

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

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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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 24, 2016

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Apr. 25, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Rev. Roger Taylor	Steve Marsch
Apr. 26, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Nederostek	Terry and Phyllis Bossard
Apr. 27, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Joseph Bendekovits	M/M Bruce Confer
Apr. 28, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Hensel	Dennis and Marianna Timmer
Apr. 29, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Minnie Preisler	Mary Ann Holmes
Apr. 30, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
May 01, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Gerald A. Makovsky	M/M Gerald J. Makovsky
	10:30 a.m.	Health and Blessing for Joy and Sal Nicosia in honor their 60 th Wedding Anniversary	

Next Week's Schedule:

Apr. 30, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher	L. Assante/P. Kovach/C. Marth	B. Paul/A. Paul/E. Zwolenik	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
May 01, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	L. Kosciolk/J. Ciecok/K. Bennett	J. Millan/N. Millan/B. Gallagher	A. Fry/M. Kovalcik
	10:30 a.m.	C. Kroll	M. Sommer/J. Nicosia/A. Kaminsky	A. Miletics/G. Miletics/A. Nemeth	E. Lessel/L. Shaak

Lector:

Euch. Min.:

Altar Servers:

Greeters:

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Joseph Seko, Jr. requested by his Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

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

dear Padre:

Use wine wisely

My evangelical friends don't drink and even use grape juice for communion. Catholics use wine and drink all the time. Isn't the Church condoning alcoholism?

The abuse of alcohol is a serious vice, and it has caused untold damage. When we celebrate the Eucharist we are commemorating the Last Supper, at which Jesus offered wine and unleavened bread according to the Jewish Passover tradition, changed it into his Body and Blood, and gave us this command: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until he comes" (1 Corinthians 11:25-26).

While the properties of wine remain, including alcohol content, the substance becomes the Precious Blood of Christ. Therefore, the ingestion of a sip or two seems trivial compared to the divine presence received therein. Those with medical or psychological reasons for abstaining should discuss those matters with their pastor and specialist(s).

Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana (John 2:1-11), but he obviously doesn't condone alcoholism. God has given us many things to enjoy: food, love, and leisure to mention a few. As Catholics we are called to rightly use these gifts for the greater and common good. To abuse them is sinful; to use them as they are intended is a way to give thanks.

FR. PATRICK KEYES, CSsR
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Calendar:

Monday – April 25

St. Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14

Mk 16:15-20

Tuesday – April 26

Easter Weekday

Acts 14:19-28

Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday – April 27

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8

Thursday – April 28

Easter Weekday

Acts 15:7-21

Jn 15:9-11

Friday – April 29

St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

Acts 15:22-31

Jn 15:12-17

Saturday – April 30

Easter Weekday

Acts 16:1-10

Jn 15:18-21

Sunday – May 1

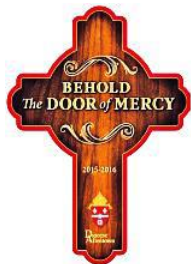
Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29

Rv 21:10-14, 22-23

Jn 14:23-29

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd Tues. of month @ 10 a.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.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of George and Mary Stefaniak. They were donated by their daughter, Linda.

BAPTISM: We are happy to welcome Harley Jane Kromer, daughter of Zachary and Hannah Kromer, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Saturday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Harley Jane as she continues to grow in our faith.



MEMORIAL FLOWERS FROM LAST WEEK: The flowers by the altar last week were in memory of Catherine Sentiwany. They were donated by her husband, Joe and son, Joe, Jr.

BAPTISM: We are happy to welcome Cole William Crisafulli son of John and Jessica Crisafulli, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Cole William as he continues to grow in our faith.



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.



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.



YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on Tuesday, May 31, 2016 in the church social hall.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Annie Onkotz:** \$25 Gary Butko; \$20 Ann Weber.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **today, 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 – Sunday, October 23, 2016.**

GODSPELL COMES TO MERCY: Mercy School For Special Learning in Allentown is hosting an exclusive performance of "Godspell" **this Friday, April 29, at 7 p.m.** Sing For America, a locally based production company, is putting on this 1-night-only performance in the school's auditorium (830 S. Woodward St.). Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$12 for students (through college age) and senior citizens, and \$9 for children 6 and under; proceeds benefit Mercy as well as military families of the Lehigh Valley. You can buy tickets for "Godspell" at Mercy online at www.singforamerica.com. For more information, please call Tom at 610-797-8242 or e-mail sfaproductions@singforamerica.com.



ANNUAL CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS POPPY DRIVE: The Catholic War Veterans of Post 454, Northampton, would like to thank everyone for their donation to the Annual Catholic War Veterans Poppy Drive. This was their best drive ever at Assumption B.V.M. Church. Thank you for supporting their annual drive!



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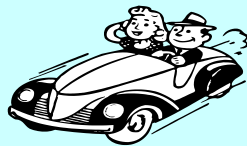
Now Enrolling! Good Shepherd Catholic School is currently enrolling new students for the 2016-2017 school year. We offer full day Kindergarten through Grade 8, as well as, preschool and Pre-K programs for 3 year old and 4 year old children. If interested please call 610-262-9171 or email mrs poccia@ptd.net to schedule a school tour or shadow day!

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.

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**ASSUMPTION B.V.M. CHURCH
ANNUAL PICNIC
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2016
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
FROM 12:00 p.m. TO 7:00 p.m.**

11:00 a.m. Outdoor Mass
Bingo - 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.
The Pennsylvania Villagers - 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Children's Games,
Basket Raffle and Games of Chance



Baked Goods, Exotic Non-Alcoholic Drinks
Soda, Bottled Water, Iced Tea, Beer, Coffee
Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Steak Sandwiches
Turkey BBQ, Pork BBQ, Kielbasi with Sauerkraut
Sweet Italian Sausage Sandwiches, Ice Cream Treats,
Holubki, Haluski, Goulash, Pirohy (Pierogies), French Fries

