

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

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**Mrs. Mary LaBianca**, Adult Choir Director  
**Mr. John-Paul Crescenzo, M.Ed.**, Principal of Good Shepherd Catholic School

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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 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	Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....	484-540-5090	
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ministry to the Sick	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Bible Study	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Parish Family Picnic	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
CYO	Tim Gribb .....	610-762-9072	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
Ecumenical Rep.	Fr. Straka .....	610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Fr. Straka .....	610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RCIA	Fr. Straka.....	610-262-2559
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	610-262-9012	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

**ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH**

**THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**OCTOBER 23, 2016**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Oct. 24, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Annette Yurish		Anna Kostishak
Oct. 25, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Elizabeth Nederostek		Elizabeth Strongowski
Oct. 26, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Irene Andrews		Paul and Margie Heffner
Oct. 27, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Raymond Reimer		Wife, Veronica, and Family
Oct. 28, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael Kuchera		M/M Mark Deutch
Oct. 29, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Paul M. Kovach, Sr.		Son, Paul, and Mary Jane
Oct. 30, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners		
	10:30 a.m.	†Emma Molchany		M/M Bill Molchany, Jr.

<b>Next Week's Schedule:</b>	<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>
Oct. 29, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	B. Fritz	B. Gallagher/E. Meister/S. Haldeman	M. Mraz/P. Schuler
Oct. 30, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	K. Bennett	C. Confer/E. Confer/J. Confer	N. Birosik/D. Cesanek
10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger	R. Shearman	A. Miletics/G. Miletics/M. Hartman	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Thomas Marakovits requested by Wife, Ruth.

**PLEASE PRAY** for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish.

dear Padre:

***Did Judas go to hell? If the crucifixion was necessary, wasn't he fulfilling God's will? Even Jesus foretold his betrayal.***

No, the Church doesn't teach that Judas went to hell. A declaration of condemnation must be left to the justice of God. We can never know if even the worst sinner repents of his or her sins or the extent of his or her guilt.

A more interesting tangent to this question deals with human freedom. If Judas was "destined" to betray Jesus, he would have had no free will and therefore could not be held accountable for his actions. This might seem as a kind of justification, but an appeal to a fate that robs the individual of human freedom is not valid. We are incapable of determining an individual's culpability, but we can say with certainty whether some actions in and of themselves are proper or improper.

Judas did a bad thing; it would have been better had he not betrayed our Lord. But we don't know whether Judas sinned. He could have been confused about what was right or indeed been greedy. Perhaps he never intended his actions to lead to Jesus' death (which may account for his suicide). So we don't know the state of Judas' soul, but we know his betrayal of a friend was not right.

—Fr. Richard A. Boever, CSsR, phd

Eph 4:32–5:8

Lk 13:10–17

**Tuesday – October 25**

*Weekday*

Eph 5:21–33

5:2a, 25–32

Lk 13:18–21

**Wednesday – October 26**

*Weekday*

Eph 6:1–9 / Lk 13:22–30

**Thursday – October 27**

*Weekday*

Eph 6:10–20

Lk 13:31–35

**Friday – October 28**

*Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles*

Eph 2:19–22

Lk 6:12–16

**Saturday – October 29**

*Weekday*

Phil 1:18b–26

Lk 14:1, 7–11

**Sunday – October 30**

*Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Wis 11:22–12:2

2 Thes 1:11–2:2

Lk 19:1–10

**Calendar:**

**Monday – October 24**

*Weekday*

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**PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.  
**CHOIR REHEARSAL** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, October 30, 2016  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., November 5, 10:00 a.m.  
**CEMETERY PRAYER SERVICE:** Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m.  
**DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, November 13  
**CONFIRMATION** : Wed., March 8, 2017 4:30 p.m.

**RECTORY HOURS** are Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 7:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or call for an appointment.  
**Rectory office is closed on Wednesdays.**



**COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS:** On Sunday, November 6, at 2:00 p.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.

**CHOIR NEWS:** Your FAVORITE Choir has begun rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Please consider joining us as we prepare for Sunday Liturgies and Christmas. We are looking for voices in all parts but are desperate for a few Altos and Tenors! We know you're out there! No experience necessary, And you're welcome to join us even if you can only sing for Christmas!



**ANNIVERSARY FLOWERS:** The **flowers in church** this week are in honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Bernice and Louie Tepes. They were donated by their family.

**THANK YOU!** The students, faculty, and staff of Good Shepherd Catholic School would like to thank everyone who donated money during our Race for Education church collection day. Your generosity will help our school grow in many areas. As always, we keep you in our daily prayers and pray for your continued support throughout the year.



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Masses **next Sunday, October 30.** 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.** Thank you all for supporting this parish fundraiser.



**SLOVAK KOLACH SALE:** Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by November 20. Please complete the pink colored form **in this week's bulletin** (October 22/23) and return it with your payment as soon as possible. **The cost is \$15.00 each.** Additional order forms will be available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is schedule for Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11.

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:** Good Shepherd Catholic School presents "**A Night at the Races**" on Saturday, November 5, 2016 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 200 tickets!

**BAPTISM:** We are happy to welcome Maxwell Michael Costello, child of Michelle and Michael Costello, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Maxwell Michael as he continues to grow in our faith.



**CEMETERY VIGIL LIGHTS** are available in the church social hall now thru October 31. We ask a donation of \$2.50 per candle to cover expenses.

**BASKET PARTY:** Holy Trinity Church, 4456 Main St., Whitehall will be having a Basket Party on **Saturday, October 29, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 30, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** Drawing will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday. You do not need to be present to win. Tickets: 25 for a \$5.00 donation and will be on sale at the door. Questions or for more information please call 610-262-9315 or 610-533-2794.



**YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS:** The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on Tuesday, October 25, in the Assumption B.V.M. Social Hall. Flu shots will be available, free of charge to seniors, at the meeting to anyone who is interested. Please bring your Medicare Card with you. All are welcome.

**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.



**FALL BAZAAR:** St. Nick's Fall Bazaar and Bake Sale will be held during the weekend of November 5 and 6. Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Sunday 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be many baskets and a raffle, crafts, fall and Christmas décor and cemetery planters. Nut-roll and baked goods will be sold and the kitchen will be open. St. Nicholas Catholic Church is at the corner of Rte. 946 and Oak Road in the Berlinsville section of Lehigh Township. 610-767-3107 or 610-767-9892.

**SPIRIT 2016 — "Encounter Mercy and Truth" Register by October 24th!!** The Annual Diocesan Men's Conference will be held on Saturday November 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. at De Sales University. The day will include keynote presentations by Bishop Ronald Gainer, Fr. Michael Gaitley and Marcus Grodi and a vigil Mass with Bishop Barres. Registration fee is \$35 and \$10 for high school/college students. For more information and to register online please visit [www.cmfd.org](http://www.cmfd.org).

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## BREAKFAST



Sunday, October 30, 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