

# 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.  
 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****THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME****NOVEMBER 6, 2016****MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Nov. 07, Monday	8:00 a.m.	Health and Blessing – Evie Stevens	Eva DeLaurentis
Nov. 08, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	Health and Blessing – James Fischer	Eva DeLaurentis
Nov. 09, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Myirski, Jr.	Kathy and Brett Kline
Nov. 10, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Johnny Schubert	Lenny and Paula Kosciolek
Nov. 11, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Richard Carney	Lucinda Horn
Nov. 12, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
Nov. 13, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Stella Biss	Richard, Barbara and Joseph Ebner
	10:30 a.m.	†Frank and Anna Walakovitz	Daughter, Ruth Marakovits

**Next Week's Schedule:**

	<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>
Nov. 12, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz	L. Kosciolek	S. Haldeman/M. Warren/J. Warren	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Nov. 13, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	J. Ciecko	S. Kroll//M. Hudock	A. Fry/M. Kovalcik
10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt	L. Santucci	M. Hartman/M. Cuchran/C. Cuchran	E. Lessel/L. Shaak

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Leonard Fry requested by wife, Ann.

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

# dear Padre:

## *Are non-Catholics eligible to be named saints?*

“The cause of beatification and canonization regards a Catholic who in life, in death and after death has enjoyed a reputation of holiness by living all the Christian virtues in an heroic manner” (Sanctorum Mater, 4.1). In this process, the Catholic Church not only investigates the heroic virtues of a candidate, but confirms miracles attributed to them after their death, and ultimately declares a person to be a saint in heaven and worthy of veneration.

Moreover, the process is ecclesial: it is executed by the Catholic Church for the holiness of its members. “By *canonizing* some of the faithful, i.e., by solemnly proclaiming that they practiced heroic virtue lived in fidelity to God's grace, the Church recognizes the power of the Spirit of holiness within her and sustains the hope of believers by proposing the saints to them as models and intercessors” (CCC 828).

While there are non-Catholic saints worthy of canonization, the Church does not presume to canonize members of other churches (should they even be presented for validation); rather, the Church favors candidates who are in the same full communion of faith as the Catholics whose understanding of saints look to them as intercessors. As Kenneth Woodward wrote in *Making Saints*, “Catholic saints make sense only within a world where the ‘body of Christ’ is more than just a metaphor.”

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### **Monday – November 7**

Weekday  
 Ti 1:1–9 / Lk 17:1–6

### **Tuesday – November 8**

Weekday  
 Ti 2:1–8, 11–14  
 Lk 17:7–10

### **Wednesday – November 9**

Dedication of the Lateran  
 Basilica  
 Ez 47:1–2, 8–9, 12  
 1 Cor 3:9c–11, 16–17  
 Jn 2:13–22

### **Thursday – November 10**

St. Leo the Great, Pope and  
 Doctor of the Church  
 Phlm 7–20 / Lk 17:20–25

### **Friday – November 11**

St. Martin of Tours, Bishop  
 2 Jn 4–9  
 Lk 17:26–37

### **Saturday – November 12**

St. Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr  
 3 Jn 5–8 / Lk 18:1–8

### **Sunday – November 13**

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary  
 Time  
 Mal 3:19–20a  
 2 Thes 3:7–12  
 Lk 21:5–19

## Calendar:

**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.  
**CEMETERY PRAYER SERVICE**: Sunday, November 6, 2 p.m.  
**GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, November 13  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, November 20, 2016  
**KOLACH ORDERS DUE** : Sunday, November 20  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., December 3, 10:00 a.m.  
**KOLACH ORDER PICKUP** : Sunday, December 10/11  
**PENANCE SERVICE** : Sat., Dec. 10, 10:00 a.m.  
**CONFIRMATION** : Wed., March 8, 2017 4:30 p.m.



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of the deceased members of the Hutnick and Lessel Families. They were donated by Eleanor and Suzanne Lessel.



**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.

**Parish Religious Education Week:** November 6<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> begins our celebration of The Parish Religious Education Week! The theme is "Encountering Christ Every Day", which celebrates our focus on lifelong faith formation. Please keep all of our Catechist's, Catechist's Aides and parish children in your prayers for a successful year ahead.

God Bless, Mrs. Santucci and Mrs. Hall

**"GIVING SUNDAY":** Sunday, November 13, is Giving Sunday. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding, or a jar of peanut butter. Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts.



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Masses **on Sunday, November 20.** 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 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.



**STOCKING STUFFER:** Need a stocking stuffer? Or just a little something to add to a gift for that special person? The Parish Fund Raising Committee is sponsoring a monthly lottery calendar for January 2017. The calendars are \$5 each and the winners are based on the **evening daily** Pennsylvania Lottery number. Calendars will be on sale before Mass the weekends of November 12/13, 19/20, November 26/27, December 3/4, 10/11, and 17/18. Calendars must be purchased prior to January 1, 2017.



**WEDDING FLOWERS:** The flowers that were by the baptismal font last weekend were in honor of the Wedding of Shannon Laury and Donald Craythorn who were married last Friday, October 28.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Anne Ciecko:** \$10 Joy and Sal Nicosia; \$25 Bernice and Louie Tepes; \$50 Conrad Marth; \$30 Frances and Eugene Grabarits; \$10 Steve Marsch; \$25 Barbara Pengitore; \$25 Jeannie and Peter Keschl; \$25 Ruthann and Roland Grieshammer; \$10 Jane Johnston. **In memory of Vincent Santucci, Sr.:** \$25 Anita Kotoris and Hope Stempo.



**REMEMBER THE NEEDY:** Please take a tag from the "Giving Tree" which will be located in the Church vestibule starting November 5. The tags list items needed by the Catholic Charities Office to care for the needs of babies and their families. **Please place your unwrapped gifts under the tree by December 11** and we will take them to the Catholic Charities office.

**HONORING VETERANS:** Holy Family Manor Skilled Nursing and Rehabilitation Center is honoring Veteran's Day on November 11, 2016. Celebration of Mass will be at 10:30 AM in the Chapel (All are welcome). A complimentary luncheon for veterans will be held at 11:30 AM. Veterans are free, guests are \$5. An open house of the newly renovated McShea Rehabilitation Unit will follow the luncheon. Please call Holy Family Manor Reception Desk at 610-865-5595 to register.

**"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.

**LOCAL POVERTY RELIEF COLLECTION:** The annual collection diocesan poverty relief collection will be taken up on the weekend of November 19-20. The collection is used to support local groups and organizations that assist the poor here in the diocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. There is an envelope in your packet for this special collection.

**"CHOSEN, BLESSED, SHARED":** Please support the Retired and Infirm Priests of the Diocese of Allentown. The Diocese of Allentown is conducting an annual fund called, "Chosen, Blessed, Shared," to support the Endowment for the Care of Retired Priests. All gifts received will be used to support the rising costs of retirement care for those priests in good standing who have faithfully served, and the many who, though retired continue to serve, in our Diocese. Please consider making a donation as part of your yearly giving. This is not to be confused with our yearly collection for the "National Appeal for Retired Religious" to be held December.

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## BREAKFAST



Sunday, November 20, 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