

# 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
Knights of Columbus Council #4050.....		484-540-5090			

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**OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

**NOVEMBER 26, 2017**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Nov. 27, Monday	8:00 a.m.	Health & Blessing of Walter and Becky Strongowski on the occasion of their 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary	Joanne and Juliet
Nov. 28, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Mike Kuchera	Fred and Rose Hurban
Nov. 29, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Wasył Boruch	Wife, Ann
Nov. 30, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Rita Roman	Anna Grossbauer
Dec. 01, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Benjamin Kovalcik	Stephen Morekin
Dec. 02, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Members of the Bernard Hudak Family	Children and Families
Dec. 03, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Joseph and Kathryn Makovsky	Makovsky Family
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

**Next Week's Schedule:**

<b>Lector:</b>	<b>Euch. Min.:</b>	<b>Altar Servers:</b>	<b>Greeters:</b>
Dec. 02, Sat. 4:00 p.m. M.E. Schwartz	B. Kosman	J. Warren/M. Warren	M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz
Dec. 03, Sun. 8:00 a.m. P. Madea	T. Melosky	E. Confer/M. Cuchran	J. Haldeman/M. Rossini
10:30 a.m. K. Stayt	C. Walsh	B. DelVecchio/M. Thierer	J. DelVecchio/R. Marakovits

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

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

**dear Padre:**

***When I was younger the stance of the Catholic Church was that if you were not baptized, you did not get into heaven. Is this still the case?***

The Gospels present to us various passages that, when looked at together, give us a sense of whether or not baptism is necessary for salvation. Jesus says, "No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit" (John 3:5), and "whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mark 16:16). These passages show that salvation is the combination of baptism and believing. Those who "see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ," but who also purposely reject it, remain in darkness (see 2 Corinthians 4:3-4, 6).

The First Letter of John 4:7 tells us that "everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God." Here the gift of salvation comes to us in loving. Also, in Matthew 25, we have the great scene of the Last Judgment, where people are saved because they ministered to Christ in the poor and the hungry, even though they might not even have been aware of Christ's presence. Salvation here comes because of kind action. Baptism, then, combined with believing is certainly one of the means to salvation, but it's not the only means. In God's goodness, other roads can lead us into the kingdom. God's mercy and goodness are not limited to the sacrament of baptism (see the Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1257-1260).

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**Calendar:**

**Monday - November 27**

*Weekday*  
Dn 1:1-6, 8-20  
Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday - November 28**

*Weekday*  
Dn 2:31-45 / Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday - November 29**

*Weekday*  
Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28  
Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday - November 30**

*St. Andrew, Apostle*  
Rom 10:9-18  
Mt 4:18-22

**Friday - December 1**

*Weekday*  
Dn 7:2-14  
Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday - December 2**

*Weekday*  
Dn 7:15-27  
Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday - December 3**

*First Sunday of Advent*  
Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7  
1 Cor 1:3-9  
Mk 13:33-37

**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.**  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., December 2, 10:00 a.m.  
**DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, December 10  
**BREAKFAST** : Sunday, January 22  
**CONFIRMATION** : Thursday, March 8  
**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 Richard Hanzarik. They were donated by wife, Betty, and Family.

**HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION:** Friday, December 8, is a Holy Day of obligation, the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Masses will be celebrated on Thursday, December 7 at 7:00 p.m. and Friday, December 8 at 8:00 a.m.**

**CHILDREN'S 2018 ENVELOPES** will be located in the Church Social Hall next weekend, December 2/3. Please look for yours and take them home. Religious Education Student envelopes (grades 2-7) will be placed in the Religious Education Classrooms; Good Shepherd Student envelopes (grades 2-8) will be taken to the School.



**"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY":** Sunday, December 10, 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 Juliet Manning.**



**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 25/26, December 2/3, 9/10, and 16/17.** Calendars must be purchased prior to January 1, 2018.



**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.

**OPLATKY (CHRISTMAS WAFERS)** will be available (free will offering) in the church social hall all weekends during Advent. The 2018 Calendars, which are free, are now available in the church social hall, compliments of Schisler Funeral Home.



**TURKEYS NEEDED:** The Northampton Area Food Bank is looking for donations of Turkeys or Hams to distribute to needy families for Christmas. Anyone interested in donating is asked to please call the church rectory between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. at 610-262-2559.



**SLOVAK KOLACH SALE:** Order pick up date is **Saturday, December 9, and Sunday, December 10.**

**WINTER WEATHER:** With the return to colder temperatures and the possibility of snow and ice, we ask everyone to exercise caution when using the front church steps. A recommended alternative would be to enter thru the side entrance and use the interior Steps/Elevator.

**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. **So far this year we have received \$3,399.82. Just think, that's almost \$3,400.00** 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!



**SAVE ALUMINUM PULLTABS** – Save the pull tabs from cans of soda and bring them to the church. Place them in the receptacle in the lobby of the church. Tabs will be taken to the Ronald McDonald House in Philadelphia. The tabs are recycled and generate income to defray the cost of running the Ronald McDonald House, where parents of chronically ill children stay while their children are being treated in nearby hospitals.

### PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone No. \_\_\_\_\_

**Check One:**

New Registration                       Change of Address  
 Moving out of Parish                       Request Envelopes  
 **Request envelopes (returned home from college)**

Please drop in the collection basket or mail to the Rectory

**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, January 28, 2018

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