

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA, Pastor
Mrs. Karen Glose, Director of Music
Mrs. Mary LaBianca, Adult Choir Director
Ms. Irene M. Quigley, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School

Mrs. Linda Santucci, Coordinator of Religious Education
Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger, Youth Activities
Ms. Joanne Manning, Parish Secretary

Rectory Address 2174 Lincoln Avenue, Northampton, PA 18067-1257
Rectory Phone 610-262-2559 **Rectory Fax** 610-262-1613
Rectory E-Mail: bvm1922@rcn.com **Website:** www.bvm-northampton.com
Religious Education 610-262-7343 **Youth Activities:** 610-760-9491
Religious Ed. E-Mail bvmspirit777@rcn.com

Good Shepherd Catholic School 610-262-9171

Diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator: Ms. Wendy S. Krisak, M.A., NCC, LPC
 Direct Telephone: 1-800-791-9209

Diocesan Safe Environment Coordinator: Sister Meg Cole, S.S.J., M.S., LMFT
 Telephone: 610-332-0442 Ext. 19

Courage: 610-334-9147

Diocesan Website: www.allentowndiocese.org

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 |

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

| | | | |
|--------------------|------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Apr. 18, Monday | 8:00 a.m. | †Members of our Memorial Fund | |
| Apr. 19, Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. | †Daniel Mason | Caroline Plucinsky |
| Apr. 20, Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. | †Dorothy Schisler | Son, Arthur, and Family |
| Apr. 21, Thursday | 8:00 a.m. | †Michael Cesanek, Jr. | Our Lady of Perpetual Help Retreat Group |
| Apr. 22, Friday | 8:00 a.m. | †Theresa Drozda | M/M Herbert Garrison |
| Apr. 23, Saturday | 4:00 p.m. | †Joseph Seko, Jr. | Daughter, Mary Jane, and Paul Kovach |
| Apr. 24, Sunday | 8:00 a.m. | Living and deceased parishioners | |
| | 10:30 a.m. | †Catherine Arnst | Granddaughter, Debra Kay Bennett, and Family |

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Euch. Min.:

Altar Servers:

Greeters:

| | | | | | |
|---------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Apr. 23, Sat. | 4:00 p.m. | M.E. Kovach | F. Cerino | B. Bankos/E. Osslander/E. Meister | M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz |
| Apr. 24, Sun. | 8:00 a.m. | P. Madea | R. Shearman | N. Bischof/N. Clouse/M. Hudock | J. Haldeman/M. Rossini |
| | 10:30 a.m. | E. Hozza | D. Maron | B. DelVecchio/M. Thierer/D. Bassert | J. DelVecchio/C. Marano |

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of the sons and daughters of John and Mary Wanisko requested by John and Elizabeth Kuchera.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Annie Onkotz who died this past week.

dear Padre:

What do we do with sacramentals?

Is it sacrilegious to throw a sacramental away?

“Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church’s prayer, they prepare us to receive and dispose us to cooperate with it” (CCC 1670). Therefore, sacramentals confer grace through the Church’s power of prayer and, if blessed, should not be thrown away but burned and/or buried. If the object has not been blessed, it can be discarded; however, it could also be donated to a Catholic ministry (school, prison, hospital, etc.) that would benefit from its distribution. (If a religious object was included in an unsolicited appeal letter from a charitable organization, it is safe to assume that it was not blessed.)

If the object is worn or broken, it should be substantially altered so that it loses its form as a sacramental and then returned to the earthly elements. For example, a worn scapular should be burned and the ashes buried; a damaged statue should be further broken into smaller fragments and buried. A European tradition on the Vigil of the Nativity of St. John the Baptist (June 23) is to burn old sacramentals in bonfires and bury the ashes. Burning and/or burial respects the sacred nature once held by these items and prevents their adaptation for trivial use. Reverence and discretion are proper for whatever method of disposal.

