

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

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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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EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 26, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 27, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Virginia Plata	Sisters
Feb. 28, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Clare Bennett	Son, Joseph, and Family
Mar. 01, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Filipovits	Steve Marsch
	7:00 p.m.	†Frank Geosits	Margaret Wellen
Mar. 02, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Alfred Kosman	Charlie and Cindy Walsh
Mar. 03, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph Grabarits	Vicki Hall
Mar. 04, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†George Nederostek	M/M Fred Nederostek
Mar. 05, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	Assumption B.V.M. Choir
	10:30 a.m.	†Rev. Francis P. Straka	

Next Week's Schedule:

Mar. 01, Wed.	8:00 a.m.	P. Madea
	7:00 p.m.	L. Nemeth
Mar. 04, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz
Mar. 05, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	J. Santee
	10:30 a.m.	D. Hozza

Lector:

P. Madea
L. Nemeth
M.E. Schwartz
J. Santee
D. Hozza

Euch. Min.:

F. Cerino/C. Wuchter
R. Shearman/B. Fritz/J. Nicosia
L. Kosciolek
T. Melosky
M. Sommer

Altar Servers:

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

Greeters:

N. Birosik/M. Weaver
C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
A. Fry/M. Kovalcik
E. Lessel/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Louise Kotoris requested by Daughter, Nikki.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Elizabeth Strongowski who died recently.

dear Padre:

Is it ever OK to use "God" and "damn" I'm an active Catholic but feel torn between two sides of myself: one that is faithful in prayer and charitable to others, another that is poorly disciplined, selfish, and given to sensuality and pornography. It seems God is holding on to me, but I don't know why.

I am reminded of Paul's personal struggle as expressed in Romans: "What I do, I do not understand. For I do not do what I want, but I do what I hate....Now if [I] do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells in me....Miserable one that I am! Who will deliver me...?" (7:15, 20, 24).

Remain faithful to your religious practices, and don't get down on yourself. Having immoral tendencies does not make you a hypocrite; it makes you human. All people experience the struggle between good and evil within themselves in one way or another. It may be helpful to find a spiritual director or counselor who can help you deal with your weaknesses. You could learn how to be more disciplined in prayer and how to overcome your preoccupation with pornography. Keep trying to accentuate the positive and deal with the negative.

You say God is holding on to you. Remember that Francis Thompson called God "the Hound of Heaven." God does not let go easily.

Fr. Daniel L. Lowery, CSsR
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Calendar:

Monday – February 27

Weekday

Sir 17:20–24

Mk 10:17–27

Tuesday – February 28

Weekday

Sir 35:1–12 / Mk 10:28–31

Wednesday – March 1

Ash Wednesday

Jl 2:12–18

2 Cor 5:20–6:2

Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

Thursday – March 2

Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Dt 30:15–20 / Lk 9:22–25

Friday – March 3

Friday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58:1–9a / Mt 9:14–15

Saturday – March 4

Saturday after Ash Wednesday

Is 58:9b–14 / Lk 5:27–32

Sunday – March 5

First Sunday of Lent

Gn 2:7–9; 3:1–7

Rom 5:12–19 / Mt 4:1–11

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.
BREAKFAST : Sunday, February 26
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., March 4, 10:00 a.m.
CABBAGE/NOODLE PICK UP : March 4/5 after Masses
CONFIRMATION : Wed., March 8, 2017 4:30 p.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, March 12
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING : Tue., March 21, 10:00 a.m.
CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 10

ASH WEDNESDAY: This Wednesday, March 1, is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed during the 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses. The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that **fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.** The law of **abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.**

LENTEN ACTIVITIES: **Mass:** Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:00 a.m.
Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays after the 7:00 p.m. Mass starting March 15. **Confessions:** Monday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.; Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.; Saturdays from 2:45 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. Confessions on Mondays and Fridays will start the week of March 5.

