

# 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	Lectors	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559
Adult Prayer Group	Vincent Santucci.....	610-262-8428	Ministry to the Sick	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Altar Servers	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Music Ministry/Choir	Karen Glose.....	610-691-0525
Baptismal Prep Classes	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Nthmp Area Food Bank	Bella Skweir.....	610-262-2673
Blood Drive	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491	Parish Family Picnic	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Chi-Rho Volunteers	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Persons w/Disabilities Rep.	Sue Parker.....	610-502-1280
Church Cleaning Teams	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	Prayer Chain	Priscilla Koch.....	610-428-9053
CYO	Tim Gribb .....	610-762-9072	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
Fund Raising	Barbara Pengitore.....	610-262-3193	RENEW Group	Charlie Walsh.....	610-837-0376
Grocery Certificates	GSCS Office.....	610-262-9171	RCIA	Msgr. Koons.....	610-262-2559
Greeters	Joanne Manning.....	610-262-2559	Ushers	Michael Sommer.....	610-262-7904
Grief Support	Rosemarie Pengitore.....	484-226-0188	Young at Heart	Anna Hudock.....	610-262-3478
Hospitality Committee	Jane Spengler.....	610-262-8138	Youth Activities	Deborah Heckenberger...	610-760-9491
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THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

NOVEMBER 12, 2017

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Nov. 13, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Nov. 14, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Catherine Sentiwany	M/M Daniel Reppert and Son
Nov. 15, Wednesday	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	†Family and friends of Katherine Benarcik	
Nov. 16, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Aduardo Deschaves	Bella and Mike Skweir
Nov. 17, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna Rodick	Daughter, Rita Pavlick, and Family
Nov. 18, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Paul M. Kovach, Sr.	Son, Paul, and Family
Nov. 19, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
	10:30 a.m.	†Joan Skrapits	Paula and Lenny Kosciolek

### Next Week's Schedule:

Nov. 18, Sat.	4:00 p.m.
Nov. 19, Sun.	8:00 a.m.
	10:30 a.m.

### Lector:

C. Fisher
C. Kroll
D. Hozza

### Euch. Min.:

C. Marth
J. Ciecko
D. Maron

### Altar Servers:

J. Warren/M. Warren
W. Cuchran/N. Millan
Ava Miletics/Gerald Miletics

### Greeters:

C. Kovacs/J. Kovacs
B. Cwitkowitz/M.A. Weaver
B. Skweir/M. Skweir

**SANCTUARY LIGHTS** are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of the sons and daughters of John and Mary Wanisko requested by John and Elizabeth Kuchera.

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

## dear Padre:

***How will it happen that Jesus will come again and lead us "through the gates"? Do you think that this will happen any time soon?***

We have it from the best of authorities that the date of the world's end is hidden. Jesus said: "But of that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father alone" (Matthew 24:36).

In spite of Christ's admonition that the day of his Second Coming is known but to God, there have been countless false prophets who have confidently but incorrectly predicted a date for the end of the world. Most of these foolish forecasters based their claims on their misinterpretation of the Book of Revelation.

Throughout history, many have attempted to use the Book of Revelation as a timetable. They misinterpreted symbols and numbers as a forecast of what would happen in their own century. Over and over again, such people have used Revelation to predict the end of the world.

The world might end tomorrow, in five billion years, or somewhere in between. Jesus tells us we can't know for sure. We are sure, however, that this world will pass away. And for each one of us the world will end at the moment of death. What matters is that we should always be ready to meet Christ, our Judge. And we shall be ready if we follow Christ, our Shepherd. Jesus leads us safely through this life by his teaching, his example, and his grace.

