

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

REV. FRANCIS P. STRAKA, Pastor
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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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Ms. Joanne Manning, Parish Secretary
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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.....	484-226-0188	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491

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SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JANUARY 15, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Jan. 16, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Olga Lord	M/M John Toolan and Family
Jan. 17, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Robert Plata	Conrad Marth
Jan. 18, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Vincent Santucci, Sr.	Priscilla and Ron Koch
Jan. 19, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Bobinta	M/M Charles Pradel
Jan. 20, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Jan. 21, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mike Plata, Jr.	Sisters
Jan. 22, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Joseph Holena	Family

Next Week's Schedule:

Jan. 21, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	D. Hozza
Jan. 22, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll
	10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt

Lector:

Euch. Min.:

L. Kosciolk
J. Ciecko
C. Walsh

Altar Servers:

E. Meister/G. Heidecker/N. Bischof
J. Confer/C. Confer/E. Confer
A. Miletics/G. Miletics

Greeters:

M. Mraz/P. Schuler
N. Birozik/D. Cesanek/G. Farkas
H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Rev. Francis P. Straka requested by parish family.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Virginia Leland and Michael Zastko, father of Joseph Zastko, who died recently.

dear Padre:

This semester, my class adopted "the fruit(s) of the Spirit" as its theme. I have read Galatians 5:16–26 but am not sure what St. Paul means. How does the theme relate to daily life?

In that passage, notice how Paul distinguishes between the "flesh" and the "Spirit" and says they are opposed to each other. Here, "flesh" does not refer merely to the human body nor to impure desires but rather to the state of unredeemed human nature in its earthly or secular condition. The term "spirit" refers to the "new self" brought about by Christ's redemption and governed by the Holy Spirit (Ephesians 4:24; Colossians 3:10).

You can tell the difference between these two by looking at their results— their "fruits." The flesh gives rise to immorality, impurity, rivalry, selfishness, and so on (Galatians 5:19–21). The Spirit gives rise to love, peace, kindness, self-control, and the like (Galatians 5:22–23). These fruits emerge from good works, manifest God's presence in the person doing them, and edify those who observe them. In other words, they are the visible ways in which the Holy Spirit guides and directs us and through which the Spirit touches others.

The *Catechism* defines the fruits of the Spirit as "perfections," "the first fruits of eternal glory" (CCC 1832). The more we renounce ourselves, our "flesh," in imitation of Christ, the more we can bear good fruit (CCC 736; see also John 15).

Fr. Daniel L. Lowery, CSsR
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Calendar:

Monday – January 16

Weekday
Heb 5:1–10 / Mk 2:18–22

Tuesday – January 17

St. Anthony, Abbot
Heb 6:10–20 / Mk 2:23–28

Wednesday – January 18

Weekday
Heb 7:1–3, 15–17
Mk 3:1–6

Thursday – January 19

Weekday
Heb 7:25–8:6 / Mk 3:7–12

Friday – January 20

Weekday
Heb 8:6–13
Mk 3:13–19

Saturday – January 21

St. Agnes, Virgin and Martyr
Heb 9:2–3, 11–14
Mk 3:20–21

Sunday – January 22

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Is 8:23–9:3
1 Cor 1:10–13, 17
Mt 4:12–23

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: Tue., January 17, 10:00 a.m.
BREAKFAST : Sunday, January 22, 2017
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., February 4, 10:00 a.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, February 12
CONFIRMATION : Wed., March 8, 2017 4:30 p.m.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses on **Sunday, January 22**. 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 brown, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **This month's special is Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast. Tickets on sale at the door.**

PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: The next meeting of the Prayer Shawl Ministry will take place this **Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at 10:00 am** in the Parish Religious Education classroom.



SOUPER SUNDAY OF CARING: On Super Bowl weekend, February 4/5, 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.

NORTHAMPTON AREA FOOD BANK will hold a Designer Bag Bingo on **Sunday, February 5, 2017** 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 paper bingo. Additional boards are available for purchase. To purchase tickets or for more information contact: Pam Kametz at 610-439-4814. "Snow Date: Sunday, February 12."

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION: The weekend of **January 28/29**, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. This Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from the Collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life. **How will you help?** Please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **Jesus in disguise**. Envelopes are contained in your packet for this special collection.

SAVE ALUMINUM PULLTABS: Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of our beloved pastor, Rev. Francis P. Straka:** \$100 Joanne and Juliet; \$20 Marjorie Fletcher; \$25 Helen, Steve and Stephanie Kerbacher; \$100 Sally, Robert and Patrick Madden; \$50 Tim and Monica Semler; \$50 Conrad Marth; \$20 Mel and Sandy Lebo; \$20 Carolyn and George Wuchter; \$50 Carol and Jerry Miletics; \$25 M/M Dale Laury; \$100 Steve Marsch; \$50 Mike and Sue Spengler and Family; \$25 Joan Marano; \$20.17 John Yurish; \$100 Bernice and Louis Tepes; \$50 Nancy Pavlovic; \$25 Rachael Suranofsky; \$50 Linda and Vinnie Santucci; \$50 Robin and Gary Hall; \$50 Richard Bartholomew; \$25 Diane and Joseph Yadush; \$100 Leonard and Paula Kosciolk; \$25 Barbara Ann Ruano; \$20 John Karahuta, Jr.; \$50 Martha Karahuta; \$50 George and Elaine Knehr; \$50 Bobby and Kay Ohrin; \$100 Gregory and Adelaide Heist; \$30 The Kraftician Family; \$50 Larry and Lisa Yeager.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Michael Zastko:** \$40 Ann Fry; \$25 Eleanor Lessel; \$30 Gloria Farkas; \$25 Christine and Carl Newhard, Jr.; \$30 Karen Liberto; \$20 Richard Bealer. **In memory of Mary Lizak:** \$100 Richard and Sharon Webb.

SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Good Shepherd Catholic School is now enrolling new students for the 2017-2018 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 mrspoccia@ptd.net today!

Catholic Schools Week Open House will be held on Sunday, January 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ASSUMPTION B.V.M. 2016 OFFERING STATEMENTS

will be mailed soon to those who contributed \$1000 or more during 2016. If you desire a statement of your 2016 contributions and your contributions are under \$1000 please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or place it in your church envelope any Sunday during the month of January.

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 NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____

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Sunday, January 22, 2017



**TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
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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

Creamed Chipped Beef & Hash Brown

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea