

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



PARISH INFORMATION

Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons, Administrator
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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 Msgr. Koons 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	Msgr. Koons.....	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	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Bible Study	Msgr. Koons.....	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	Msgr. Koons.....	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.	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Mary LaBianca.....	610-502-0160
Eucharistic Ministers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Pro-Life Activities	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Finance Committee	Drew Maron.....	610-261-4705	Religious Education	Linda Santucci.....	610-262-7343
First Friday Adoration	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....	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 OF LENT

MARCH 12, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Mar. 13, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Anthony Coppola			
Mar. 14, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Susan and Rudolph Bauer			Wife, Anna Daughter, Carol and Gary Houck
Mar. 15, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Janice Kuhenbecker			Friend Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
Mar. 16, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Debbie Nothstein			Daughter, Ann Family
Mar. 17, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Bankos			
Mar. 18, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Mary Poandl			
Mar. 19, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners			
	10:30 a.m.	†Nunzia Mancino			Daughter, Luisa Assante, and Family

Next Week's Schedule:	Lector:	Euch. Min.:	Altar Servers:	Greeters:
Mar. 18, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	S. Parker	B. Kosman	E. Meister/G. Heidecker/N. Bischof	M. Mraz/P. Schuler
Mar. 19, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	M. Heist	N. Birosik	W. Cuchran/J. Millan/N. Millan	N. Birosik/D. Cesanek/G. Farkas
10:30 a.m.	D. Heckenberger	D. Maron	M. Cuchran/C. Cuchran	H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Mary Bankos requested by Daughter, Ann.

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

dear Padre:

Are Jesus and God the same person? The Church teaches that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are one being, but in the Bible Jesus and God talk to each other. Also, some of our prayers address Jesus, while others address the Father or the Spirit. Explain this, please.

Trinitarian theology is never simple to explain. Since the time of Christ, we've wrestled with the interrelation of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. With time and the Spirit's guidance, the Church has discovered language we believe reflects some of the mystery we call God, and we've accepted the authority of that language.

When we pray the Creed together every week, we speak of our belief in one God in three persons. However, even as we say these words, we know we have more to discover about the life of the Godhead and the unity and relationships among Father, Son, and Spirit, each of whom we have encountered throughout salvation history.

In believing that the Trinity is one God, we have the freedom to confidently pray to any one or more of the three divine persons. However, when we pray at Mass, you'll notice the most typical formula for prayers is to offer them to the Father, through the Son, and in (or with) the Spirit.

Fr. Matthew Allman, CSsR
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Calendar:

- Monday – March 13**
Lenten Weekday
Dn 9:4b–10
Lk 6:36–38
- Tuesday – March 14**
Lenten Weekday
Is 1:10, 16–20
Mt 23:1–12
- Wednesday – March 15**
Lenten Weekday
Jer 18:18–20
Mt 20:17–28
- Thursday – March 16**
Lenten Weekday
Jer 17:5–10
Lk 16:19–31
- Friday – March 17**
Lenten Weekday
Gn 37:3–4, 12–13a, 17b–28a
Mt 21:33–43, 45–46
- Saturday – March 18**
Lenten Weekday
Mi 7:14–15, 18–20
Lk 15:1–3, 11–32
- Sunday – March 19**
Third Sunday of Lent
Ex 17:3–7
Rom 5:1–2, 5–8
Jn 4:5–42

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
STATIONS OF THE CROSS : Wednesdays after 7 p.m. Mass
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, 7:45 p.m.
7th GRADE PREP : Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, March 12
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING : Tue., March 21, 10:00 a.m.
BREAKFAST : Sunday, March 26
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., April 1, 10:00 a.m.
CHURCH PICNIC : Sunday, September 10

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. **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.



OPERATION RICE BOWL is a wonderful way to bring the spirit of Lenten sacrifice home. Operation Rice Bowl allows millions of our starving brothers and sisters to benefit and it doesn't cost us a cent! To participate, choose one night a week to eat a sacrificial meal. We will publish suggested meals in the bulletin each week. The meal is designed to imitate the quantity of food eaten by the poor. Take the cost of the meal, subtract it from what you normally would have spent for dinner that day, and give the difference to Operation Rice Bowl. **This week's menu: Baked Macaroni and Cheese, Stewed Tomatoes, Fruit Cocktail OR Tuna Salad on Pita, Jell-O with Banana Slices.**

MEMORIAL FUND: Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of our beloved pastor, Rev. Francis P. Straka:** \$40 Anthony and Diane Molchany and Family. **In memory of Joseph Sentiwany, Sr.:** \$100 The Munjone Family.

FIRST EUCHARIST: There will be a First Eucharist Retreat for the **children and a parent(s)** next Saturday, March 18, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. Please go directly into the church to begin our day.

SLOVAK KOLACH SALE: Your Easter Slovak Kolach **orders are due by next Sunday, March 19.** Please complete the yellow colored form from last week's bulletin and return it with your payment as soon as possible. The cost is \$15.00 each. Additional order forms are available in the church vestibule. Order pick up is scheduled for Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses on **Sunday, March 26.** 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, omelet or cheese steak omelet, ham, sausage or bacon, hash browns, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.**

"HIGH SCHOOL MUSICAL 2 JR.": Good Shepherd Catholic School Senior Drama Club proudly presents "High School Musical 2 Jr." on Friday, March 24 and Saturday, March 25 at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 26 at 2:00 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. For more information, please call the school at 610-262-9171.

CABBAGE AND NOODLE SALE: Thank you for supporting our Cabbage and Noodle Sale (Haluski). We also thank the volunteers those who donated their time and talents in preparing the haluski. Thank you to the parishioner who donated the cabbage and butter. We made a profit of \$630.00. Thank you!!



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 next 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.**



REDNER'S SAVE-A-TAPE PROGRAM: Please keep saving your Redner's Save-A-Tape Receipts by using your Save-A-Tape Card. If you don't have one, just ask the cashier during your next shopping trip. Our church receives 1% for items you purchase, just by turning in your receipts. **Last year, January 1, 2016 thru December 31, 2016, we received \$3,252.43. Just think, that's over \$3,200.00** received from pieces of paper you would normally throw in the garbage. Please place your **full receipts** in the containers located in the church vestibule. **We need the WHOLE receipt,** not just the bottom portion of the receipt. **See the letter from Redner's Markets, Inc. posted on the bulletin boards for more information.** Thank You!



YOUNG-AT-HEART NEWS: The next meeting of the Young-at-Heart will be on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 in the church social hall.

BASKET SOCIAL: St. Mary's Parish, 122 Union Street, Catasauqua will be having a Basket Social on Friday, March 24 (6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.), Saturday, March 25 (10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.) and Sunday, March 26 (9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.). Tickets will be on sale at the door. Advance tickets by 3/19 – buy 5 get 1 free. You do not have to be present to win. Proceeds from this event will benefit St. Mary's CCD Program. For more information call 610-264-0332 or 610-264-9383.



LENTEN FISH DINNER: St. John Fisher Church will be hosting a Fish Dinner on Friday, March 24 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The platter includes: breaded haddock, choice of parsley potatoes or halusky, cream cabbage, corn, applesauce, dessert and beverage. Cost is **Adults: \$10.00 (\$12.00 at the door), Children (ages 5 to 10): \$5.00.** For advance tickets please call Joanne at B.V.M. Rectory 610-262-2559 or Annette Englert at 610-264-4758. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

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BREAKFAST

Sunday, March 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