

# 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

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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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FEBRUARY 11, 2018

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Feb. 12, Monday	8:00 a.m.	†Stella Santucci	Conrad Marth
Feb. 13, Tuesday	8:00 a.m.	†Hilda Bendekovits	Tim and Monica Semler
Feb. 14, Wednesday	8:00 a.m.	†Helen Marhefka	Mrs. Joseph Szoke
	7:00 p.m.	†John and Mary Wanisko	John and Elizabeth Kuchera
Feb. 15, Thursday	8:00 a.m.	†Members of our Memorial Fund	
Feb. 16, Friday	8:00 a.m.	†Mary Kovalcik	Hermina and Bill Braerman
Feb. 17, Saturday	4:00 p.m.	†Connie Marth	Dr. Joseph Ciecko
Feb. 18, Sunday	8:00 a.m.	Living and deceased Boy Scouts	Scout Troop #54
	10:30 a.m.	Living and deceased parishioners	

### Next Week's Schedule: Lector:

Feb. 14, Wed.	8:00 a.m.	P. Madea
	7:00 p.m.	T. Kovalchik
Feb. 17, Sat.	4:00 p.m.	A. Molchany
Feb. 18, Sun.	8:00 a.m.	M. Heist
	10:30 a.m.	F. Kostecy

### Euch. Min.:

L. Santucci
J. Nicosia
C. Wuchter
T. Melosky
B. Chambers

### Ashes:

C. Marth/N. Birosik
B. Fritz/C. Walsh

### Altar Servers:

M. Cuchran/K. Cuchran
N. Bischof/M. Hartman
E. Confer/C. Cuchran
A. Miletics/G. Miletics

### Greeters:

M.A. Weaver/N. Birosik
J. Haldeman
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 Annette Yurish requested by family and friends.

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

## dear Padre:

### *Why is church often packed on Ash Wednesday, even though it is not a holy day of obligation?*

Indeed, pastoral experience corroborates your observation. Holy days of obligation draw well—but it's standing-room only on Ash Wednesday. There's something undeniably elemental about the ugly smudge of ashes on the forehead. People wear it without embarrassment or shame. It is as if to say, "I'm Catholic and proud of it."

Ash Wednesday is unique because it signals the beginning of Lent, the Church's special time of confession and renewal in preparation for Easter. It is what Christians are all about—people who have died with Christ in the waters of baptism in order to rise with him to a new life. We renew our baptismal commitment to be his people in the world. As we recall and celebrate Christ's passage through death to life, we renew our own death to old sinful ways to rise and live with recaptured vigor.

The symbols of Ash Wednesday touch us powerfully. When we hear, "Remember, you are dust and to dust you shall return," we are reminded of our vulnerability and dependence on God. Despite our mechanisms of power, ultimately, like dust in the wind, we can be whisked away in an instant and brought to our knees.

At the same time, we are called to scale the spiritual heights to turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel, affirming that we are a people with an enduring destiny and a sacred mission in the world. Together we get our ashes and turn back to the Lord. —*Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org*

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## Calendar:

### Monday - February 12

*Weekday*

Jas 1:1–11 / Mk 8:11–13

### Tuesday - February 13

*Weekday*

Jas 1:12–18 / Mk 8:14–21

### Wednesday - February 14

*Ash Wednesday*

Jl 2:12–18

2 Cor 5:20–6:2

Mt 6:1–6, 16–18

### Thursday - February 15

*Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

Dt 30:15–20

Lk 9:22–25

### Friday - February 16

*Friday after Ash Wednesday*

Is 58:1–9a

Mt 9:14–15

### Saturday - February 17

*Saturday after Ash Wednesday*

Is 58:9b–14

Lk 5:27–32

### Sunday - February 18

*First Sunday of Lent*

Gn 9:8–15

1 Pt 3:18–22

Mk 1:12–15

**PREP CLASSES** : Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-10:05 a.m.  
**CHOIR REHEARSAL** : Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.  
**DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY** : Sunday, February 11, 2018  
**PRAYER SHAWL MEETING**: Tues., February 20, 10 a.m.  
**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** : Wed., Feb. 21 after 7 p.m. Mass  
**BREAKFAST** : **Sunday, February 25**  
**BAPTISMAL PREP** : Sat., March 3, 2018  
**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

**ASH WEDNESDAY:** This Wednesday, **February 14**, is Ash Wednesday. Ashes will be distributed during the 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Masses. The Lenten obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our bishops, requires that **fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday**. The law of **abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent**.

