & Cheese or Cabbage & Noodles. Take out available. If you have any questions, please call the Parish Office at 610-264-0332 or email kim.bil@verizon.net.



GIFT BASKET RAFFLE: The Lehigh Valley Okres of the Ladies Pennsylvania Slovak Catholic Union is sponsoring a Matching Fund Gift Basket Raffle "Treasures of Slovakia" for the benefit of the Carmelite Monastery in Lanark, who has undergone extensive repair. The gift basket is filled with 30 new items from Slovakia among which are a crystal vase, beautiful Easter basket cover, embroidered blouse, tablecloth, pysanky eggs, halusky cutter, a bottle of Slivovica, doll dressed in Slovak outfit, and much more. Our LPSCU will match this fundraiser up to \$200. Tickets are \$5 or 3 for \$10. Drawing will be held on Sunday, February 14 at 1 p.m. at Incarnation of Our Lord Church Hall, Thomas and Buchanan Streets, Bethlehem. To purchase tickets, please send your check payable to Lehigh Valley Okres to either Jean Kosalko, 1076 Second Street, Hellertown, PA 18055 or to Marge Ferri, 428 E. Frankford Street, Bethlehem, PA 18018 or call 610-866-8945.

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, February 28, 2016



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