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of our beloved pastor, Rev. Francis P. Straka:** \$100 Holy Family Guild of SS. Cyril and Methodius Church, Reading, PA; \$100 Charmaine and Joe Magnuszewski; \$50 Thomas and Regina Krause; \$25 Paolo and Kathleen Nota. **In memory of Mary Kovalcik:** \$20 Maureen Petro; \$200 Hermina and Bill Braerman; \$25 Miles and Donna Odenwelder; \$30 Victoria Hall; \$40 Ann Fry; \$20 Daniel Uivary; \$25 Maryann Uivary and Gerald Miscovich; \$50 Chris and Carol Kovalchik; \$25 M/M Jim Fella; \$100 Joseph Kovalchik Family; \$20 Richard, Barbara and Joseph Ebner. **In memory of Joseph Sentiwany, Sr.:** \$50 Richard and Sandra Michael. **In memory of Stella Santucci:** \$10 Joy and Sal Nicosia.



CEMETERY CLEAN-UP: To prepare our cemetery (and mausoleum) for spring and the Easter holiday you are asked to please remove your Christmas plants and decorations **by Saturday, March 18.** Any Christmas decorations left on the graves or at the mausoleum after this date will be discarded. **If you know of any non-parishioners having graves or crypts on our cemetery please pass along this information.**

SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS: Early Childhood Education Preview will be held on Saturday, March 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. for parents and their children who will be entering Preschool, Pre-K and Kindergarten. Parents meet our accredited faculty and children enjoy story time, a craft and snack. Please R.S.V.P. by calling 610-262-9171.

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!

CONFIRMATION NEWS:

PRACTICE: There will be practice for Confirmation tonight, Sunday, February 26. This is for the candidate and their sponsor. If the sponsor cannot attend, a parent must fill in for the sponsor. The practice will be held at Queenship of Mary Church on Newport Avenue in Northampton at 6:30 p.m.

CONFIRMATION: The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to our candidates on Wednesday, March 8. The celebration of Mass and the Sacrament will be held at 4:30 p.m. at Queenship of Mary Church on Newport Avenue in Northampton. Candidates and Sponsors please arrived no later than 4:00 p.m. All are welcome to attend the Mass.

CABBAGE AND NOODLES SALE: We will be selling, by pre-order only, OUR PICNIC HALUSKI FOR LENT. 1 lb. (\$4.00) or 2 lb. (\$7.00) containers of haluski can be ordered by calling Jane Spengler at 610-262-8138. **Orders must be placed by Tuesday, February 28.** Haluski will be ready for pick-up after the weekend Masses on March 4/5 in the church social hall.

CASINO NIGHT AT MERCY: Mercy School For Special Learning, 830 South Woodward Street in Allentown is hosting its annual Casino Night on Saturday, March 4, 2017 doors open at 6:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person; \$50 per couple; \$75 High Roller Package includes casino chips, all-you-can-eat food and drink (beer, wine, soda) and raffle tickets. Attendees must be 21 years or older. For more information for Mercy's Casino Night, please call the school at 610-797-8242 or e-mail Mary Twigg at matwiggmercy@ptd.net.

WE THIRST: LESSONS IN MERCY: A COURSE ON ADDICTION AWARENESS WITHIN OUR SOCIETY at St. Francis Center for Renewal, 395 Bridle Path Rd., Bethlehem. The evenings are designed for those with addictions, their families and friends and members of the community including counselors, nurses, ministers, deacons, those in the criminal justice systems and educators. We will explore the epidemic of addiction in our society and our responsibility as followers of Christ in responding to those who are suffering – the outcasts, the sick, the oppressed. These presentations are designed to educate, inspire, foster hope and healing and reduce the stigma surrounding addictions. Attendees will learn the basic biology, psychology, sociology, and spirituality of addiction within the context of our faith and our call as Christians to “be merciful, as our heavenly Father is merciful.” Presentations will include prayer, lectures, music and videos designed to be spiritually moving, inspiring and educational.

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BREAKFAST



Sunday, February 26, 2017

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