

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 3, 2017

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Dec. 04, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Lucille Kelly	Joy and Sal Nicosia
Dec. 05, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†John Zima	B.V.M. Daily Mass Group
Dec. 06, Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	†Members of Our Memorial Fund	
Dec. 07, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Patricia Reynolds	Barbara Pengitore
	7:00 p.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	
Dec. 08, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Anna Plata	Daughters
Dec. 09, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Lucille Mikulcik	Husband, Paul, and Family
Dec. 10, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	†Michael Hillpot	Louis Tepes, Jr. Family
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

Next Week's Schedule:

	<u>Lector:</u>	<u>Euch. Min.:</u>	<u>Altar Servers:</u>	<u>Greeters:</u>
Dec. 07, Thu. 7:00 p.m.	D. Heckenberger	L. Santucci	W. Cuchran/N. Millan	M. Bitenc/J. Haldeman
Dec. 08, Fri. 8:00 a.m.	N. Kotoris	C. Wuchter		M. A. Weaver/V. Hall
Dec. 09, Sat. 4:00 p.m.	J. Saylor	L. Assante	N. Bischof/M. Hartman	S. Bankos/L. Stefaniak
Dec. 10, Sun. 8:00 a.m.	J. Santee	K. Bennett	J. Confer/C. Confer	A. Fry/V. Hall
	10:30 a.m. E. Hozza	J. Nicosia	G. Heidecker/K. Lesisko/L. Lesisko	P. Madea/L. Shaak

SANCTUARY LIGHTS are burning this week in loving memory and for the pious intention of Leonard Fry requested by Wife, Ann.

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

dear Padre:

Why do we have Advent?

Advent as we know it today developed many centuries after Jesus' life on earth. Because of the number of persons being baptized in the early Church, a practice developed of having another time for baptism in addition to the Easter Vigil. Christmas was chosen as another baptismal season. Since Lent served as a time of preparation for the baptisms at the Easter Vigil, the weeks leading up to Christmas became a time of penance and preparation.

Combined with this penitential practice, of course, was the preparation for Christmas. The Sunday and weekday Scriptures during Advent recall the centuries of longing for the coming of the Messiah, the conception of John the Baptist, and the family history of Mary and Joseph. Today the writings of the prophet Isaiah are featured during Advent because they so eloquently speak of Israel's longing for salvation.

Among the special signs and symbols that the Church uses to recall and enter into these central parts of our Christian heritage are the Advent wreath, vespers, reconciliation services, the O Antiphons, Scripture readings, the Jesse tree, the giving tree, the Christmas tree, the crèche, gift-giving, and of course, Midnight Mass. Hopefully, these symbols of the season will remind you of your own birth in baptism and your own commitment to living a life filled with peace and love.

Fr. Thomas Santa, CSSR

Calendar:

Monday - December 4

Advent Weekday

Is 2:1-5 / Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday - December 5

Advent Weekday

Is 11:1-10 / Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday - December 6

Advent Weekday

Is 25:6-10a / Mt 15:29-37

Thursday - December 7

St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Is 26:1-6 / Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday - December 8

Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Gn 3:9-15, 20

Eph 1:3-6, 11-12

Lk 1:26-38

Saturday - December 9

Advent Weekday

Is 30:19-21, 23-26

Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday - December 10

Second Sunday of Advent

Is 40:1-5, 9-11

2 Pt 3:8-14

Mk 1:1-8

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING: 3rd 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 28, 2018**
CONFIRMATION : Thursday, March 8, 2018
BVM NIGHT – IRON PIGS : Thursday, August 16, 2018
PICNIC 2018 : Sunday, September 9, 2018



Lighting of the Advent Wreath [Week One] – [Before the evening meal, the family gathers at table.] Leader: A flower shall blossom from the root of Jesse; the glory of God will fill the earth. **All:** All creation will

be filled with the saving power of God. **Leader:** O Emmanuel, Savior of Israel, you are God's Son among us. **℟** - Come and save us, O Lord our God. **Leader:** O Wisdom of the Most High God, you rule with gentle might. **℟** - Come and save us, O Lord our God. **Leader:** O Lord of Israel, you gave us the Law on Sinai. **℟** - Come and save us, O Lord our God. **Leader:** Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **AMEN. [One purple candle is lighted and left burning during the meal.]**

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.**

ADVENT CONFESSIONS: **Wednesdays,** December 6, 13 & 20 following the 7:00 p.m. Mass until 8:30 p.m.; **Fridays,** December 8, 15 & 22 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.; **Saturdays,** December 9, 16 & 23 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.; **Monday,** December 18 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.; **Tuesday,** December 19 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.; **Thursday,** December 21 from 7:00 a.m. to 7:45 a.m.

CHILDREN'S 2018 ENVELOPES are located in the Church Social Hall. Please look for yours and take them home. Religious Education Student envelopes (grades 2-7) were placed in the Religious Education Classrooms; Good Shepherd Student envelopes (grades 2-8) were taken to the School.



"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY": Next 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 **December 2/3, 9/10, and 16/17.** Calendars must be purchased prior to January 1, 2018.

THE ANNUAL DIOCESAN COLLECTION for the National Appeal of Retired Religious takes place **next weekend, December 9/10.** Envelopes are contained in your packet for this special collection.



VOLUNTEER GIFTS: Gifts for the following volunteers will be located in the Church Social Hall **next weekend, December 9/10:** Altar Servers, Baptismal Prep Leaders, Breakfast Workers, Chi-Rho Members, Church Cleaning Crew Members, Eucharistic Ministers, Finance Committee Members, Funeral Team Members, Greeters, Hospitality Committee Members, Lectors, Picnic Committee Members and Ushers. P.R.E.P. teachers gifts will be located in the classrooms. Choir gifts will be located in the choir loft.



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

OPLATKY (CHRISTMAS WAFERS) are 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.



REMEMBER THE NEEDY: Please place your unwrapped gifts under the tree by **next Sunday, December 10** and we will take them to the Catholic Charities office.

THANK YOU: We would like to express our gratitude to the parishioners of Assumption B.V.M. Your many acts of kindness, prayers and sympathy cards on the sad occasion of the death of our granddaughter, Vienna Carly Savino, are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely, Carl and Hilda Wunderler

BOY SCOUT TROOP 79 of St. John the Baptist Church will be having a (Take-Out) BBQ Chicken Dinner on **Saturday, December 16.** Menu includes: 1/2 BBQ Chicken, bake beans, potato salad, dinner roll and applesauce. Platter pick up only from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets \$10 and may be purchased Sunday, December 3 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or Monday, December 4, 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Ruffenach Hall. Tickets can also be purchased by contacting Joe Heberling 484-239-5180. **Tickets sales end on Monday, December 4**

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