*Adapted from Dear Padre: Questions Catholics Ask, © 2003 Liguori Publications*

## Calendar:

### Monday – November 13

*St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin*

Wis 1:1–7 / Lk 17:1–6

### Tuesday – November 14

*Weekday*

Wis 2:23–3:9

Lk 17:7–10

### Wednesday – November 15

*Weekday*

Wis 6:1–11 / Lk 17:11–19

### Thursday – November 16

*Weekday*

Wis 7:22b–8:1

Lk 17:20–25

### Friday – November 17

*St. Elizabeth of Hungary, Religious*

Wis 13:1–9 / Lk 17:26–37

### Saturday – November 18

*Weekday*

Wis 18:14–16; 19:6–9

Lk 18:1–8

### Sunday – November 19

*Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

Prv 31:10–13, 19–20, 30–31

1 Thes 5:1–6

Mt 25:14–30

**PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.  
**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING**: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tues. of month at 10 a.m.  
**CHOIR REHEARSAL** : Wednesdays, **7:30 p.m.**  
**DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, November 12  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, November 19  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., December 2, 10:00 a.m.  
**BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS** : Thursday, August 16, 2018  
**PICNIC 2018** : Sunday, September 9, 2018

**PLEASE NOTE:** Starting this **Wednesday, November 14, Mass will be at 7:00 p.m.** There will be no 8:00 a.m. Mass

**ATTENTION EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:** The **2018 "Visiting the Sick and Homebound"** books are here. They are located in the church social hall this weekend. Your name is on your book.

**ATTENTION LECTORS:** The 2018 Lector Workbooks which begin on December 3, the First Sunday of Advent, are here. They are located in the church social hall this weekend. Your name is on your book.



**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** The flowers by the altar this week are in memory of the deceased members of the Hutnick and Lessel Families. They were donated by Eleanor and Suzanne Lessel.

**MEMORIAL FUND:** Gratefully the parish acknowledges the following memorial contributions **in memory of Catherine Snyder:** \$20 Nancy Pavlovic. **In memory of Marvin Wright:** \$50 Conrad Marth; \$25 Richard and Helen Cuth. **In memory of Hilda Bendekovits:** \$50 John Benko.

**BAPTISM:** Hensley Eloise Kromer was baptized into Christ this past Saturday. We welcome her to our parish community and pledge our prayers and support to her and to Hannah and Zachary, her parents.



**SLOVAK KOLACH SALE:** Your Christmas Slovak Kolach orders are due by **next Sunday, November 19.** Please complete the bright yellow form 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 schedule for Saturday, December 9 and Sunday, December 10.



**STOCKING STUFFER:** Need a stocking stuffer? Or just a little something to add to a gift for that special person? The Parish Fund Raising Committee is sponsoring a monthly lottery calendar for January 2018. The calendars are \$5 each and the winners are based on the **evening daily** Pennsylvania Lottery number. Calendars will be on sale before Mass the weekends of November 11/12, 18/19, November 25/26, December 2/3, 9/10, and 16/17. Calendars must be purchased prior to January 1, 2018.



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.

**GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL** Junior Drama Club proudly presents "The Magic Tree House Collection: The Knight at Dawn, Kids" on Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup>



**REMEMBER THE NEEDY:** Please take a tag from the "Giving Tree" which will be located in the Church vestibule. The tags list items needed by the Catholic Charities Office to care for the needs of babies and their families. **Please place your unwrapped gifts under the tree by December 10** and we will take them to the Catholic Charities office.

**THANKSGIVING EVE COMMUNITY PRAYER SERVICE:**

Northampton Community Thanksgiving Prayer Service will be held at Queenship of Mary Roman Catholic Church, 1324 Newport Avenue, Northampton on Sunday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m. A free will offering will be taken and the proceeds will go to the Northampton Area Food Bank. All are invited to attend this special community service. At 6:00 p.m. practice with Rev. Todd Fennell & participate in the Community Choir. For more information please call 610-262-2227.



**"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY":** Today, Sunday, November 12, 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 in memory of Robert Haldeman by wife, Virginia, daughter, Judy, and daughter, Marcia and family.**



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **next Sunday, November 19.** 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. **This month's special is Creamed Chipped Beef on Toast.** Tickets on sale at the door.

**LOCAL POVERTY RELIEF COLLECTION:** The annual collection diocesan poverty relief collection will be taken up **next weekend, November 18/19.** The collection is used to support local groups and organizations that assist the poor here in the diocese. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. There is an envelope in your packet for this special collection.

**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, November 19, 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

Creamed Chipped Beef on toast

Includes: Juice, Toast, Coffee or Tea