FR. BYRON MILLER, CSsR
sundaybulletin@liguori.org

Calendar:

Monday – April 18

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:1–18

Jn 10:1–10

Tuesday – April 19

Easter Weekday

Acts 11:19–26

Jn 10:22–30

Wednesday – April 20

Easter Weekday

Acts 12:24—13:5a

Jn 12:44–50

Thursday – April 21

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:13–25

Jn 13:16–20

Friday – April 22

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:26–33 / Jn 14:1–6

Saturday – April 23

Easter Weekday

Acts 13:44–52

Jn 14:7–14

Sunday – April 24

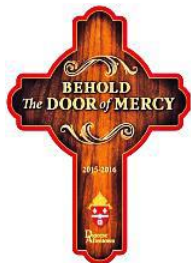
Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21–27

Rv 21:1–5a

Jn 13:31–33a, 34–35

- 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.
BREAKFAST : Sunday, April 24, 2016
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., May 7, 10:00 a.m.
GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, April 10
PICNIC PIEROGIE MAKING: Fri., Aug. 5 & Sat., Aug. 6
ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 11, 2016



2016 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: We are grateful to our parishioners who have already made a pledge to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Making a six-month pledge to the Appeal allows you to maximize the amount that you may give by making monthly payments. For example, a \$300 gift to the Appeal may be setup with six \$50 installments. Your sacrifice and

generosity to those who are less fortunate will allow the ministries of our diocese to offer services to those who need our assistance. You can make your gift online at FaithHopeCharityGives.org or pick up a pledge form at the back of Church.



NEW ALTAR SERVERS: Any boy or girl in the parish who has made First Holy Communion and would like to become an altar server is asked to contact Joanne at the rectory before June 5. Training will be held on Saturday, June 18 at

10:00 a.m. in church.

BAPTISM: We are happy to welcome Jillian Avery Shuey daughter of Christine and Stephen Shuey, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Jillian Avery as she continues to grow in our faith.



PIEROGIE MAKING FOR CHURCH PICNIC:

MARK YOUR CALENDARS. We will be making pierogies for the church picnic on **Friday, August 5 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and Saturday, August 6 starting at 7:00 a.m.** Friday we will be peeling and cooking potatoes. Saturday we will be making, cooking and packing the pierogies. **Please come and help.**

The more help we have, the faster we get done. We need both Men and Women. Please come and join us. We do have fun.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST:

Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **next Sunday, April 24.** 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. **Next breakfast - October 23, 2016.**

"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.



YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on this Tuesday, April 19, 2016 in the church social hall.

Now Enrolling! Good Shepherd Catholic School is currently 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. If interested please call 610-262-9171 or email mrs poccia@ptd.net to schedule a school tour or shadow day!

SECOND ANNUAL ALUMNI SOCIAL will be held on Sunday, April 17, 2016. The celebration will begin with 9:30 Mass at Queenship of Mary Church. Light refreshments served in the school gym and school tours available. Legacy School alumni please RSVP by emailing eventsvpgscs@gmail.com.

LET'S PLAY GOLF: The 5th Annual Good Shepherd Catholic School Golf Outing will be held on Saturday, May 7, 2016 at the Willow Brook Golf Course, 1364 Howertown Road, Catasauqua, PA. 8:00 a.m. For information, contact the school at 610-262-9171. Your check must be received by April 22nd. **Forms for the golf outing may be found in the church vestibule.**

Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 11, 2016

EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK

begins with a Mass at 11:00 a.m.,

continues with music, games and food until 7:00 p.m. Featuring the music of "The Pennsylvania Villagers"

3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Name _____

Street _____

City _____

Phone No. _____

Check One:

New Registration Change of Address

Moving out of Parish Request Envelopes

Request envelopes (returned home from college)

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK

**Northampton Memorial Company
 Memorialize A Life**

Ben Porobenski, Proprietor

342 Main Street, Northampton 610-262-5568

Please patronize our bulletin advertisers



BREAKFAST



Sunday, April 24, 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