

# ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY CHURCH



## PARISH INFORMATION

**Rev. Msgr. Thomas P. Koons**, Administrator  
**Mrs. Karen Glose**, Director of Music  
**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  
**Mrs. Deborah Heckenberger**, Youth Activities

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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 3:00 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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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 8, 2017

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Oct. 09, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Rose Zastko	Joe Maikits and mom, Mildred
Oct. 10, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Irene Kovalcik	Bernadine Kradjel
Oct. 11, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Swankoski	Alfred Guzara
Oct. 12, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Fred Gollatz	M/M Gray Renner
Oct. 13, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Dale Longenbach	Marianne Salter and Family
Oct. 14, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Ryan Zawada	Parents, Joe and Diane, Brother, Joe, and Sister, Jenny
Oct. 15, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†John Humenik	Sons, David and Paul
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

### Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Oct. 14, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	C. Fisher
Oct. 15, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	C. Kroll
10:30 a.m.	D. Hozza

### Euch. Min.:

L. Kosciolk
J. Ciecko
D. Maron

### Altar Servers:

J. Warren/M. Warren
S. Kroll/E. Confer
M. Cuchran/K. Cuchran

### Greeters:

S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
A. Fry/V. Hall
P. Madea/L. Shaak

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Thomas and Catherine Hughes requested by Granddaughter, Joanne.

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

# dear Padre:

***I know we're all supposed to use our gifts to glorify God, but what is liturgical dance? Is it acceptable as part of Mass? Are there rules surrounding it?***

Liturgical dance is dance movement forming a part of official worship. Through it, people in a community express their joy at God's blessings, foreshadowing the joy of heaven.

Dance, in many cultures, is a sign of joy. We dance at weddings, birthday celebrations, and anniversaries. People from both Eastern and Western traditions use dance as a form of expression, and some incorporate it into their religious rites. Jewish worship includes dance on certain feasts, such as the Simhat Torah, where the holy scrolls are part of the sacred movement.

In the United States, the practice of liturgical dance began to grow following Vatican II, but it was not readily accepted. Since dance in Western culture is viewed by some as an expression of love, intimacy, or diversion, the Church's approach is reserved. In 1975, the Vatican repeated this and said that because the Roman rite does not include dance as part of worship, inclusion of dance in liturgy is not appropriate ("The Religious Dance, an Expression of Spiritual Joy," *Notitiae* 11, 202-205).

We see dancing in our parishes and at diocesan celebrations; however, it should occur outside of the liturgy.

—Fr. John Schmidt, CSsR

## Calendar:

### Monday – October 9

*Weekday*

Jon 1:1–2:2, 11

Lk 10:25–37

### Tuesday – October 10

*Weekday*

Jon 3:1–10

Lk 10:38–42

### Wednesday – October 11

*Weekday*

Jon 4:1–11

Lk 11:1–4

### Thursday – October 12

*Weekday*

Mal 3:13–20b

Lk 11:5–13

### Friday – October 13

*Weekday*

Jl 1:13–15; 2:1–2

Lk 11:15–26

### Saturday – October 14

*Weekday*

Jl 4:12–21

Lk 11:27–28

### Sunday – October 15

*Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Is 25:6–10a

Phil 4:12–14, 19–20

Mt 22:1–14

**PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.  
**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month @ 10 a.m.  
**DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, October 8  
**BLESSING OF ANIMALS** : Sunday, October 8 at 12 noon  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, October 22  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., November 4, 10:00 a.m.  
**BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS** : Thursday, August 16, 2018  
**PICNIC 2018** : Sunday, September 9, 2018



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of Hilda and Walter Holmes. They were donated by Son, Bill, and Family.

**CEMETERY VIGIL LIGHTS** will be available in the church social hall starting this weekend, October 7/8, thru October 31. We ask a donation of \$2.50 per candle to cover expenses.



**BLESSING OF ANIMALS:** In observance of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Assumption BVM Parish will have a Blessing of Animals on the rectory lawn (corner of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street and Lincoln Avenue) **today, Sunday, October 8, at 12:00 p.m.** After a brief prayer service the animals will be blessed. Bring your dogs, cats, birds and other pets to this celebration. Please make sure that animals are leashed or caged for their safety.



**"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY":** Today, Sunday, October 8, our Hospitality Committee will be hosting "Donut/Giving Sunday". Join us after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses for coffee, donuts and fellowship in our social hall. Parishioners are encouraged to bring cans of potatoes, boxes of Jell-O or pudding. Your gifts will be brought to the altar during the preparation of the gifts. **This month's donuts are being donated by Marie Bitenc in memory of her husband, Herb Bitenc.**



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

**CHOIR REHEARSAL** for Christmas and weekly Mass will be held Wednesday evenings from 7:15 - 9:00 p.m. (we are usually finished before 9:00 p.m.). We need singers in all voice parts! No special skills are needed - just a desire to sing. If you are unable to make a commitment for weekend Masses, please consider joining us just for Christmas, when we sing at the 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass. If you have any questions call Karen at 610-691-0525.

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS:** Good Shepherd Catholic School presents "A Night at the Races" on **Saturday, November 4, 2017** 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 300 tickets! Cost is \$20 per ticket.

**ANNUAL PRO LIFE ROSE CAMPAIGN: Knights of Columbus Council 4050** will conduct their annual **Pro Life Rose Campaign** at the church entrances the weekend of October 28/29, at all Masses. Your generosity supports Knights Pro Life activities throughout the local council.

**WORLD MISSION SUNDAY:** The weekend of **October 21/22** we are invited to unite with Catholics around the world to "celebrate the hope that saves" through prayer, participation in the Eucharist and by giving generously. In this way, we stand in solidarity with the young and developing churches in over 120 countries through our support for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith through this special collection. Please be generous in your prayer and support for the Church in mission around the world. There is an envelope in your October/November packet for this special collection.

**HUGE BASKET PARTY:** Holy Trinity Church, 4456 Main St., Whitehall will be having a Basket Party with over 300 amazing prizes on **Saturday, October 28, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, October 29, 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. Great homemade food and baked goods will be on sale! Questions or for more information please call 610-262-9315 or 610-533-2794.

**Murder/Mystery Dinner Theater - B. I. N. G. Ohhh Murder** Catholic War Veterans Post 454, is sponsoring a Murder/Mystery Dinner Theater on **Sunday, October 29** at the Catasauqua American Legion, 330 - 2nd Street - Catasauqua. Cocktails begin at 4 pm (cash bar) and dinner will be served at 5 pm. We'll then play Bingo for clues to help solve who 'chipped' off the Bingo caller. **Cost is \$30.** Call Joan Glover at 610-349-7791 for tickets or more information.

**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.

**PUERTO RICO HURRICANE RELIEF:** While the United States Catholic Conference has not called for a national collection to provide aide to Puerto Rico because of other collections taken up in the wake of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, Bishop Schlert has authorized the Pastors and Administrators of the Diocese of Allentown to take up VOLUNTARY special collections in their parishes during October. Our parish will accept monetary donations in the special box in the vestibule beginning this weekend and extending to the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of November. Thank you for this much needed assistance.

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