

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.
 Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 8:00 a.m.
 Wednesday 7:00 p.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

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| 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 | | | |

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

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| Jan. 22, Monday | 8:00 a.m. | †Robin Hall | Cindy and Greg Janscak and Family |
| Jan. 23, Tuesday | 8:00 a.m. | †William Birosik | Peter and Joyce Wlodek |
| Jan. 24, Wednesday | 7:00 p.m. | †Albert Buchanan | Conrad Marth |
| Jan. 25, Thursday | 8:00 a.m. | †Mike Plata, Jr. | Sisters |
| Jan. 26, Friday | 8:00 a.m. | †Anna Gulycz | Lenny and Paula Kosciolek and Family |
| Jan. 27, Saturday | 4:00 p.m. | †Ryan Zawada | Parents, Joe and Diane, Brother, Joe, and Sister, Jennifer |
| Jan. 28, Sunday | 8:00 a.m. | Living and deceased parishioners | |
| | 10:30 a.m. | †Angelo and Micalina Berlinger | Rossini Family |

Next Week's Schedule:

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| Jan. 27, Sat. | 4:00 p.m. | Lector: S. Parker | Euch. Min.: L. Kosciolek | Altar Servers: J. Warren/M. Warren | Greeters: M. Bitenc/I. Gollatz |
| Jan. 28, Sun. | 8:00 a.m. | M. Heist | F. Cerino | M. Cuchran/K. Cuchran | J. Haldeman/M. Rossini |
| | 10:30 a.m. | L. Nemeth | 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 Vienna Carly Savino requested by Grandparents, Carl and Hilda Wunderler.

PLEASE PRAY for God's blessing and gift of good health for all the sick of our parish. Also remember in your prayers Mary Reichl, sister of Anna Edelman, and Mary Finelli, sister-in-law of Irene Tanzosh, who died recently.

dear Padre:

Whenever I try to pray, I'm plagued with a thousand distractions. How can I learn to control my mind better?

Maybe you're trying too hard. You've heard how some baseball hitters press when they're trying to come out of a slump. Their very effort to overcome their problem makes them tighten up more. They are so worried about the mechanics of their swing, stance, or grip that they can't hit the ball. That's why their coach might advise them to stay loose in the batter's box. We could use the same advice in our approach to prayer. Do your best to pray well, but don't be too upset if your prayer is not "perfect."

Some scrupulous Catholics will repeat a prayer if their mind wanders the first time through, but this isn't advisable. I suggest that you make a good intention, say your prayer and, even if your mind wanders, don't repeat it. Remember that distractions are as natural as breathing, and even the saints couldn't pray without them. When a distraction comes, treat it as you would a fly buzzing around your head. Occasionally shoo it away, but don't spend all your time and concentration on it. The good Lord can read your heart. He loves you just as you are, distracted mind and all.

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Calendar:

- Monday – January 22**
Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
2 Sm 5:1–7, 10
Mk 3:22–30
- Tuesday – January 23**
Weekday
2 Sm 6:12b–15, 17–19
Mk 3:31–35
- Wednesday – January 24**
St. Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 7:4–17 / Mk 4:1–20
- Thursday – January 25**
Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle
Acts 22:3–16 / Mk 16:15–18
- Friday – January 26**
Sts. Timothy and Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1–8 / Mk 4:26–34
- Saturday – January 27**
Weekday
2 Sm 12:1–7a, 10–17
Mk 4:35–41
- Sunday – January 28**
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Dt 18:15–20
Cor 7:32–35
Mk 1:21–28

PREP CLASSES : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.
CHOIR REHEARSAL : Wednesdays, **7:30 p.m.**
BREAKFAST : **Sunday, January 28, 2018**
BAPTISMAL PREP : Sat., February 3, 2018
DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY : Sunday, February 11, 2018
PRAYER SHAWL MEETING : Tues., February 20, 10 a.m.
CONFIRMATION : Thursday, March 8, 2018
BASKET SOCIAL : Sat./Sun., May 19/20
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 Ryan Zawada. They were donated by his Parents, Diane and Joe, Brother, Joe & Sister, Jenny.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION: Next weekend, **January 27/28**, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. **How will you help?** Please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and **help Jesus in disguise**. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. Envelopes are contained in your packet for this special collection.



SUNDAY BREAKFAST: Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses **next Sunday, January 28**. 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 brown, toast, juice, coffee, tea. Cost \$7.00 adults/\$3.00 children. **Tickets on sale at the door.**



SOUPER SUNDAY OF CARING: On Super Bowl weekend, **February 3/4** students from our 7th Grade Parish Religious Education Program (P.R.E.P.) will be present at all Masses collecting funds for the Northampton Area Food

Bank. Throughout the country Billions of dollars will be spent to celebrate the Super Bowl. Can you afford \$5 or \$10 to help feed the needy? **Drop your donations in the soup pots that the teens will be holding after all Masses on Super Bowl weekend.**

CULTURE OF ENCOUNTER: FAMILY HOLY HOUR: The Diocesan Office of Youth, Young Adult, and Family Ministry aspires to provide a culture of encounter. In this day and age, our culture has become consumed in technology and has forgotten the gift of encounters with one another and with the Almighty. These encounters happen in a special way through liturgy, prayer, Scripture, and fellowship. This year, we will provide real encounters for you through Culture of Encounter: Family Holy Hours. We hope these Holy Hours will foster encounter between: God and you, Parents and children, Families of the parish

Next Sunday, January 28, at Assumption B.V.M., the 10:30 a.m. Mass will conclude with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a Holy Hour to follow and concluding with Benediction at 12:15 p.m. We hope you will bring your whole family to pray in the presence of Christ in the Eucharist!

SHEPHERD CATHOLIC SCHOOL NEWS

Good Shepherd Catholic School will hold their annual Catholic Schools Week Open House next Sunday, January 28 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All are invited to come tour our school and see the wonderful things that are happening. Registrations will also be accepted for the 2018-19 school year. We are accepting enrollment for students entering Preschool (age 3) through 8th grade. For more information, please call the school office at 610-262-9171.

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.

ST. PAUL'S UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST would like to invite anyone from our parish to a Seminar program at their church next Sunday, January 28 at 11:30 a.m. Jeff Aster, a member of St. Paul's is a Personal Security Specialist. In these days of increased violence and assault, not only in schools but in churches, this program will offer help and guidance in the event of an unexpected intruder who seeks to do harm. The seminar will begin with a light lunch. The seminar is about will take about 1½ hours. Please RSVP to their church office at 610-261-2910 by Wednesday, January 24 so that they can be prepared for your attendance.

ASSUMPTION B.V.M. 2017 OFFERING STATEMENTS

were mailed out last week those who contributed \$1000 or more during 2017. If you desire a statement of your 2017 contributions and your contributions were under \$1000 please complete this form and drop it in the collection basket or place it in your church envelope any Sunday during the month of January.

ENVELOPE NUMBER: _____
 NAME: _____
 ADDRESS: _____
 CITY: _____

Assumption B.V.M. Church Annual Parish Picnic
Sunday, September 9, 2018
EGYPT MEMORIAL PARK
begins with a Mass at 11:00 a.m.,
continues with music, games and food until 7:00 p.m.
Featuring the music of "The Large Flowerheads"
3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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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