

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
Mrs. Linda Santucci, Coordinator of Religious Education
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-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 22, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Oct. 23, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Oct. 24, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†James Nicosia	Mom and Dad
Oct. 25, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Dorothy Schisler	Son, Arthur, and Family
Oct. 26, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Thomas Marakovits	Wife, Ruth
Oct. 27, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Anne Ciecko	Richard and Helen Cuth
Oct. 28, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
Oct. 29, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Jonathan Keller	Family
	10:30 a.m.	†Peggy Wright	M/M James Roth

Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Oct. 28, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	M.E. Schwartz
Oct. 29, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	P. Madea
	10:30 a.m.	K. Stayt

Euch. Min.:

C. Wuchter
T. Melosky
C. Walsh

Altar Servers:

E. Ossiander/M. Hartman
W. Cuchran/N. Millan
M. Thierer/K. Lesisko

Greeters:

L. Bet/P. Schuler
N. Birosik/D. Cesanek/G. Farkas
H. Stempo/B. Yezzo

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of James Nicosia requested by Mom and Dad.

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

dear Padre:

Would you kindly address the issue of donating to charities? I'm sure others receive requests for money from many different organizations. I feel guilty discarding letters with pictures of starving children, when I eat well.

I have the same dilemma. I live in the richest country in the world. I could live much more simply and dispose of all the income I don't need. But to do so would require a substantial change in lifestyle and would undoubtedly be viewed by many as irresponsible.

Some are called to live a life of radical giving and radical poverty. Others—most of us—are called to live simply according to our circumstances and needs. We're called to be generous, but we're also expected to plan for the future, provide for our families, and seriously accept the other responsibilities before us.

It is not necessary to respond to every particular need for which you receive an appeal, no matter how needy or worthy it may be. Choose a representative sampling of charities that you feel you can support, and discard the other appeals. Do so in good conscience. If, in the future, you find yourself to be in a situation where you can be even more generous, then by all means choose to do so.

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Calendar:

Monday - October 23

Weekday

Rom 4:20–25

Lk 12:13–21

Tuesday - October 24

Weekday

Rom 5:12, 15b, 17–19, 20b–21

Lk 12:35–38

Wednesday - October 25

Weekday

Rom 6:12–18

Lk 12:39–48

Thursday - October 26

Weekday

Rom 6:19–23

Lk 12:49–53

Friday - October 27

Weekday

Rom 7:18–25a

Lk 12:54–59

Saturday - October 28

Sts. Simon and Jude, Apostles

Eph 2:19–22

Lk 6:12–16

Sunday - October 29

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 22:20–26

1 Thes 1:5c–10

Mt 22:34–40

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd Tues. of month at 10 a.m.
BREAKFAST : Sunday, October 22
CEMETERY SERVICE : Thursday, Nov. 2, 10:00 a.m.
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., November 4, 10:00 a.m.
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, November 12
BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS : Thursday, August 16, 2018
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9, 2018



MEMORIAL FLOWERS: The flowers in church this week are in memory of Thomas Marakovits. They were donated by his wife, Ruth.

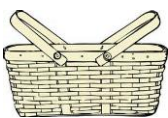
CEMETERY VIGIL LIGHTS will be available in the church social hall now thru October 31. We ask a donation of \$2.50 per candle to cover expenses.

COMMEMORATION OF ALL SOULS: On Thursday, **November 2 (All Souls' Day) at 10:00 a.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.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Masses **today, 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.

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. Tickets are on sale this weekend, October 21/22, and next weekend, October 28/29, in the church vestibule.



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.

DIOCESAN MEN'S CONFERENCE: Spirit 2017 – **"Lord, to Whom Shall We Go?"** The Annual Diocesan Men's Conference will be held on Saturday November 4, 2017 at 9:00AM – 5:00 PM at De Sales University. The day will include keynote addresses, exhibits and a vigil Mass with Bishop Alfred Schlert. Continental breakfast and lunch is included. Registration fee is \$40 and \$10 for high school/college students. For more information and to register



online please visit www.cmfda.org Questions call 610-289-8900 ext 2028.

SLOVAK KOLACH SALE: Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by November 19.

Please complete the bright yellow form **in this week's bulletin** (October 21/22) 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 9 and Sunday, December 10.

BAPTISM: We are happy to welcome Dakota Pates, child of Alexandra Strothers and Cristian Pates, who began to share in the life of Jesus this past Sunday in the Sacrament of Baptism. We will continue to pray for Dakota as she continues to grow in our faith.



GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL Junior Drama Club proudly presents "The Magic Tree

House Collection: The Knight at Dawn, Kids" on Friday, November 17th and Saturday, November 18th at 7:00 p.m. in the school gym. Tickets are \$5.00 per person. For more information, please call the school office at 610-262-9171.

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

PUERTO RICO HURRICANE RELIEF: Our parish is accepting monetary donations in the special box in the vestibule this weekend and extending to the 1st weekend of November. Thank you for this much needed assistance.

CHOSEN, BLESSED, SHARED: Please support the retired and infirmed Priests of the Diocese of Allentown. The Diocese of Allentown is conducting an annual fund called, "Chose, 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 9 and 10.

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.

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BREAKFAST

Sunday, October 22, 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