**LENTEN ACTIVITIES:** **Mass:** Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.; Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 8:00 a.m.  
**Stations of the Cross:** Wednesdays beginning on February 21 after the 7:00 p.m. Mass. **Confessions:** Wednesday evenings beginning February 21 after Stations of the Cross; Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.

**BLESSED PALM:** Old blessed palm may be brought to the church anytime during Lent. The palm will be burned for ashes to be used next year on Ash Wednesday.



**"DONUT/GIVING SUNDAY":** Today, Sunday, February 11, 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 John and Margaret Harhart by their children.



**SUNDAY BREAKFAST:** Breakfast will be served after both Sunday Masses on **Sunday, February 25**. 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. **Tickets on sale at the door.**

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** February is the month assigned to our parish for volunteering to work at the Northampton Area Food Bank. Work is not strenuous and only requires a few hours on certain days. The more volunteers we have, the less work for all. If interested or for more information please call Bella Skweir at 610-262-2673.

**LENTEN FISH DINNERS:** The Knights of Columbus of Sacred Heart Church in Bath are holding 3 Lenten Friday Fish Dinners: February 16, February 23 and March 2 from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the Church Auditorium, 117 Washington St., Bath. The menu will feature Soups, Battered Fish, Macaroni & Cheese, Vegetable, Green Salad, Tater Tots, Cole Slaw and a Weekly Specialty. Cost is \$10.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for Children; under Age 6 is Free.



**EASTER BASKET STUFFER:** Need just a little something to add to an Easter card/basket for that special person? The Parish Fund Raising Committee is sponsoring a monthly lottery calendar for April 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: February 24/25; March 3/4; March 10/11; March 17/18; March 24/25. Calendars must be purchased prior Easter Sunday, April 1.

**WINTER OPEN HOUSE:** Allentown Central Catholic High School will be hosting its annual Winter Open House this Sunday, February 11, from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. Come tour the school, meet the teachers, and talk with current students. Stop by the school at 301 N 4th Street in Allentown or visit the school website at [www.acchs.info](http://www.acchs.info) for more details.

**LENTEN ADULT GATHERING:** LENT is approaching and it is time for us to strengthen our FAITH by walking with JESUS during these days before Easter! Prayer, meditation, sacrificing, and performing extra good deeds are just some ways to accomplish what JESUS asks of us! During LENT starting on Thursday, **February 22**, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass, an Adult Informal Gathering of Renewing, Learning, and Sharing of our Faith will begin for 5 weeks. Please join us in the Religious Education Center, 5th grade classroom!

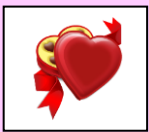


**LENTEN FISH DINNER:** St. John Fisher Church will be hosting a Fish Dinner on Friday, February 23 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. The platter includes: breaded haddock, choice of parsley potatoes or halusky, cream cabbage, corn, applesauce, dessert and beverage. Cost is **Adults: \$10.00 (\$12.00 at the door), Children (ages 5 to 10): \$5.00**. For advance tickets please call Joanne at B.V.M. Rectory 610-262-2559 or Annette Englert at 610-264-4758. Tickets can also be purchased at the door.

**SPELLING BEE:** It will "BEE" FUN! There will "BEE" PRIZES! What is it? A SPELLING BEE! Sponsored by Catholic War Veterans Post 454. When: Sunday **March 25** at 1:00p.m. Where: Queenship of Mary Church, 1324 Newport Avenue. PRIZES: \$50 first place / \$35 second place / \$15 third place. The "BEE" is open to all 7th and 8th grade students. For more info contact: Larry Weiss @ 484-357-6342.

**HAVE YOU NOTICED** the **CareNotes** display in the back of the church? CareNotes offer helpful ideas and inspiration on dealing with some of life's most difficult moments. Please help yourself.

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## BREAKFAST



Sunday, February 25, 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